



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning



Academic Year 2015-2016

- **Year:** Year 5
- **Term:** 4

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the fourth overview of the year and the aim is to let you know about all the things that the children will be learning in school this term along with tips on how you can support them at home and information about homework.

If you have any questions or if you require any 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

Children will be given homework on a Friday and this will be expected back in by the following Thursday. The homework will be:

- 'MyMaths' online homework differentiated at the correct level for your child
- 'Bug Club' for reading homework
- Spellings – these will be tested each Friday
- Cross-curricular theme-related homework at various other times

Homework Club

The daily Homework Club, which all children can attend (especially if they are not always able to complete their work at home) will resume as soon as Mrs Miller's successor starts. A reminder that children who attend will have access to support provided by an adult and by access to our resources including IT and the library.

RE Topic

Information about the RE curriculum for Terms 3 and 4 was shared in the 'Come and See' letter sent out in January.

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

Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar & Handwriting

All children will benefit from having regular handwriting and spelling practise and regular grammar and punctuation sessions focused on meeting their *individual* needs.

Guided Reading & Book Study

All children no longer involved in the Read Write Inc. programme 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 for a few minutes every day as well as enjoying all sorts of other books and reading materials together
- ✓ encouraging your child to read more challenging texts/different genres to what they are used to in order to widen their reading experience

Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

We will focus on:

1. Using a written method for multiplication and division.
2. Simplifying fractions.
3. Identifying equivalent fractions.
4. Finding fractions of amounts.
5. Adding and subtracting fractions

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

- ✓ Finding fractions of simple amounts:
"If I have 32 skittles and I give you half, how many would you receive?"
- ✓ challenging children to multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 in their heads
- ✓ encouraging your child to learn their times tables up to 12 x 12 including the related division facts

Theme 2: I've Got the Power

Our main curriculum topic this term will be about the Ancient Egyptian civilization. All our English and history will be based around this topic.

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

- ✓ researching ancient civilizations to look at differences and comparisons between our lives and their lives

English: Creative Writing within the Theme

We will continue to focus on the Egyptians and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We will write using various text types e.g. newspaper reports etc.

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

- ✓ researching information about the Egyptians
- ✓ looking at how a newspaper report is set out e.g. headline, quotes and so on...

Mathematics within the Theme

We will continue to focus on:

- 2D and 3D shape
- Volume

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

- ✓ revising the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- ✓ finding the volume of various liquids around the home

Science within the Theme

This term we will look at Materials. We will be talking about the properties of materials particularly solubility (does it dissolve in water) and thermal conductivity (is it an insulator or a conductor of heat). We will also be investigating separating mixtures and reversible and irreversible changes.

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

- ✓ talking about the properties of different materials around the home
- ✓ looking out for things which are soluble
- ✓ thinking about what materials we use to keep ourselves and objects warm

DT within the Theme

We will continue to learn about cam mechanisms and making a moving toy using a cam mechanism.



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

- ✓ looking at various moving toys you may have at home
- ✓ exploring different cam mechanisms

History within the Theme

We will continue to learn about the Egyptian civilisation. We will explore Egyptian pharaohs and pyramids.

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

- ✓ researching about the Egyptian era
- ✓ researching about the different Egyptian pharaohs

At the moment, there is an exhibition of Egyptian artefacts at Weston Park museum. This is free to look around. We are planning to visit the museum on Monday 7th March. The cost of the trip is only the return tram fare of £1.40. Looking at the artefacts will be inspiration for the children's writing. A letter will be out to you soon.

The children are also involved in a Birley Family of Schools writing project which focusses on World War 1. If anyone has any stories they can share about WW1, we would be very happy to hear from you.

PE

This term the children will have their PE lessons taught by coaches from Sheffield United Community Foundation. The aims are to encourage physical activity, promote nutritional education and build awareness of the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle.

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

- ✓ discussing what they have been learning in lessons
- ✓ supporting the children with the homework tasks

Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher. During our 'Journey into Space' topic pupils will:

- listen to atmospheric, 'spacey' music
- combine 'spacey' sounds to compose a piece of music to fit with the first moon landing

Pupils will also be taking part in the 'Percussive Classroom Project' in collaboration with the Sheffield Music Hub as well as learning songs for our forthcoming Community Easter Service on Tuesday 22nd March at 2pm. Please note that this will be in church.

We are having a concert for parents/carers on Wednesday 16th March at 2.50pm in the school hall. The children will perform the pieces they have learnt on the percussion instruments, showing off their musical talent.

The children will also attend a special concert by the famous Halle Orchestra on Friday 15th April. They will hear pieces of music that they have learnt in their percussion lessons. More information will follow in the near future.

French

We will be recapping colours and how to say what our favourite colour is. We will also revisit the days of the week and the months of the year. We will then be learning parts of the body and adjectives to describe them. We will also learn the names of zoo animals.

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

- ✓ learning the colours of the rainbow with your child and pointing out objects of this colour
- ✓ working out how to say the date in French with your child
- ✓ exploring the website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/> and listening to how you say different vocabulary