



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2015-2016

- **Year:** 3
- **Term:** 6

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final curriculum overview of the year and covers everything the children will be learning in the last few weeks. As usual it also includes tips for supporting them at home.

If you have any questions, or if you require support with anything mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also really like to hear from you if you can support us in any way, especially if you have items of interest, personal experiences or specialist knowledge to share.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

Homework

Children will be set homework every week on Friday and this will be due back by the following Thursday. The homework will be:

- www.mymaths.co.uk (which will be focussed on times tables for the half term, remember to get your child to do it more than once)
- www.activelearnprimary.co.uk (new website for bug club) for reading homework
- spellings to learn for a grammar quiz
- additional topic-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. They will have supervised access to our resources and the support of Mrs Raynes if they need it. All are welcome.

R.E. Topic:

Information about the RE curriculum for Terms 5 and 6 is included in the 'Come and See' letter sent out with this overview.

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

Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar & Handwriting

All children will benefit from having daily handwriting and spelling practise, and regular grammar and punctuation sessions focused on meeting their *individual* needs. Children all have individual targets for writing, such as specific punctuation or grammatical structure, and these will be focussed on throughout all their writing.

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

- supporting them to learn their weekly spellings
- talking about their targets for writing



Book Study

All children have daily reading activities to boost their levels of confidence and enjoyment as well as their comprehension skills, as this is a really important part of reading and one that is often overlooked.

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

- Reading your child's reading books with them for a few minutes every day (as well as other books)
- Choosing another book by the same author, to read with your child
- Encouraging your child to read a wider range of more challenging books in order to widen their experience
- Talking about their personal targets for reading

Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

We will focus on the following this term:

- ✓ Division and multiplication problem solving
- ✓ Mental calculations of the four operations

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

- ensuring that he/she practise their times tables regularly for reinforcement
- asking your child the children questions like:

"If four children share 25 sweets between them how many sweets does each child get and how many sweets would be left over?"

Theme: Going for Gold!

Our main curriculum topic this term will be the Olympics. This will be a geography and science-based theme. Our science focus will be looking at the nutrients needed to be an athlete. We will focus on geography sessions investigating where all the athletes come from. All of our Art, D.T. and History will be covered through this topic.

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

- researching about different countries and what events they take part in
- looking at different athletes and what makes them special

English: Creative Writing within the Theme

Literacy Sessions

This term, we will be focusing on the theme of 'The Olympics'. We will be looking at a variety of text types related to the topic. We will then produce pieces of writing like biographies about athletes, using our topic work as a starting point.

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

- reading books about our Olympics and athletes
- researching information about the athletes
- find out facts about The Olympics
- reading and discussing in detail certain British athletes

Mathematics within the Theme

We will focus on:

- ✓ data handling
- ✓ capacity and mass
- ✓ measures

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

- looking at and talking about different capacities, masses and distances
- thinking about accurate measuring as we will explore this when we do some of the Olympic events
- investigating data and how it is used for athletes to get quicker and better



Geography within the Theme

We will be learning about maps and how to use them. Also we will be looking at countries around the world.

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

- looking at various maps of the world
- encouraging your child to find different countries and learn their names
- investigating the distances between places and thinking about how far that actually is

Science within the Theme

We will be investigating the importance of plants.

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

- looking at why we need plants
- discussing different types of plants and what they do for us
- talking about what they need to grow
- investigating different flowers and how they are different

Computing within the Theme

This term, we will be 'Network Engineers'!

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

- looking at how computer work and what to do when they do not work!
- encouraging your child to explore how the internet works
- 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. In term 5 the children will learn:

Dragon Scales: Exploring the pentatonic (5 note) scale.

- work out the notes in a melody by ear
- learn them on the glockenspiels
- accompany songs using notes from the pentatonic scale
- create music for the 'Chinese Dragon Song'

PE

The children will benefit from a new programme called Real PE. This term the sport that we will be explore alongside our 'Real PE' programme is Cricket.

French

We will be recapping colours and saying our favourite colour. We will be learning some fruits and some other foods as well as how to say what is healthy and unhealthy. We will then learn the days of the week.

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

- ✓ learning the colours of the rainbow and asking your child to tell you the colour of everyday objects in French
- ✓ asking your child to teach you how to say the days of the week and asking them what day it is
- ✓ exploring the website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/> and listening to how you say different vocabulary