



Curriculum Overview

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2014-2015

- **Year:** Year 3
- **Term:** 2

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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Dear parents and carers,

This is our second overview of the year which takes us all the way to Christmas. This document gives you an overview of the things the children will be learning in school this term. It also includes tips for supporting them at home.

If you have any questions or if you require any support so you can help your child(ren) at home please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also really like to hear from you if you can support us in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

R.E. Topic 1: Promises

This topic was started before half term and will continue for two weeks before we start our new RE topic 'Visitors'. In the 'Promises' topic covers is to know the rules involved in belonging to a group and the meaning of promises made at Baptism. Still 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*

R.E. Topic 2: Visitors

This topic looks at the time of advent and how we prepare for the many visitors to come as well as how the Christian beliefs help us with this. The children will also be taught to retell the stories and events surrounding the birth of Jesus and about the importance of Advent as time for Christians to reflect on their lives.

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

- *carrying out the Christian preparations at home and talking about why you are doing them*
- *telling the stories surrounding advent and discuss them with them and get them to tell the story from another point of view*

English

Handwriting

The children will have a handwriting session each school day,

Literacy Sessions

This term, we will be focusing on story writing and non-fiction texts.

Story writing – we will focus on using exciting language to write descriptions of characters and settings. We will also look at using a range of sentence structures to make writing more interesting.

Non-fiction – we will be looking at various aspects of the lives of invaders and settlers of this country.

Reading – our class book study is now complete. Children will be working in small groups with children of the same ability, to develop aspects of reading, including comprehension skills.

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

- Practising weekly spellings
- Reading at least five times a week and initialling your child's reading journey

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. Find unit fractions of numbers and quantities (e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ of 12 litres).
3. Use practical and informal written methods to multiply and divide two-digit numbers (e.g. 13×3 , $50 \div 4$); round remainders up or down, depending on the context
4. Developing mental methods of calculation to solve a range of word problems.

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

- getting the children to measure things around the house and weigh out ingredients whilst you are cooking
- practising times tables each night
- looking at your child's individual maths target and talking about it with them

Topic: Home Sweet Home

Our main curriculum focus this term will continue to be 'Invaders and settlers'. All of our art, history, DT, ICT and science will be covered through this theme.

We will continue to explore how they used to live and what their daily lives were like. Children will carry on developing 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 such as Viking Longships and Gods. In the last two weeks we will be focusing on our R.E topic and looking at the Christmas story and advent.

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

- helping them with their knowledge of Powerpoint
- developing their skill of taking notes and scanning information
- telling them Christmas stories at home

Mathematics within the theme

We will focus on:

- ✓ 2D and 3D shape, including nets to construct them
- ✓ Measurement

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 scales e.g. rulers, tape measures etc.

English writing within the theme

We will focus on information texts during this theme. We will be finding and presenting information about various aspects of the lives of invaders and settlers to this country.

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

- reading texts about the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Romans
- Using the internet safely to research invaders and settlers

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 materials and their properties, including textiles.

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

- researching what the Vikings used when building their homes, and other materials they used in everyday life, including clothing and tools

Music

Your child will be learning a variety of Christmas songs and traditional carols in preparation of our KS2 carol service. Some children will also have the opportunity to add instrumental accompaniments to these songs.

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

- asking your child to sing these songs to you and talk about music lessons (Music is on Friday each week)

PE

The children will benefit from specialist teaching from sports coaches from LINKS Partnership. This term the focus is football and fitness skills. They will have new opportunities to join in with a range of after-school activities, including basketball and multi skills.

French

All children in Key stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) will continue have a session of French each week led by a specialist languages teacher called Mrs Foley, who is a languages consultant and ex-local authority advisor. The sessions will be every Friday.