



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2017-2018

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

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the fifth 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 on how you can support them at home along with 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

Homework will consist of:

- 'MyMaths' online homework (www.mymaths.co.uk)
- 'Bug Club' for reading homework
- spellings for a weekly spelling quiz each week (please work hard on these to meet new standards)
- cross-curricular theme-related homework due in the week beginning

The Study Hub

Study Hub is open to all KS2 year groups on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. This is an opportunity for independent learning. Maths and English games can be played, as well as time for project work.

RE

Information about our RE curriculum is included in the 'Come and See' letter accompanying this overview.

English

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.

Book Study

All children in the class will be reading 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman and complete related comprehension activities. They will carry out a range of tasks linked to the book. We will focus on information texts this term, using organisational and other writing skills to make our texts interesting and informative.

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

- ✓ reading a range of information books and other texts
- ✓ encouraging your child to discuss texts and what makes them interesting or easy to use

Mathematics

We will focus on:

- unit and non-unit fractions
- fractions of amounts and recognising equivalent fractions
- adding and comparing fractions
- solving problems
- times table recall and knowledge



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

- ✓ playing games to practise skills and test mathematical knowledge e.g. 'Times Tables Rock Stars'
- ✓ continuing to learn times tables and related division facts – practise, practise, practise!
- ✓ finding fractions of amounts - $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ etc - what does a quarter of a litre of water look like?

History and Geography

We are continuing to learn about the Ancient Greeks- particularly what life was like at home for children. We will also look at the Gods and Goddesses of the Ancient Greeks and a collection of myths and Legends.

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

- ✓ reading various maps in atlases, books and online about where Greece is and what it is like today
- ✓ undertaking some of the home challenges.

Science

The children will investigate different animals, including humans, learning about nutrition, different types of skeletons and the functions and names of bones and muscles.

You can help at home by:

- ✓ making a food diary and talking about which meals are healthy and which are less so
- ✓ talking about the names of different bones and muscles as well as exploring books or the website:
<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/science/bodyandmedicine/theskeleton/>

Music

We will start the term by looking at a selection of works from the 'BBC 10 Pieces' resource. This will include:

- ✓ using short video clips to learn about the composer and the history of their music
- ✓ watching orchestral performances of the pieces
- ✓ learning parts to the music on glockenspiels
- ✓ performing as a class ensemble along with the original piece

PE

This term PE will be on Tuesdays. They will continue with the 'Real PE' programme and hockey.

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

- ✓ discussing what they have learned in lessons and asking them to demonstrate or 'teach' it to you

Art

We will be looking at sculpture and using clay and salt dough to create Grecian pottery inspired by myths.

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

- ✓ looking in detail at pictures
- ✓ using pencils, pens and/or brushes to add detail

DT

We will be exploring food technology and focus on learning about Ancient Greek food.

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

- ✓ finding out what types of crops are grown in Greece and about foods/recipes that are Greek in origin
- ✓ investigating the ingredients of different recipes and smelling, touching and tasting them

French

In French we will learn about the months of the year, family, pets and food.

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

- ✓ exploring the website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french>

ICT

During this half term we will be learning how to input data and create a simple graph using Microsoft Excel.

You can help at home by:

- ✓ using word or paint programs to see what effects can be created with photographs or drawings.
- ✓ having a go at using Microsoft Excel or another database package
- ✓ looking at graphs and talk about why we use them