



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2016-2017

- **Year:** 5
- **Term:** 4

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Mrs N Holloway
- Miss D'Roza
- Mrs C Raynes
- Mr Hawley

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our fourth curriculum overview which comes at the half-way point of the school year. Its purpose is to keep you up-to-date with what your children will be learning in school and suggest some ways in which you can offer support at home.

If you have any questions or if you require support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also really like to hear from you if you can support us in any way.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

Homework

Homework is given out on Friday and it is expected back by the following Thursday. It will consist of:

- a mix of 'MyMaths' online homework (www.mymaths.co.uk) and other Mathematics homework
- 'Bug Club' for reading homework
- spellings for a weekly spelling quiz each Friday (please work hard on these to meet new standards)
- cross-curricular theme-related homework at various other times

The Study Hub

The daily lunchtime 'Study Hub' provides pupils with an opportunity to practise/embed new skills learned in class, do research, read, access online learning tools or complete homework. Children have supervised access to all our resources including technology as well as the support of Mrs Raynes. All are welcome!

RE

Information about our Term 3 RE curriculum is in the 'Come and See' letter accompanying this overview. The children will also be leading the Easter Passion Service this year. This will take place in church on Tuesday 11th April at 2pm. Please support your child with learning the songs and their own part for the service.

English: Basic Skills – Reading, Phonics, Spelling and Handwriting

Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar & Handwriting

All children benefit from having regular handwriting and spelling practise and regular grammar and punctuation sessions focused on meeting their *individual* needs.

Guided Reading

All children will have daily reading activities to boost their levels of confidence and enjoyment as well as their comprehension skills.

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

- ✓ reading your child's reading books with them every day as well as enjoying different books together
- ✓ encouraging your child to read challenging texts and different genres to widen their experience



Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

We will focus on:

- simplifying fractions
- identifying equivalent fractions
- finding fractions of amounts
- fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents

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

- ✓ finding simple fractions and percentages of amounts in everyday life e.g. find half of the loaf of bread; share the sweets out into 4 equal piles; find 50% of £12
- ✓ encourage your child to simplify fractions e.g. 14/20 can be simplified to 7/10 etc
- ✓ encouraging your child to learn their times tables up to 12 x 12 including the related division facts

Theme 2: 'Spring into Action!'

We will continue with our second theme which is called Spring into Action. Our main curriculum focus will be on the Ancient Egyptian civilization. All our English and History will be based around this topic and hopefully, no ancient Egyptian mummies will be springing to life!

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

- ✓ researching ancient civilizations to look at differences and comparisons between our lives and theirs
- ✓ learn about the famous explorer Howard Carter
- ✓ find about the various ancient Egyptian gods

English: Creative Writing within the Theme

We will continue to study newspaper reports and descriptions during this theme. We will be focussing on the Egyptians and the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb. We will also do some creative writing including ancient Egyptian artefacts.

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

- ✓ researching information about the Egyptians
- ✓ looking at how a newspaper report is set out e.g. headline, quotes etc

Mathematics within the Theme

We will continue to focus on:

- 2D and 3D shape
- Volume

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

- ✓ revising the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- ✓ finding the volume of various liquids around the home

Geography within the Theme

We will continue to compare our country with Egypt. We will compare the weather of the two countries and how people live.

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

- ✓ looking at maps in order to locate Egypt
- ✓ finding famous landmarks in Egypt
- ✓ locating the River Nile and researching interesting facts about it

History within the Theme

We will continue to learn about the Egyptian civilisation. We will explore Egyptian pharaohs and pyramids.

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

- ✓ discovering interesting facts about the Egyptian era
- ✓ researching the lives of different Egyptian pharaohs
- ✓ exploring what the lives of the rich and poor were like, e.g. what people ate and how they lived



Science within the Theme

We will be studying the 'Living Things' unit and we will learn about the ways plants reproduce (make more of themselves). We will learn about pollination and clone reproduction as well as life cycles in plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will also recap the parts of a flower they learnt in Y3 and learn about Jane Goodall and her work with endangered chimpanzees in Africa.

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

- ✓ watching <http://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/24197729858> and talking about how important insects are because they pollinate plants that we need
- ✓ looking at plants and flowers, including identifying different parts particularly the anthers and stigma as well as looking out for pollinating insects

Music

The children are rehearsing for our Community Easter Passion play. They will be singing in groups and individually.

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

- ✓ by encouraging your child to practise

DT within the Theme

We will learn about cam mechanisms and where they are used in everyday items.

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

- ✓ looking at various moving toys you may have at home
- ✓ exploring different cam mechanisms
- ✓ bringing in items in from home which have a cam mechanism.

PE

This term the children will take part in dance and Real PE. The sessions will be taught by Mrs Holloway and Mr Smith.