



# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

*Sharing our learning*

## Academic Year 2013-2014

- Year: 4
- 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 builds on a busy start to the year and takes us all the way to Christmas. This document gives you an overview of the things your child(ren) will be learning in school this term. It also include tips for supporting your child(ren) at home.

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

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

## R.E. Topic 1: Called

The topic 'Called' focuses on the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Children will learn that through these sacraments, people are given the gift of the Holy Spirit and are called to respond in their lives.

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.

**NB.** We will be studying Judaism at the end of this topic, not the beginning as it said in last terms overview.

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

- Talking about what it means to be chosen.
- Discussing the child's own experiences of Baptism, or other people's experiences of Baptism as relevant.
- Sharing pictures or memories of any Baptisms, Christenings or Confirmations children may have shared in.

## R.E. Topic 2: Advent/Christmas – Loving: Gift

This topic is about the gifts of love and friendship and how we prepare to receive God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus at Christmas.

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

- Talking about why the gifts of love and friendship are important.
- Discussing the true meaning of Christmas and the importance of the season of Advent as a period of preparation

## English

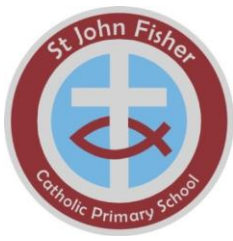
### **Handwriting**

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 that they are in the right ability group. If you would like more information about the programme please let us know.





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

This term, we will be focusing on traditional tales and stories involving some kind of quest. The children will be examining how stories are structured and the way authors use language to add detail and engage their readers. Children all have individual targets for writing, such as including specific punctuation or using descriptive language, and these will be focussed on throughout all their writing. We will also be writing non-fiction texts such as explanations and reports, using our topic work as a starting point.

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

- Continuing to read with your child, discussing what they have read and particularly noticing descriptive language that authors use.
- Supporting them to learn their weekly spellings.
- Talking about their targets for writing (as shared on their record sheet from parents evening)

## **Mathematics**

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

1. Naming and describing 2-D and 3-D shapes using mathematical vocabulary.
2. Using a range of measures for length, mass and capacity, and reading scales.
3. Presenting and interpreting data in charts, tables and graphs.
4. Developing mental methods of calculation
5. Solving word problems by working out the calculation needed.

### **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 'Shine a Light'. All of our art, geography, D.T. and science will be covered through this topic.

We will be exploring different festivals and celebrations involving light around the world, as well as looking at the science of light and shadows and electricity. Some of the learning in this topic will be led by the children's own interests and what they want to find out.

**We are very keen to make use of visitors and expertise that exists in our community. Please let us know if you have any knowledge or experience that you might be able to share with the children related to festivals or celebrations in other cultures or religions, or to science or electricity.**

## **Music**

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher. Year 4 are preparing to take part in a performance of Christmas songs with other schools in December. We will write with more specific details about this, including how you can get tickets in due course.

## **P.E.**

The children will benefit from specialist teaching from sports coaches from LINKS Partnership. This term they will focus on Fitness and Gymnastics. The Year 3 and 4 after school clubs this term are Cheerleading and Dodgeball.

