



OUR SCHOOL TRIP TO BETH SHALOM WAS A FANTASTIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

# So what's going on this term then?

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We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to an action packed summer term. With SATs looming, it can be a stressful time for both parents and children. We are always available to discuss any issues or worries you or your child may have, so please email, phone or drop in and we will support you in any way we can.

Firstly, here is a brief overview of our curriculum coverage for the summer term:

**English:** We are revising for our SATs tests during the first half term, with a focus on how to answer questions and helpful tips for tackling the papers. The children will be exposed to numerous texts, we will unpick the qualities and structures in each of them and provide the children with the platform to produce high quality written work of their own. In our English lessons, the children will continue to develop their grammatical knowledge. Whilst this is essential preparation for the SPaG SATs test, these sessions are planned so the learning has a significant impact on the children's writing.

**Reading:** In class, children will stretch their comprehension skills, both in Guided Reading sessions and across the curriculum. The children will continue to be encouraged to read at home, at least three times a week (once with an adult), and to show their teacher, when they have done so. House points will be awarded.

**Maths:** Prior to SATs week, we will focus on revision of previously covered units and helping children become accustomed to the layout and format of the tests. In addition to the consolidation of units already covered, we will be focusing on: bar charts, line graphs, pie charts and identifying missing values within a sequence.

**ICT:** We will be exploring applications, such as Swift Playgrounds, and procedural language and expressions, which enable children to make things happen (control).

**Science:** Our focus will be on the topics of 'Changes to materials'.

**R.E.:** The children will explore Christianity and the meaning behind religious stories and events.

**French:** The children will enjoy a unit of learning about people's hobbies.

**P.S.H.E.**  
Our first half term is spent looking at 'Relationships' and the second half term explores 'Changes'.

**P.E.:** Typically, P.E. will take place every Thursday and Friday. However, children should have their kit in school every day, as timetables can change at very short notice.

Spelling tests are timetabled to take place on Fridays.

Keep an eye out for occasional updates on our school blog too, as a few of our children will lead fortnightly updates.

Until the SATs tests, on a weekly basis, the children will be given 2 short assessments to tackle on the MyMaths website. In addition to these tasks, the children will be given occasional English sheets, which are designed to consolidate the children's SPaG knowledge. Once the SATs have been completed, the children will be presented with occasional homework challenges, which will break away from the regular maths and English tasks.

SATs week test dates:  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – both spelling, punctuation and grammar papers.  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – reading paper.  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – arithmetic and maths reasoning paper 1.  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – maths reasoning paper 2.

After the SATs, we will be going on our Year 6 residential to Boreatton Park (13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June). Not long now!

During the final half term, the children will be working hard practicing their leavers' performance and we will be holding a leavers service too – more details to follow!