



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2015-2016

- **Year:** 6
- **Term:** 4

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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- Miss C Graham
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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 for maths
- Times Tables Rockstars – online times tables practice (TT Rockstars logins are the same as for My Maths – please speak to us if you need a reminder of this)
- 'Bug Club' for reading homework
- spellings
- 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 and 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.

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

- ✓ supporting them to learn their weekly spellings
- ✓ encouraging them to take notice of punctuation in books/texts they read
- ✓ accessing the TES online practice SPAG exercises via the Y6 blog site



Guided Reading

This term the children will be looking at different kinds of texts and extracts, often in small groups, and doing follow-up activities to develop their understanding and improve their reading and comprehension skills.

In addition to this, we will enjoy a class novel together – 'Skellig' by David Almond

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 other books)*
- ✓ *encouraging your child to access Bug Club regularly and answer the questions that go with the books on here (please speak to us if you need a reminder of your child's login details)*
- ✓ *encouraging your child to read a wider range of more challenging books in order to widen their experience*

Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

This term we will be continuing to develop understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, calculating with these, and using them in problem-solving. We will be looking more at applying the calculation strategies and methods we have learnt in different contexts and problems. We will also be focusing heavily on other areas of maths such as shape, measures and data-handling.

- using and calculating with fractions, e.g. adding and subtracting fractions with the same and with different denominators; multiplying and dividing fractions; finding equivalent fractions
- problem-solving and applying skills in different contexts
- working on becoming fluent with single-digit addition and subtraction facts and multiplication and division facts (times tables)

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

- ✓ *using the online homework tools – 'MyMaths' and 'Times Tables Rockstars'*
- ✓ *helping your child to improve their mental calculation skills – adding and subtracting numbers quickly in their heads which can be easily done with playing cards or dice, making up games and challenges – or out and about using numbers you see or making up quizzes*

Theme: The Way We Were

Our wider curriculum focus this term is 'I've Got the Power'.

English: Creative Writing within the Theme

During this theme the children will be thinking and writing about the emotions and experiences involved in having to leave a home.

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

- ✓ *talking about the writing they have been doing at school and really valuing and praising any writing that children do at home*
- ✓ *generating lots of descriptive language, particularly focussing on the senses and feelings*

Science within the Theme

We will be learning about electricity and light. Throughout the year, children will also be taught to use particular scientific methods, processes and skills such as planning scientific enquiries, taking measurements and making observations, and reporting findings and conclusions.

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

- ✓ *carrying out independent research about electricity and its properties and about how light travels and shadows are formed*



History within the Theme

We will be learning about some of the history of WW2, looking in particular at the Holocaust and its effects.

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

- ✓ *talking about their trip to the Holocaust memorial centre*
- ✓ *discussing the importance of remembering significant events in history, good and bad, and celebrating people who have made a difference in the world*

Music – Cyclic Patterns

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher and in Term 3 your child will be exploring lyrics and melody in our 'Songwriter' topic.

Pupils will:

- discussing the relationship between words and music
- studying different songs, discussing the mood, cultural, historical and social contexts
- writing their own song to fit over the 12 bar blues chords sequence

Computing

Your child will be learning about market research, particularly focussing on different 'apps'.

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

- ✓ *looking at and responding to their class blog page: <https://stjohnfishersheff.edublogs.org>*

PE

This term the children will be developing fundamental skills and attitudes through 'Real PE', and doing netball and hockey.

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

- ✓ *asking them about their lessons and what they have learned*
- ✓ *practising the skills learned in school*

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 and people in our families.

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*