



Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

We are a 'light in the darkness', living life to the full, worshipping and working so that everyone may flourish and achieve their God-given potential



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Term	2		

Our Christmas term is full of fun, festivities and fantastic learning. We have lots of exciting learning taking place this term and the children have already made a wonderful start. As part of our History learning, we will be exploring Toys Through Time. This will include a 'Toy Day' with guests and objects from home being brought into school for examination. The term will culminate with our highly anticipated nativity performance. It promises to be a fantastic term.

Main Areas of Learning to be covered

- English: Our English focus this term will be on character description, centred around Traction Man, a story about an action hero toy. We will create our own mission, focusing on descriptive vocabulary and powerful verbs. Year 1 will continue to develop their use of phonics within their writing, as well as focusing on sequencing sentences to form a short narrative. Year 2 will be considering verb and adverb choices, as well as creating interesting descriptive sentences. Later in the term our focus will shift to non-fiction instructions about how to make a Christmas card. We will focus on the key features of an instruction text and create our own.
- Phonics: Year 2 will continue to secure their Phase 5 sounds, focusing on unusual graphemes and spellings. Year 1 will continue to learn Phase 5 alternative spellings through our daily phonics lessons. We will be continuing with our Little Wandle reading groups and the children will still be receiving their weekly reading books for you to read at home with them.
- Maths: We will be focusing on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction this term. Year 1 will focus on addition and subtraction within 10, before extending their learning beyond 10, using a range of concrete resources before writing number sentences, as well as beginning to recognise fact families. Year 2 will be focusing on 2 digit numbers, adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers as well as adding and subtracting across a 10.
- Science: Our Science topic this term is Everyday Materials. We will be exploring materials and their properties, as well as carrying out a range of investigations to discover why materials are suitable for certain jobs. We will be learning to describe properties using scientific vocabulary, as well as recognising how to conduct a fair test.
- RE: In RE our key question will be "What does Christmas mean to Christians?". We will cover the Nativity story, as well as the meaning of 'incarnation'. We will be retelling the Christmas story through our very own Nativity at the end of the term. Please do come and watch.

Our PE lessons this term will be on **Monday and Wednesday afternoons**. We will be exploring Dance





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and game creation. In DT we will be looking at levers, whilst in PSHE we will be exploring "Celebrating Differences". It promises to be a great term.

Homework

Reading is hugely important in all stages of development, but particularly in KS1. We ask that all children are reading at least 5 times a week and that this is then recorded in their reading journals. This helps us to expose the children to a variety of rich texts as well as regularly modelling reading to them.

Please continue to use Numbots, a Maths program that improves the children's fluency and understanding.

Christian Value

Each term we will focus on a different school value. This term, our whole school value is **Independence**.

Throughout the term, we will explore this value in our classrooms and during whole school collective worship, encouraging children to show love through their words, actions, and attitudes towards their learning, their lives, and others around them. We will talk about how love can be expressed in simple, everyday ways, such as kindness, patience, and respect. To celebrate and encourage this, each Friday we will present **Value Awards** to children who have been shining examples of love in action. We hope this focus will inspire our pupils to create a caring and supportive school community where everyone feels valued. Please see our term 1 values flyer for more information.

Love 

Independence 

Generosity 

Honesty 

Teamwork 