



# Curriculum Overview

*Sharing our learning*

## Academic Year 2014-2015

- **Year:** Year 6
- **Term:** 4

## Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Mr I Smith
- Miss C Kiernan
- Mr S Hawley
- Miss J Pendlebury
- Mrs B Drake

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our fourth overview of the year and the aim is to let you know about all the things that the children will be learning in school this term along with tips to support them at home and 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. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

## Homework

Children will be given homework on a Friday and this will be expected back in by the following Thursday. The homework will be:

- Big Mathematics review homework differentiated at the correct level for your child
- Bug Club for reading homework
- Spelling
- There may also be topic related homework at various other times.

There is a daily Homework Club at lunchtime from 1.30pm 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 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: Basic Skills – Reading, Phonics, Spelling and 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.

### **Literacy Sessions (for children not on the Read Write Inc. programme)**

This term, we will be focusing on traditional tales and stories linked to traditional British myths and legends. 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 explanations and reports, using our topic work as a starting point.

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

- supporting them to learn their weekly spellings
- talking about their targets for writing (as shared on their record sheet from parent's evening)

### **Book Study**

This term the children will be undertaking a book study. This involves reading a book of high quality and interest. The children will read together in groups then undertake comprehension style activities on the text which they have read. In Year 6 the children will be studying Michael Morpurgo's "Kensukes's Kingdom".

### **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
- encouraging your child to read a wider range of more challenging books in order to widen their experience
- talking about their targets for reading (as shared on their record sheet from parents evening)

## Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

Following an analysis of the recent assessments we will focus on the following this term:

1. Understanding how to find equivalent fractions and convert fractions into decimals and percentages.
2. Working with shape to understand the properties of two dimensional and three dimensional shapes.
3. Looking at problem solving through worded problems of two or more steps.

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

- Asking them to calculate simple problems around the home e.g. I have £5 and I need to buy items costing £2.45, £1.24 and £0.29, can you calculate how much change I will have left from the £5?
- Also practising times tables each night
- Looking at your child's individual maths target and talking about it with them

## Theme 1: War of the Worlds

Our main curriculum topic this term will be about our Solar System, Forces and the Ancient Mayan Civilization. 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 the information about the solar system
- thinking about forces and how they impact on our daily lives
- researching ancient civilizations to look at differences and comparisons between our lives and theirs

## English: Creative Writing within the Theme

We will focus on a range of different text types during this theme. We will be reading and creating non chronological reports based upon our science topic of Space, we shall be undertaking some work on poetry and also continuing to work on our grammar, spelling and punctuation.

## History within the Theme

We will be learning about the Ancient Mayan Civilization.

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

- finding information about the Mayans or other ancient civilizations
- looking at the differences and any similarities between their lives and ours

## Science within the Theme

We will be looking at space and our planets place in the solar system.

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

- talking about the earth and other planets in the solar system
- researching information about space and its wider impact on mankind

## Music

### ***Cyclic Patterns***

Your child will continue to learn about the rhythm and pulse of cyclic patterns by:

- identifying different ways in which percussion instruments make sounds
- exploring and performing cyclic patterns
- improvising a rhythmic pattern
- inventing simple rhythmic patterns
- making improvements to their work

## Computing

Your child will be learning about how to stay safe on the internet and starting the new topic called we are APP planners. The children will be thinking about a problem a smart phone or tablet could solve, design an APP for it and pitch their idea.

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

- *discussing how you safe online at home*
- ensuring your passwords are safe
- looking at keeping our details safe online

## PE

This term the children will focus on dance and tag rugby. In tag rugby, the children will learn the rules; develop confidence in handling the ball; develop different passes and learn how to move with the ball. In dance, the children will learn to work as a team; learn how to balance; create sequences and learn about different styles of dance.

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

- asking them about their lessons and what they have learnt.

## French

French will be taught by Mrs Drake and the sessions will be on Friday.