



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning



Academic Year 2016-2017

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

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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- Mrs C Raynes
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Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year to you all!

This is the third curriculum overview of our school year. Its purpose is to keep you up-to-date with what your children will be learning in school and suggest some ways in which you can offer support at home.

If you have any questions or if you require 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 is given out on Friday and it is expected back by the following Thursday. It will consist of:

- a mix of 'MyMaths' online homework (www.mymaths.co.uk) and other Mathematics homework
- 'Bug Club' for reading homework
- spellings for a weekly spelling quiz each Friday (please work hard on these to meet new standards)
- cross-curricular theme-related homework at various other times

The Study Hub

The daily lunchtime 'Study Hub' provides pupils with an opportunity to practise/embed new skills learned in class, do research, read, access online learning tools or complete homework. Children have supervised access to all our resources including technology as well as the support of Mrs Raynes. All are welcome!

RE

Information about our Term 3 RE curriculum is in the 'Come and See' letter accompanying this overview.

English: Basic Skills – Reading, Phonics, Spelling and Handwriting

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.

Guided Reading

All children will have daily reading activities to boost their levels of confidence and enjoyment as well as their comprehension skills.

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

- ✓ reading your child's reading books with them every day as well as enjoying different books together
- ✓ encouraging your child to read challenging texts and different genres to widen their experience



Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

We will focus on:

- multiplying whole numbers by 10, 100 and even 1000 and understanding what happens
- dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and even 1000 and understanding what happens
- developing calculator skills

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

- ✓ *playing games to practise the skills*
- ✓ *using a calculator to do calculations on*
- ✓ *continuing to learn times tables and related division facts*

Theme 2: 'Spring into Action!'

During this term's theme we will consider how events can change the course of history forever as we think about the invention of the telephone and reflect on its impact on our lives and the world.

English: Creative Writing within the Theme

We will focus on information texts this term, looking at information about the telephone and its inventor. We will also be writing biographies.

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

- ✓ *enjoying texts about Alexander Graham Bell and the telephone*
- ✓ *researching and learning about the telephone*

Mathematics within the Theme

We will focus on multiplication, division and word problems, as well as measures and area.

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

- ✓ *practising multiplication tables*
- ✓ *measuring items around the home and garden using a variety of equipment with different scales*
 - *e.g. rulers, tape measures etc.*
- ✓ *finding the area of items found in your home and garden e.g. the top of a table*

Geography within the Theme

We will be continuing to learn 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:

- ✓ *reading various maps*
- ✓ *trying to use various grid references*
- ✓ *looking at the differences in the hemispheres*

Science within the Theme

This term we will investigate light and explore how we need it in order see. The children will learn how light travels in straight lines from the source to the eye reflecting off surfaces along the way.

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

- ✓ *researching how light travels*
- ✓ *investigating what an eye looks like*
- ✓ *learning the names of different parts of the eye*

Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher. During our topic this term the pupils will:

- explore melodies and scales
- learn to recognise the intervals of a melody
- sing various songs and using glockenspiels to play them



Art within the Theme

We will continue developing key skills by drawing and painting objects by using a variety of different media.

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

- ✓ *looking at the detail in pictures and examining how this is created using pencils or brushes*
- ✓ *practising how to use pencils and pens in different ways to add detail and shading*
- ✓ *exploring the work of different artists and illustrators*

DT within the Theme

We will be exploring the ways in which telephone designs have changed and developed over time. We will also build models using readily available materials. If anyone has any old mobile or landline telephones to donate, they would be very much appreciated for both art and DT purposes.

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

- ✓ *looking at pictures of telephones*
- ✓ *discussing how models have changed over time*

PE

This term the children will complete their swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoons with Mr. Broadhead. During their other PE session on Tuesdays, the children will be primarily developing positional and passing skills necessary for different team 'invasion' games like football and netball etc.

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

- ✓ *looking at video clips of different team games (basketball, football, netball, rugby and hockey) and investigating how team mates position themselves on and off the ball and how they pass the between themselves in order to keep it away from their opponents and attack them*

French

In French we will learn about the days of the week, months of the year, weather, hobbies and pastimes.

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

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