



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2013-2014

- Year: 5
- Term: 5

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Miss Kipling
- Miss Hardman
- Miss D'Roza
- Miss Pendlebury

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 5 we begin a new whole-school Curriculum Theme and I am delighted at how our new curriculum is engaging our children. I was really sad that I could not attend the exhibition which was organised to celebrate the learning that had taken place during our first 'Marvellous Machines' theme. I was extremely pleased with the positive feedback that we received about the theme and exhibition.

I am satisfied at the way we are balancing the importance for a dynamic, inclusive and exciting curriculum with the need to maintain a relentless focus on improving standards and accelerating levels pupil progress. Achieving this balance is key to securing the learning ethos I want for St John Fisher. Our challenge is to develop a curriculum that engages all children and empowers them to be the inquisitive, confident and independent learners who enjoy learning and achieve well consistently.

Please read the overview and contact us if you have something you can offer to enhance our children's learning experience. Perhaps you have a collection of artefacts or some experiences or stories to share. Perhaps you have some expertise in a related field or some useful contacts. We would really love to hear from you if you are interested in getting involved.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

R.E. Topic 1: Transmaton

Christians believe that the spirit of God is active in each person and in a special way in the community of believers, which is the church. It is the work of the spirit to enable people to hear Gods message, to respond and share it. The feast of Pentecost is a celebration of the gift of God's spirit and its transforming power.

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

- Helping them think about how they can transform their energy for the good of others.
- Discussing how we can use the energy from the earth's resources in a fair and sustainable way.
- Talk about each of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and how they are lived out in life: 1. love, 2. joy, 3. peace, 4. patience, 5. kindness, 6. goodness, 7. faithfulness, 8. humility, 9. self-control

English: Daily Reading & Phonics Skills

Read Write Inc Sessions

Children on the Read Write Inc programme will continue to have daily sessions with their group aimed at developing confidence with phonics, reading and writing. Children are assessed regularly to ensure that they are in the right group. If you would like more information about the programme please let us know.

Guided Reading

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.





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- Encouraging your child to read more challenging texts/different genres to what they are used to in order to widen their reading experience.

English: Basic Skills

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

Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

We will focus on:

- Securing written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, *including decimal numbers*.
- Finding percentages of amounts.

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

- Asking your child to use their written methods to help calculate things at home.
- Highlighting examples of percentages that you come across e.g. '25% off' and work out what that means.

Theme 2: Goal!

During the first half of this theme, Year 5 will focus on their 'Goal' of trying to get their team chosen to represent St John Fisher at All Saints as part of a joint Enterprise Challenge. The project is linked to The Tour de France.

English: Creative Writing

Children will be learning about how to persuade people, so they can make their presentations for the Enterprise Challenge.

Mathematics within the Theme

We will focus on:

- The rotation, reflection and translation of shapes.
- Describing position and movement: left/right, clockwise/anticlockwise, quarter turn/half turn.

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

- Identify shapes in patterns which have been rotated or reflected e.g. tiles, wallpaper, carpets.
- Use the vocabulary for position and direction above e.g. when you are driving, walking in the park etc.

Geography

On a global scale, we will be investigating the countries the Tour de France competitors come from. On a local scale, we will be using grid references to track the route of the competition through the UK.

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

- Using maps whenever possible.
- Using grid references.

History

We will be looking at the history of the Tour de France.

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

- Use the internet/local library to research the history of the Tour de France.

PE

P.E. is on Thursday afternoon each week. Sessions are led by specialist P.E. coaches. This term, Year 5 will focus on Orienteering and Tag Rugby.





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

- Doing lots of physical activity regularly e.g. playing games in the garden, going to the park, swimming lessons.
- Watching rugby online or on TV

Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher.

