



OUR LEARNING ABOUT WORLD WAR II WILL CULIMINATE WITH A VISIT TO BETH SHALOM.

# Year 6 Newsletter Spring term

## So what's going on this term then?

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Welcome back everybody! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to an action packed term ahead of us.

Firstly, we will offer you a brief overview of our curriculum coverage for the spring term:

**English:** Whilst we will cover numerous genres of reading and writing over the term, arguably the standout work will orientate around studies of 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and 'The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas'. Throughout the term, the children will be exposed to numerous texts and we will unpick the qualities and structures in each of them, which will provide the children with a platform to produce high quality work of their own. As part of our English lessons, the children will continue to develop their grammatical knowledge. Whilst this is essential preparation for the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) SATs tests, these sessions should also make a significant impact on the children's writing.

**Reading:** In class, we will continue to stretch the children's comprehension skills in both our Guided Reading sessions and across the curriculum. At home, we are continuing to set the children the challenge of reading at least 3 times per week (one of which should be with an adult). The children know how to record this in their Reading Records. If they achieve this, their class teacher will sign their Reading Reward Chart. Up to three certificates are up for grabs as rewards!

**Maths:** During our daily maths lessons, we will develop the following skills: decimals, measurements, word problems, percentages and ratio. Additionally, on Tuesday mornings, we will continue to extend the children's arithmetic abilities.

**ICT:** In addition to further work relating to e-safety and cross-curricular work with our topic on World War II, the children will be developing their coding skills.

**Science:** Learning will focus will be on light, electricity and forces. The children will challenge their understanding and knowledge during Science Week.

**History & Geography:** We will travel back in time and explore the events of World War II. Much of our learning will become cross-curricular and have close ties with other subjects i.e. English and I.C.T.

**R.E.:** In our R.E. sessions, the children will get to explore Judaism and ties will be made with our topic on World War II.

**Design and Technology:** We will investigate, design and make structures, which relate to our topic of World War II and a study of Anderson shelters.

**Art:** We will hone our skills whilst creating our own propaganda posters. Further work will revolve around painting.

**French:** The children will enjoy a unit of work entitled 'Eating out'.

**P.E.:** P.E. will take place every Tuesday and Friday. However, children should have their kit in school every day. We will be exploring gymnastics, yoga, hockey, tennis and lacrosse.

### **P.S.H.E.**

Our first half term is spent looking at 'Going for Goals' and the second half term explores 'Good to be Me'.

Homework will alternate on a weekly basis between English and maths. It will be set on a Friday and be due in the following Friday. English will be completed on paper and maths will be completed on the MyMaths website. Children will also be encouraged to regularly consolidate their skills using Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

Spelling tests are timetabled to take place on Fridays.

Booster classes will be taking place for both English and maths. These will take place over the course of the spring and early part of the summer term. A letter will be sent home shortly.

Our Beth Shalom (Holocaust Centre) trip is scheduled for **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** and a letter will be sent out in the near future.

Finally, we will also be holding a meeting for parents, sharing all that is being done in school in preparation for the SATs and offer some advice regarding what can be done at home to give your child the best chance to succeed. **This meeting is taking place at 4.45pm, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**