



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2013-2014

- Year: 6
- Term: 4

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Mr I Smith
- Miss Hardman
- Mr Hawley
- Miss Pendlebury

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we continue to pilot our new curriculum as we continue with our whole-school 'Theme' called 'Marvellous Machines'.

This is our fourth curriculum overview of the year and the aim remains to provide you with information about what your children will be learning along with tips for supporting them at home. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the parent/carer workshop focusing on subtraction and addition strategies has been rescheduled for **Thursday 13th March 2014** and will take place from 3.30pm starting in the school hall. You are all welcome to come along in order to find out more about the strategies your children are taught.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or if you require any support yourself please let us know straight away. We would still like to hear from you if you feel able to support us in any way – especially if you have an interest or expertise in anything being covered during this theme. At the end of the theme we intend to have a whole-school exhibition - to which you will all be invited - so we can share what we have done and celebrate what we have learned.

I would also welcome your thoughts and feedback either throughout the theme or via a questionnaire I will send home towards the end of the theme. Thank you for your continued support - it is appreciated by us all.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

R.E. Topic 1: Eucharist - Relating

Children will be learning about how friendships grow, what unifies people and what could undermine friendship and unity.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Talking about what nourishes and what spoils friendship.*
- *Thinking together about how we can make friendships which will last and grow.*

R.E. Topic 2: Lent/Easter - Giving

For Christians, it is through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that new life begins. He reveals the way to eternal life for us and so a new life begins here and now, a life which will culminate in future glory. The Lenten journey is one which takes us to the glory of Easter Sunday, from death to new life.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Talking about loss and new life and how we cope with this.*
- *Thinking together about how these changes affect our lives.*

English: Daily Reading & Phonics Skills

Read Write Inc Sessions

Children on the Read Write Inc programme will continue to have daily sessions with their group aimed to develop confidence with phonics/reading/writing.

Guided Reading

Children will also be developing their writing skills during topic work and R.E. In addition to their daily reading work they will have an individual reading session every week and bring home a reading book to share with you as well as a library book and a Read Write Inc book as they are ready.





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You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Reading your child's reading books with them for a few minutes every day as well as enjoying all sorts of other books and reading materials together.
- You can help your child to read signs and notices when you are out and about so she/he realises reading is everywhere.
- Encouraging your child to write as often as possible whether it is signing cards, making a shopping list, labelling pictures, writing stories or helping you when you are writing.
- Helping your child to form letters correctly. Please ask if you would like more information about this.

English: Basic Skills

Handwriting

Children in Years 1-6 will have a handwriting session at the beginning of each school day. In Year

Spelling

The children will focus on using roots words, prefixes and suffixes as a support for spelling.

Punctuation

The children will focus on using a range of sophisticated punctuation as add extra information into sentences for authorial impact.

Grammar

The children will focus on strengthening their understanding of verb tenses and working with different points of view i.e. first, second or third person.

Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

We will focus on: Properties of shape: triangles, quadrilaterals; data handling: graphs, frequency charts, trend graphs and probability. There will be an emphasis revision for SATs and the children will be working on a lot of exam style questions.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Working on times tables to 12 x 12
- Asking your child real life problems involving money e.g. I have £3.00 how many 27p apples can I buy? Etc.

Theme 1 Introduction: Marvellous Machines

We continue our first Theme throughout Term 4. Our children will continue to explore medieval siege engines and investigate their impact. The theme will consist of cross-curricular lessons and separate modules to ensure that everything is covered and so that deep learning can take place. This theme will continue over term 4.

English: Creative Writing

Children will be undertaking a range of different genres of writing (fiction and non-fiction) which will be based around the Theme of Marvellous Machines.

Mathematics

We will continue to focus on: the properties of three dimensional shapes; the properties of triangles and angles.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Looking for evidence of 3D shapes in the 'real' world.
- Identifying triangles and discussing their properties.

Science

We will be investigating different forces through our Theme 'Marvellous Machines'.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Talking about what causes objects to move and to stop.
- Using the internet and/or public library to research the different types of forces.





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Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

This term we will focus on the impact of war and conflict on soldiers, families and the general population.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Discussing the importance of peace.*
- *Thinking about why wars occur.*

Design & Technology

In Design & Technology we will focus on building castles and medieval siege weapons and testing their impact.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Finding out more about different types of castles.*
- *Using the internet and/or public library to research medieval siege engines.*

P.E.

P.E. is on Thursday afternoon each week. Sessions are led by specialist P.E. coaches. This term they will cover... both indoors and out. Our focus include will gymnastics and rugby.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Doing lots of physical activity regularly e.g. playing games in the garden, going to the park, swimming lessons.*
- *By watching Gymnastics on the television or via clips on the internet.*
- *Letting your child join a club to see if he/she enjoys it*

Music: 'Songwriter'

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher. Our unit is called 'Songwriter' during which the children will explore lyrics and melody. They will sing different styles of music and discuss where they are from. They will also compose their own blues piece - using ideas from the songs we have studied and learned.

