



# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

*Sharing our learning*

## Academic Year 2014-2015

- **Year:** 3
- **Term:** 6

## Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Mrs D Evans
- Miss C Kiernan
- Miss J Pendlebury
- Miss R D'Roza

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final overview of the year and it sets out our curriculum for this term. We continue our whole-school 'Green Planet' theme. As well as providing you with an overview, this document aims to provide you with tips for supporting your child(ren) at home. It also includes information about homework.

If you have any questions or if you require any support with anything aspect please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also really like to hear from you if you can support us in any way – particularly if you have any knowledge or experience of the something being covered. Thank you – as always - for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

## Homework

Children will be given homework every week on Friday and this will be due back by the following Thursday. The homework will be:

- 'Big Maths' review homework (which will be differentiated to the correct level for your child)
- 'Bug Club' for reading homework
- spellings to learn for a quiz
- additional topic related homework at various other times.

There is a daily Homework Club at lunchtime from 12.30pm in the Year 6 classroom which is run by Miss Hardman supported by some of the older children. At the club pupils can ask for support from her or her team of helpers. Pupils attending the club also have access to the library, computers and other technology as well resources not necessarily available at home. Every child is welcome to attend.

## R.E. Topic: Reconciliation – inter-relating

This half term we will be looking at the concept of Reconciliation and the ways in which our actions affect others. The children will learn about the sacrament of Reconciliation as a celebration of God's love and mercy. We will also investigate the importance of examining our conscience when making decisions.

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

- *discussing how God's love is shown in his forgiveness of us*
- *investigating the consequences of different decisions we may make*
- *sharing thoughts and ideas about the ways in which you examine your own conscience when making decisions*

## R.E. Topic 2 : Universal Church – world: special places

We will also be looking at the Universal Church, with a focus on special places to the Church. The children will learn about special places for the Church around the world, places of pilgrimage and worship. We will also investigate the world as a special place in and of itself, and the ways in which we can look after it.



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

- discussing which places are special for you as a family (religious or otherwise)
- investigating what you can do/already do to look after the world around us
- sharing thoughts and ideas about how and why Christians should look after God's creation

## **English: Basic Skills – Reading, Phonics, Spelling, 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. Children all have individual targets for writing, such as including specific punctuation or using descriptive language and these will be focussed on throughout all their writing.

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

- supporting them to learn their weekly spellings
- talking about their targets for writing

### **Guided Reading**

All children have daily reading activities to boost their levels of confidence and enjoyment as well as their comprehension skills, as this is real important part of reading and one that is overlooked.

## **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) together
- choosing another book by the same author, to read with your child
- encouraging your child to read a wider range of more challenging books in order to widen their experience
- talking about their personal targets for reading (as shared on their record sheet from parent's evening)

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

We will focus on the following this term:

- ✓ addition and subtraction using a range of methods
- ✓ place value, including ordering and comparing numbers up to and beyond 1000
- ✓ developing mental methods of calculation to solve a range of word problems

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

- getting the children to look at numbers around them and being able to know what each number represents for example; 56, the 5 means 50
- practising times tables each night
- looking at your child's individual maths target and talking about it with them

## **Theme: The Green Planet**

This will continue to be our main curriculum topic this term. All of our Geography, History, Art and Science will be covered through this topic.

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

- looking at light and shadow, how they affect the way we see things and where they come from
- talking about bodies; how our bodies move, what our skeletons might look like and how what we eat affects us
- making sure that you are aware of what children are viewing or engaging with online and talking to them about staying safe

## **English: Creative Writing within the Theme**

### **Literacy Sessions**

This term, we will be focusing on the theme of 'The Green Planet'. The children will be examining how stories are structured and the way authors use language to add detail and engage their readers. Children all have individual targets for writing, such as including specific punctuation or using descriptive language and these will be focussed on throughout all their writing. We will also be writing non-fiction texts such as reports, using our topic work as a starting point.

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

- reading books about our planet



## Mathematics within the Theme

We will focus on:

- ✓ compass points
- ✓ co-ordinates

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

- *looking at and talking about different maps*

## Geography within the Theme

We will be learning how to read a map and how to identify places on a map using grid references.

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

- *looking at various maps with different scales*
- *planning routes using a map*

## Science within the Theme

We will be looking at light and shadows and skeletons and nutrition.

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

- *looking at pictures of skeletons and talking about how they help support our bodies and movement*
- *discussing how different types of food affect our bodies*
- *talking about shadows, how they are formed and why they change over the day*

## Computing within the Theme

This term, we will be exploring programming

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

- *looking at free applications (apps) to make objects move e.g. 'Scratch'*

## Music: Painting with Sound

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher. During our 'Painting with Sound' unit the children will:

- ✓ identify instruments and how they represent different images
- ✓ invent sounds and instruments to represent a picture
- ✓ decide how to combine sounds to create a Haunted House composition

## PE

The children will benefit from specialist teaching from sports coaches from LINKS Partnership. This term the children will develop batting and fielding skills through a focus on cricket and rounders.