



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2013-2014

- Year: 5
- Term: 1

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

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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: Ourselves

Children will discover how each person is made in the image and likeness of God. They will begin to learn to know themselves and to appreciate that their uniqueness is central to their well-being.

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

- Identify the talents and qualities of others in the family group.
- How can they use their own talents and qualities to help others?

R.E. Topic 2: Life Choices

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:

- Talk about any commitments they have and how they make them feel.
- Share any experiences of the Sacrament of Marriage.

English

Fiction: Myths

Children analyse the importance of different characters to the development of the story and examine the role of the narrator as storyteller. Differences between oral and written storytelling are explored and used to support the children's own writing and storytelling.

Non-fiction: Instructions

Children will analyse, evaluate and write instructions

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

- Reading other examples of Greek myths e.g: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief-Rick Riordan; Heroes of Olympus-Rick Riordan; Persephone-Sally Pomme Clayton; Pandora's Box-Rose Impey.
- Finding examples of instructions and evaluating what makes them effective.





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Mathematics

1. Read, write, order and compare whole numbers and decimals with up to two places.
2. Recognise and continue sequences of numbers and use number patterns and relationships.
3. Use understanding of place value to multiply and divide whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.
4. Use a written method to add and subtract decimals.
5. To find the area and perimeter of rectangles.

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

- Encourage children to read large numbers as whole numbers not digits e.g. telephone numbers. 248 5009 is read as two hundred and forty eight thousand, five thousand and nine etc.
- Challenge children to multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 in their heads.

Science

Gases Around Us

Through this unit children learn that gases are material and can be distinguished from solids and liquids by their properties. They also learn about the uses of some important gases and where gases are found.

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

- Identifying gases and their uses around the home e.g. carbon dioxide making drinks fizzy, natural gas for cooking on etc.
- Find examples of evaporation happening e.g. vegetables boiling. Where does the water go?

Art

Dreams and Imagination

Children will explore the work of Salvador Dali and Marc Chagall. In a similar style, they will use paint and pastels to express their own dreams and imagination.

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

- Exploring paintings by other surrealists e.g. Rene Magritte in books or on the internet.

Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher.

PE

The children will benefit from specialist teaching from sports coaches from LINKS Partnership. This term they will focus on Sports Hall Athletics and Basketball skills. There will also be new opportunities for extra-curricular sport and details will be sent home in due course.

ICT

E-safety is very important and so the children will learn about communicating by text, email and online chat. They will explore how to stay safe in these situations.

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

- Ensuring your child knows what to do if they are unsure they are safe.
- Talk to your child about what it is and isn't appropriate to send by text/post online.
- Ensure any web sites they visit or are members of have the correct security settings activated to keep them safe.

