



Curriculum Overview

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2014-2015

- **Year:** 3
- **Term:** 5

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our fifth overview which sets out our curriculum for this term. We begin an exciting new whole-scheme theme entitled 'Green Planet'. This document aims to provide you with an overview along with tips for you to support your child(ren) at home. It also includes information about homework.

If you have any questions or if you require any support with anything please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also really like to hear from you if you can support us in any way – particularly if you have any knowledge or experience of the things being covered. Thank you – as always - for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

Homework

Children will be given homework every week on Friday and this will be due back by the following Thursday. The homework will be:

- 'Big Maths' review homework (which will be differentiated to the correct level for your child)
- 'Bug Club' for reading homework
- spellings to learn for a quiz
- additional topic related homework at various other times.

There is a daily Homework Club at lunchtime from 12.30pm in the Year 6 classroom which is run by Miss Hardman supported by older children. Children have access to her and the older children for support, as well as the library, technology and other resources not necessarily available at home. If your child struggles to fit everything then they would be very welcome to attend.

R.E. Topic : Pentecost - serving

This half term we will be looking at the Pentecost with a focus on serving. The children will learn about the different ways of serving each other and the Lord. We will also investigate fire and wind power as these are the symbols of the Holy Spirit during this season or the Church's year.

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

- discussing what wind and fire can be used for and how this can create power
- investigating what Pentecost is all about
- sharing thoughts and ideas about the immense wonder and power of the Holy Spirit

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

Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar & Handwriting

All children will benefit from having regular handwriting and spelling practise and regular grammar and punctuation sessions focused on meeting their *individual* needs. Children all have individual targets for writing, such as including specific punctuation or using descriptive language and these will be focussed on throughout all their writing.



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

- supporting them to learn their weekly spellings
- talking about their targets for writing

Guided Reading – Class Book Study

We will be finishing Michael Morpurgo's 'The Butterfly Lion'. All children will have daily reading activities, linked to this book, to boost their levels of confidence and enjoyment (both of reading and being read to), as well as their comprehension skills - this is a vital part of reading and one that is often overlooked. We will then move on to guided reading, with books chosen to suit your child's reading ability.

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 other books) together. Maybe you could choose another book by the same author, to read with your child?
- encouraging your child to read a wider range of more challenging books in order to widen their experience
- talking about their personal targets for reading (as shared on their record sheet from parent's evening)

Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

We will focus on the following this term:

- ✓ addition and subtraction using a range of methods
- ✓ reading, to the nearest division and half-division, scales that are numbered or partially numbered; use the information to measure and draw to a suitable degree of accuracy
- ✓ developing mental methods of calculation to solve a range of word problems

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

- getting the children to look at numbers around them and being able to know what each number represents for example; 56, the 5 means 50
- practising times tables each night
- looking at your child's individual maths target and talking about it with them

Theme: The Green Planet

This will be our main curriculum topic this term. All of our Art, Geography, D.T. and Science will be covered through this topic.

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

- researching empires and explorers in Britain and the World in general, and the Vikings specifically
- discussing the different ways that we find out about the past and how we can use historical evidence
- making sure that you are aware of what children are viewing or engaging with online and talking to them about staying safe

English: Creative Writing within the Theme

Literacy Sessions

This term, we will be focusing on the theme of 'The Green Planet'. The children will be examining how stories are structured and the way authors use language to add detail and engage their readers. Children all have individual targets for writing, such as including specific punctuation or using descriptive language and these will be focussed on throughout all their writing. We will also be writing non-fiction texts such as reports, using our topic work as a starting point.

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

- using globes and atlases to locate particular places, including capital cities.

Mathematics within the Theme

We will focus on:

- ✓ compass points
- ✓ co-ordinates
- ✓ time



- ✓ capacity and Mass

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

- encouraging your child to tell the time, and being aware of regular daily events at given times
- measuring items around the home and garden using a variety of equipment with different volumes e.g. cups, bottles, bowl, jugs etc.

Geography within the Theme

We will be learning how to read a map and how to identify places on a map using grid references.

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

- looking at various maps with different scales
- planning routes using a map

Science within the Theme

We will be looking at rocks and soils

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

- looking at different types of rocks and soils, both in your garden and whilst out and about

Computing within the Theme

This term, we will be looking at programming

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

- looking at free applications (apps) to make objects move e.g. 'Scratch'

Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher, but we will also be using musical instruments to accompany poems and stories. The class will be specifically working on the following music units:

Animal Magic

- ✓ Discuss how different animals are described.
- ✓ Learning the 'Tortoise Song' and adding movements.
- ✓ Learning the melody on the glockenspiels.
- ✓ Watching and learning traditional Indian dance movements for different animals.
- ✓ Inventing music to represent different animal movements.

Dragon Scales – Exploring the pentatonic (5 note) scale.

- ✓ Working out the notes in a melody by ear
- ✓ Learning them on the glockenspiels.
- ✓ Accompanying songs using notes from the pentatonic scale.
- ✓ Creating music for the *Chinese Dragon Song*.

PE

The children will benefit from specialist teaching from sports coaches from LINKS Partnership. This term they will focus on cricket and tennis. The Year 3 and 4 after school clubs this term are Tennis and Football.

French

All children in Key stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) will be taught French by Mrs Drake. This term, your child will learn about days of the week, months of the year, weather and hobbies.