



Curriculum Overview

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2014-2015

- **Year:** 4
- **Term:** 3

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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

- Big Mathematics 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 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

This topic is continuing from last term and is about how we can follow Jesus and how we can use his guidance to help others in the world. It will also allow the children to continue the work of Jesus.

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

- *talking about why giving and receiving are important*
- *discussing the importance of communion and how it is important in bring the community together*

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

This topic is about how people unite themselves with Christ in order to grow in self-discipline through the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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

- *talking about why self-discipline is important, more so now in the world we live in.*
- *discussing the importance of lent and how it is important in bring us closer to God.*

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.

Literacy Sessions

This term, we will be focusing on the theme of 'War of the Worlds' to write adventure stories. 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 biographies and instructions, 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 parents evening)

Guided Reading – Class Book Study

The class book study for this term is 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.

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 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. Read, 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
2. Developing mental methods of calculation to solve a range of word problems.
3. Identify right angles, recognise that 2 right angles make a half-turn, 3 make three quarters of a turn and 4 a complete turn. Identify whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle.
4. Recognise that angles are a property of shape or a description of a turn

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

- getting the children to look at angles numbers around them and being able to know that 360° makes a full turn.
- practising times tables each night
- looking at your child's individual maths target and talking about it with them

Theme 2: War of the Worlds

Our main curriculum topic this term will be *Empires and Explorers*. 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
- talking to your child about staying safe online and knowing what/who they are viewing/engaging with

English: Creative Writing within the Theme

We will focus on stories and poetry during this theme. We will also be finding and presenting information about the various aspects of Viking life.

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

- Reading texts about famous Vikings and Viking daily life

Mathematics within the Theme

We will focus on:

- ✓ compass points
- ✓ areas
- ✓ co-ordinates
- ✓ 2D/ 3D shape
- ✓ capacity and mass

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

- revising the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- measuring items around the home and garden using a variety of equipment with different volumes e.g. cups, bottles, bowl, jugs etc.
- looking at maps and how they are used

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 forces and magnets.

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

- researching what the Vikings used when building their boat, and how if not designed correctly they could sink

Computing within the Theme

This term, we will be looking at aspects of e-Safety.

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

- looking at the school website and encouraging your child to click on the link for E-safety activities
- discussing the issues raised by the activities

Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher and this term we will be learning the words and music for our Passion Play

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

- listening to or watching other passion plays and reflecting on the events, music and lyrics

PE

The children will benefit from specialist teaching from sports coaches from LINKS Partnership. This term they will focus on Tag Rugby and continuing with 'FUNdamentals' (multi-skills). The Year 3 and 4 after school club this term is also multi-skills.

French

Our French will be led by Mrs Drake and this term, your child will learn about family, pets and hobbies and how to express a preference or dislike of something.