



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2012-2013

- Year: 3
- Term: 1

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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,

Headteacher

R.E. Topic 1: Homes

In this topic the children will focus on the joys and sorrows of being a family at home.. They will also focus on God's vision for every family. All elements of the children's literacy targets on their VCOP cards will be brought into the teaching of RE and there are numerous opportunities for speaking and listening through class discussion and role-play.

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

- *Discussing what it means to be a family.*
- *Talking about sticking together through good times and bad times.*

R.E. Topic 2: Promises

Before this topic begins the children will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Following this the children will move onto Promises where they will focus on the rules involved in belonging to a group and the meaning of promises made at Baptism. All elements of the children's literacy targets on their VCOP cards will be brought into the teaching of RE and there are numerous opportunities for speaking and listening through class discussion and role-play.

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

- *Talking about the promises made at Baptism and confirmation.*
- *Sharing and discussing children's own experience of Baptism if relevant.*
- *Discussing the rules involved in belonging to the Church community.*

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 please let us know.

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

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

Following assessments at the end of last year, these are some of our main focuses this term.

1. Understanding the place value of each digit and using this to order numbers.
2. Recognising and continuing sequences of numbers.
3. Using mental recall of addition and subtraction facts
4. Beginning to use halves and quarters; finding fractions of numbers and shapes.

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

- *Practicing times tables daily. Also look at associated division facts.*
- *Looking at your child's individual maths target and talking about it with them.*

Topic

Our main curriculum topic this term will be 'Invaders – The Vikings'. All of our art, history, D.T., I.C.T. and science will be covered through this topic.

We will be exploring how they used to live and what Viking times were like. Children will develop skills in researching and drawing conclusions from evidence. Some of the learning in this topic will be led by the children's own interests and what they want to find out.

Towards the end of the half term, we are looking to go on a trip to York to bring the learning in this topic to life. In addition to this, children will be learning about **e-safety** in ICT: how to stay safe when using computers and the internet, with a particular focus on never giving out personal details online.

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

- *Researching invaders to Britain 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.*

Music

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

P.E.

The children will benefit from specialist teaching from sports coaches from LINKS Partnership. This term they will focus on Sports Hall Athletics and Basketball skills. There will also be brand new opportunities to participate in a range of new after school activities, and details will be sent out in due course.

