



Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

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Term	3		

We are so pleased to welcome the children back to an exciting Term 3 at St John's Meads. This term we are very lucky to be joined by Mr Wilson, who is training to become a teacher and will be spending this term with us. Our learning this term is very exciting and promises to challenge and engage all the children. I am particularly excited for our computing sessions, using our brand-new Purple Mash program. We are looking forward to another brilliant term and we cannot wait to share it with you.

Main Areas of Learning to be covered

- English: Our English focus this term will be on setting description and dialogue. We will explore and write a journey tale, inspired by 'The Journey Home' a story of animals having to leave their homes to find a new place to live. It will not only develop the children's writing, but also their understanding of the world around them. Year 1 will develop their use of adjectives whilst Year 2 will focus on how punctuation can be used to show speech. Later in the term we will turn our attention to diary writing, exploring the key features and using it to recount our own experiences.
- Phonics: Year 2 will be moving onto the Little Wandle Bridge to Spelling module. This will introduce spelling patterns, unusual graphemes and other significant spelling learning. 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 begin the term by focusing on Shape, exploring 2D and 3D shapes, including symmetry and ways in which we can describe shapes using mathematical language. Year 1 will then be focusing on numbers within 20. Securing their understanding of these numbers and operations involving them, including number bonds. Year 2 will finish the term by learning about multiplication and division, including introducing the symbols for both operations.
- Science: Our Science topic this term is Living things and their Habitats. We will explore a range of different animals and consider where they live, why they live there and how their bodies suit their habitat. This will involve outdoor explorations and habitat building, to truly bring our learning to life.
- RE: In RE our key question will be "Who is Jewish and how do they live?". We will explore Judaism, recognising key events and symbols. We will consider why these are important to Jewish people and how they compare to other religious events or symbols.

Our PE lessons this term will be on **Monday and Wednesday afternoons**. We will be exploring Dance and game creation. In Art we will be looking at colour mixing, whilst in PSHE we will be exploring "Celebrating Differences". In Computing we will be introducing our Purple Mash program and learning





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about picture creation. We will share more about Purple Mash soon. It promises to be an exciting 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.

We will share more information about Purple Mash and the way it can be used at home, later in the term. We are excited about the ways in which it will enrich the children's home learning.

Christian Value

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

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.

