



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2013-2014

- Year: 2
- Term: 1

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Miss McCann
- Miss D' Roza

Dear parents and carers,

At the beginning of Term 6 last year we sent out a curriculum overview to inform you about the different things the children would be learning in school along with suggestions for some of the different ways you could support your child at home. The feedback we received was very positive. Here is the first overview for this new academic year. If you would like further information or you have an interest or expertise in an area being covered please speak to your child's teacher. We very much welcome the involvement of parents and carers. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

R.E. Topic 1: Family /Beginnings

Children will learn about the creation of the world and that God made everything. They will look at how special we are as individuals.

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

- Talk about new beginnings, how some are easier than others. Clubs they may have joined discuss the different feelings at the time and if they are the same now.
- Talk to your child about how we are all special but we are all different.

R.E. Topic 2: Belonging / Signs and Symbols.

Through this topic we will look at Baptism, in particular the signs and symbols, the Water, Garment, Holy Water and Oil of Chrism.

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

- Take out any photographs you may have of your child's baptism and discuss this day.

English

Handwriting

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

Read Write Inc Sessions

Children on the Read Write Inc programme will continue to have daily sessions with their group aimed developing confidence with phonics, reading and writing. Children are assessed regularly so children are in the right group for their level of ability. If you would like more information about the programme please let us know.

Literacy Sessions (for children not on the Read Write Inc programme) taught by Miss Rybka (Y3)

This term, we will be focusing on stories with a familiar setting and information texts. Stories with a familiar setting – we will be looking at adjectives, building pictures through writing and bringing in their own experiences to do so.





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The children will think about the settings and characters, which should help inspire the children's own description of a setting. The children will also look at a range of information texts and explore what these have to include. The children will then produce their own entry for a class 'A-Z Guide'..

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

- *Looking at stories in familiar settings (e.g. places they may have been to themselves). You could discuss the different settings and characters in the stories and even help them find describing words to use in their own writing.*
- *Look at a variety of information texts with your child and discussing their features (titles/bullet points/sub-headings/diagrams etc.).*

Mathematics

This term, we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction.

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

- *Allow your child to buy small items at the shop or play 'shop' at home.*
- *Children will also be learning their times tables. The order they learn them is twos, then fives and then tens.*

Art

The children will look at different portrait and look at the colour used and the feelings that evokes. Through this topic we will also look at different drawing materials and how this will change the effect off the picture.

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

- *Encourage them to draw simple pictures.*
- *When colouring with pencil help them to shade and colour in one direction.*

Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher.

P.E.

The children will benefit from specialist teaching from sports coaches from the LINKS Sport Partnership. This term they will focus on the skills needed for 'Sports Hall Athletics' and Basketball in a unit called: "FUNdamentals". There will also be wider opportunities for the children to engage in after school sports activities and details will be sent out in due course.

ICT

Through this topic we will focus on the importance of e-safety. The children will learn about not talking to strangers on the Internet. We will also look at what is meant by personal information and how they should keep this safe.

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

- *Children need to know their home address of by heart and one contact telephone number.*
- *Reinforce stranger danger both in real life and that of the online world as for many children at this age it is a difficult concept.*

