



# Comet Class Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are ready for an exciting term ahead!

Like last term, Year 6 will be taught by myself and supported by Mrs Brown and Mr Chambers.

On Friday's, the children will be taught by Mr Cartledge, who is covering classes throughout the year during teacher planning, preparation, and assessment (PPA) and leadership time.

Mr Ashton.

At home, please continue to ensure your child/children are reading a variety of text types at home for at least 15 minutes a day. This may be to themselves, with yourselves or other family members.

Year 6 children can write in their own reading diary to keep a track of their reading. Please ensure that there are a minimum of 3 reading entries per week in their diaries. The more the children read the more Class Dojos they will earn and, more importantly, the better their reading ability and confidence.

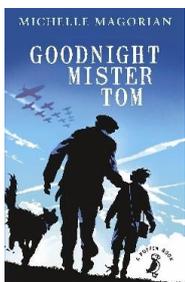
## Book Returns

There have been a number of books that have been taken home but not returned last term across school. These include banded books and library books. Please could you check at home to see if you have any school books and return them as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Enquiry

This term we are focusing on our history driven enquiry, 'What is the significance of Hucknall in World War II?' This enquiry will look at the events that unfolded resulting in World War II and the impact this had on Europe and Britain before looking much more closely into how life in Hucknall was affected. The children will visit the National Holocaust Centre to further enhance the curriculum. The outcome will involve a school gallery, where the children will showcase an art outcome and writing outcome linked to their Hucknall history learning.

## English



This term, the children are reading 'Goodnight, Mister Tom,' by Michelle Magorian which focuses on the evacuation of children during World War 2. The children will be writing a diary entry, a narrative, a set of instructions and a script.

## Reading

This term in whole class guided reading, we will be covering a range of reading texts and comprehension skills to ensure that the children are ready for the end of Key Stage 2.

Throughout this term, we will be reading regularly with the children to ensure they continue to progress through the book bands and improve their comprehension skills.

## Maths

This term in Maths we will be covering a range of skills, starting with converting units before moving onto ratio and algebra. Each year group has their own small steps for each unit which we will be working through at a pace that is suitable for the children in class. Our converting units objectives are:

Step 1	Metric measures
Step 2	Convert metric measures
Step 3	Calculate with metric measures
Step 4	Miles and kilometres
Step 5	Imperial measures

## Science

In Spring, we will be studying, 'Light' and 'Electricity'. Throughout the blocks of science learning we will be building on our skills as scientists and learning how to carry out investigations and write scientific reports.

## RE

In Year 6, our RE topics further enhance our enquiry learning this half term.

Spring 1: Recapping Judaism

Spring 2: Effects of the Holocaust during World War 2

# Computing

This term we will begin our ICT lessons with internet safety. Following this, we will move onto looking at how to programme and control variables in a game.

# PSHE

We will be following the SCARF PSHE scheme of learning to support our children. Spring 1 & 2 will be focusing on 'Keeping Safe' and 'Rights and Respect.'

# SPANISH

Year 6 will take part in Spanish lessons with Señor Fabra where they will learn key Spanish words and phrases.

# DT

This term, Year 6 will be researching, designing and making fabric journal covers using stitching techniques. Their journal covers will follow a 1940s war time Britain style linked to their history enquiry focus.

# PE

We will continue to have our sports specialist teacher Mr Ellis in on a Friday to teach PE. Year 6 will focus on:

Spring 1: Gymnastics

Spring 2: Basketball

# General Classroom

# Notices

## School bags and Water Bottles

Please send your child to school each day with their school bag. This helps the children to remember to take things to and from school such as water bottles, jumpers, cardigans and their reading folders.

## PE

PE is on a Friday for the rest of this academic year. Please can you ensure that you send your child into school wearing their school uniform with their PE kit in a bag.

## Homework

The children will be set one piece of spelling homework each week and one piece of maths homework. Both will be set on a Thursday and due back in on a Thursday. All homework will be based on their in-school learning and the children will be tested on their spellings on a Thursday. Homework will also reflect their afterschool SATs revision learning.

## SATs

As you are all aware, the children will be sitting their SATs tests in May this year. Please continue to support your children by ensuring they are regularly reading, practising times tables and revising. Every Thursday during term time starting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Year 6 revision classes will run afterschool from 3.15pm to 4.15pm to further support the children's revision. The dates for SATs weeks with the examinations are below.

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3

## Key Dates

Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>: Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 trip to the National Holocaust Museum. More information to follow shortly in a separate letter.

Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>: British Science Week.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 5pm: Year 6 Tenby Residential Meeting. This takes place during the summer term; however, I wanted to make you aware of it now so that you can plan ahead.

All key dates are also communicated to parents by Mr Clowery throughout the year on Class Dojo if you would like to see further whole school events in the Spring and Summer term.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to me in the morning or at the end of the day. If you need a longer chat, then please feel free to book an appointment at the office or arrange it with me.

Thank you as always for your much appreciated ongoing support.

*Mr Ashton*