



# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

*Sharing our learning*

## Academic Year 2013-2014

- Year: 6
- Term: 1

## Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Mr I Smith
- Miss Hardman
- Mr Hawley

Dear parents and carers,

At the beginning of Term 6 last year we sent out a curriculum overview to inform you about the different things the children would be learning in school along with suggestions for some of the different ways you could support your child at home. The feedback we received was very positive. Here is the first overview for this new academic year. If you would like further information or you have an interest or expertise in an area being covered please speak to your child's teacher. We very much welcome the involvement of parents and carers. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

## R.E. Topic 1: Family

In this topic the children will focus on the love within the children's homes, families and communities and within the church. They will learn that God's love is unconditional and understand how they can follow this within their own lives and forgive others for things they have done.

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

- *Discussing the importance of saying sorry.*
- *Talking together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.*
- *Looking for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.*

## R.E. Topic 2: Belonging

Before this topic begins the children will have done various aspects of Islam for one week where they will focus on the Qur'an. Following this the children will move onto Belonging where they will focus on the vocation of Priesthood and religious life and what this means.

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

- *Looking through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special to you.*
- *Looking at a globe or an atlas and finding a special place and pray for the people of that country.*
- *Discussing how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.*

## English

### **Handwriting**

Children in Years 1-6 will have a handwriting session at the beginning of each school day,

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

This term, we will be focusing on Biographies, Letters and Reports. We will be looking at linking a lot of our writing with our history topic this term "British History". We will be writing an extended piece of writing each week based on the topic of work we are studying. The children will be focusing on using structure of texts, punctuation and sentence types this term. They will also have the opportunity to produce their work in a number of electronic formats too.





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

- Reading stories and non-fiction texts at home relating to the history topic.
- Discussing the language your child could be using in their writing to make it more appealing.

## Mathematics

We will focus on: solving multi step word problems using  $+/-/X/\div$ , fractions, decimals & percentages. We will look at 2D & 3D shape and their properties, direction and position of coordinates in four quadrants and the interpretation of information from charts and graphs.

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

- Practicing times tables.
- Giving your child real life problems to solve within the home which involve a number of calculations. e.g. bread costs £1.59 a loaf, you require 3 loaves how much change will there be from £5.00

## Art

In our art topic we will be focussing on landscape pictures. The children will be undertaking a lot of observation to the world around them. They will be looking at a range of different mediums in which to present their art (including ICT).

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

- Looking for examples of landscape pictures.
- Discussing the best type of medium to use when producing a piece of landscape art.

## History

This term we will be undertaking some work on British history and looking at a number of events. These include: investigation into the four National Saints, The Great Plague of London, The Sinking of the Titanic and an investigation into Robin Hood – fact or Fiction? The children will also have opportunity to look into the history of WW2 after the October half term.

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

- Research some of the areas discussed above.
- Find books or internet searches relating to the above topics.

## Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher. In term 6 your child will be exploring the theme: 'painting with sound' by:-

- Learning a song about raveling around the world
- Choosing instruments to represent different countries
- Composing an 'Around the World' piece as a class

## PE

PE is now taught by specialist coaches as part, and a wider range of opportunities will be made available to the children. This term your child will be exploring Basket Ball and Sports Hall Athletics. There will also be new opportunities for extra-curricular sport compared to previous years and details will be sent home shortly.

