



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2016-2017

- **Year:** 6
- **Term:** 5

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the fifth 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 along with 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 set homework every week on Wednesday and this will be due back by the following Tuesday.

The homework will be:

- www.mymaths.co.uk (which will be differentiated to the correct level for your child)
- www.activelearnprimary.co.uk (new website for 'Bug Club') for reading homework
- spellings to learn for a weekly 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.

RE

For information on the RE curriculum please see the attached 'Come and See' letter.

English

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. We will focus on enabling the children meet their individual targets for writing.

Guided Reading/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 should not be overlooked.

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

- ✓ supporting and encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings
- ✓ discussing their targets for writing and encouraging them to achieve them
- ✓ reading with your child's every day (all sorts of books) to broaden their experience
- ✓ choosing books by a favourite author and encouraging your child to read more challenging books



Mathematics

We will focus on the following this term:

- algebra
- revision in readiness for the SATs test W/C 14th May
- using and applying mathematics to reason and solve problems

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

- ✓ *going through past papers with your child to identify errors and misconceptions*
- ✓ *encouraging your child to seek support if they are stuck (Maths Club Wednesday lunchtimes 1.00pm)*
- ✓ *practising - and learning by heart - multiplication tables (Times Tables Rock Stars)*

Art and Design or Design Technology

This term we will be learning about:

- developing ideas and producing designs
- looking at various chocolate labels designs and producing some of our own
- developing ideas about different chocolate bars and designing ideas for their own.

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

- ✓ *investigating old chocolate bar wrappers and chocolates of the past*
- ✓ *researching the history of chocolate and how it became to be so loved by people in the UK*

Science

In science we will be investigating Animals, including Humans. We will be looking at the main parts of the Human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We shall recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function. The children will also investigate how food and water is digested in humans and animals.

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

- ✓ *researching the circulatory system*
- ✓ *finding information about how we can live a healthy lifestyle*

History or Geography

We will be learning about The Ancient Greeks and the development of democracy and what this means for us today in our society.

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

- ✓ *researching the Mayan civilisation and what everyday life was like for ordinary people*
- ✓ *investigating Mayan buildings and designs*

Music

We will start the term by looking at a selection of works from the 'BBC 10 Pieces' resource. This will include:

- using short video clips to learn about the composer and the history of their music
- watching orchestral performances of the pieces
- learning parts to the music on glockenspiels
- performing as a class ensemble along with the original piece

PE

The children will benefit from a programme called Real PE. This term the children will develop personal skills with a focus on physical co-ordination and balance. This term the children will also be undertaking a unit of PE based upon dance.

PSHCE

We will be discussing personal resilience and how we can use these skills to deal with everyday situations that they encounter now and in the future.