



# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

*Sharing our learning*

## Academic Year 2013 - 2014

- Year: 6
- Term: 5

## Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Mr I Smith
- Miss Hardman
- Mr Hawley
- 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: Pentecost - Serving

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. The feast of Pentecost is the celebration both of the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the trust God places in people to be witnesses to the world.

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

- Talking about having the courage to speak up for what is right.
- Thinking together about how we can impact positively on people's lives through the Easter message.

## R.E. Topic 2: Reconciliation – Inter-relating

The church believes that the anointing of the sick is one of the seven sacraments. It is intended to strengthen those who are ill.

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

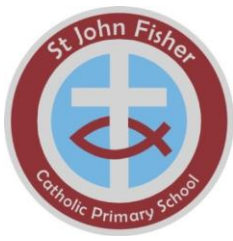
- Talking about when people become sick and need care.
- Thinking together about how we can as Christians support sick people.

## 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 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.





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## **Guided Reading**

Children will also be developing their writing skills during topic work and R.E. In addition to their daily reading work they will have an individual reading session every week and bring home a reading book to share with you as well as a library book and a Read Write Inc. book as they are ready.

### **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.
- You can help your child to read signs and notices when you are out and about so she/he realises reading is everywhere.
- Encouraging your child to write as often as possible whether it is signing cards, making a shopping list, labelling pictures, writing stories or helping you when you are writing.
- Helping your child to form letters correctly. Please ask if you would like more information about this.

## **English: Basic Skills**

### **Handwriting**

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

### **Spelling**

The children will focus on using roots words, prefixes and suffixes as a support for spelling.

### **Punctuation**

The children will focus on using a range of sophisticated punctuation as add extra information into sentences for authorial impact.

### **Grammar**

The children will focus on strengthening their understanding of verb tenses and working with different points of view i.e. first, second or third person.

## **Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills**

We will focus on: Revision of topics requested by the children in preparation for the End of Key Stage 2 tests.

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

- Working on times tables to 12 x 12
- Asking your child real life problems involving money e.g. I have £3.00 how many 27p apples can I buy? Etc.

## **Theme 1 Introduction: Goals**

During our second Theme the children will explore Goals through famous explorers. The theme will consist of cross-curricular lessons and separate modules to ensure that everything is covered and so that deep learning can take place. This theme will continue over term 6.

## **English: Creative Writing**

Children will be undertaking a range of different genres of writing (fiction and non-fiction) which will be based around the Theme of Goals

## **Geography/History**

We will be looking at the Geography of South America, Mountains and Rivers

We will be looking at the expansion of European civilisations across the Americas and the effect it had on the environment and indigenous people.

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

- Looking for information about mountains and rivers of the world.
- Researching information about Cortez and the colonisation of South America.





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## Science

We will be looking at the topic of changes through our Theme of Goals.

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

- Talking changes of state i.e ice changing to water changing to steam.
- Looking for evidence of changes.
- Using the internet and/or public library to research the water cycle.

## Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

This term we will focus on the impact of human expansion across the globe and its impact on people and the environment.

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

- Discussing the importance of peace.
- Looking at World Geography in terms of locations of different countries.

## Design & Technology

In Design & Technology we will focus on building models of mountains and river systems.

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

- Finding out more about different types of mountains.
- Using the internet and/or public library to research mountains and rivers of the world.

## P.E.

P.E. is on Thursday afternoon each week. Sessions are led by specialist P.E. coaches. This term they will cover... both indoors and out. The skills we will focus on are Dance (the Haka) and Rugby.

**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 hockey or handball on the television or via clips on the internet so that your child can see...

## Music

Music is taught by Mr Smith whilst Mrs Pendlebury is on maternity leave. Our music module for this theme will be based on singing. We will be exploring harmonies, pitch, dynamics and performance as a group. We will be creating a music video as part of our work.

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

- Asking your child to sing songs to you and talk about music lessons. (Music is on Friday each week).

