



# Curriculum Overview

*Sharing our learning*

## Academic Year 2014-2015

- **Year:** Year 6
- **Term:** 2

## Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Mr I Smith
- Miss J Pendlebury
- Mr S Hawley
- Miss C Kiernan
- Mrs H Foley

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our second overview of the year which takes us all the way to Christmas. This document gives you an overview of the things the children will be learning in school this term. It also includes tips for supporting them at home.

If you have any questions or if you require any support so you can help your child(ren) at home please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also really like to hear from you if you can support us in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

## RE Topic 1: Life Choices continued

Children will learn that through Baptism the Christian is called to a life of holiness and to the mission of spreading the Good News. That may be lived out in different ways. Whatever life choices are made, the Christian is called to a commitment of holiness and service of others. Children will explore the sacrament of marriage.

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

- *talking about any commitments they have and how they make them feel*
- *sharing any experiences of the sacrament of marriage and looking at old photographs*

## RE Topic 2: Hope

Children will learn that advent is the Church's season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus, the promised One, at Christmas and the end of time.

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

- *thinking how we act when we are waiting for something*
- *discussing the difference between expecting and hoping*

## 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.

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

This term, we will be focusing on traditional tales and stories linked to traditional British myths and legends. 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 explanations and reports, using our topic work as a starting point.

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

- Supporting them to learn their weekly spellings.
- Talking about their targets for writing (as shared on their record sheet from parents evening)

**Guided Reading**

All children are no longer involved in the Read Write Inc. programme. Instead they will have daily reading activities to boost their levels of confidence and enjoyment as well as their comprehension skills, as this is a 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
- encouraging your child to read a wider range of more challenging books in order to widen their experience
- Talking about their targets for reading (as shared on their record sheet from parents evening)

## Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

Following an analysis of the recent assessments we will focus on the following this term:

1. Understanding how to find equivalent fractions and convert fractions into decimals and percentages.
2. Working with shape to understand the properties of two dimensional and three dimensional shapes.
3. Looking at problem solving through worded problems of two or more steps.

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

- Asking them to calculate simple problems around the home e.g. I have £5 and I need to buy items costing £2.45, £1.24 and £0.29, can you calculate how much change I will have left from the £5?
- Also practising times tables each night
- Looking at your child's individual maths target and talking about it with them.

## Theme 1: Home Sweet Home

Our main curriculum topic this term will be about the Peak District. All of our art, geography, D.T. and science will be covered through this topic.

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

- researching the local history of the Castleton area
- looking at traditional stories and events from this area of Derbyshire
- looking at the geography of the white and dark peaks and how it influences the people who live, work and play around the area.

## English: Creative Writing within the Theme

We will focus on a range of different text types during this theme. We will be finding and presenting information about various aspects of local British life.

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

- reading texts about the Peak district.

## Geography within the Theme

We will be learning about the White and Dark Peak and the local geographical features.

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

- researching the areas and finding information to bring into school
- visiting the Peak District area

## Science within the Theme

We will be looking at habitats of living things.

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

- researching different habitats in Britain
- find out about the animals which live in these habitats

## Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher. Your child will be learning a variety of Christmas songs and traditional carols in preparation of our KS2 carol service. Some children will also have the opportunity to add instrumental accompaniments to these songs.

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

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

## PE

This term the children will focus basketball and sports hall athletics. The sessions will be led by coaches through our continuing partnership with Sheffield Links.

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

- *seeing if there is a local athletics team/group to join for a trial period*
- *finding out more about basketball or the different athletics disciplines*
- *watching the sports live or on the television*
- *practising some of the skills and drills covered in school together in the garden or at the park*

## French

All children in Key stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) will now have a session of French each week led by a specialist languages teacher called Mrs Foley. The sessions will be on Friday.