



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	5		

Welcome to Term 5, one of my favourite terms, as the weather gets warmer and we see Spring in full force. This term is an exciting one, with plenty of outdoor learning, brilliant texts to read and a beach trip as part of our sculpture and drawing Art topic. The children have already made a fantastic start to the term, showing careful and considered measurement in Maths, as well as inspiring vocabulary in their writing. It promises to be another amazing term!

Main Areas of Learning to be covered

- English: Our English focus this term will be on writing a finding tale. A story where a character finds something interesting that changes their experience. We will be working on using conjunctions to extend and improve our ideas, as well as powerful language and suspense to engage and interest our reader. Our model text links to our Science learning on Plants and is set in the jungle where a girl finds a strange wooden box with a beautiful secret inside. Ask the children to retell the story to find out more! We will also be writing persuasive letters as part of our non-fiction learning this term. We will be considering ways we can keep our rainforests and jungles safe, and how we can share these ideas in a persuasive way.
- Phonics: Year 2 will continue their Little Wandle Spelling sessions, to help them identify important spelling patterns and become more confident in spelling words correctly. Year 1 will be recapping and reviewing their learning so far as we move towards the Phonics Screening check at the beginning of Term 6. We will share more information about this in the near future. 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: Both Year 1 and Year 2 will begin the term looking at height and length, measuring objects using centimetres and metres. We will also be working on our ruler skills to draw lines of a certain length. We will then turn our attention to different measurements such as mass, volume and temperature as we apply our maths knowledge to the world around us. Finally, Year 1 will learn the early foundations of multiplication and division while Year 2 will begin to look at fractions.
- Science: Our Science topic this term is plants, with a particular focus on where they come from and what they need to survive. This will include comparing seeds, bulbs and beans as well as planting some of our own. We will also be exploring the plants around us and recognising their features.
- RE: In RE our learning will focus on what it means to be part of a faith community. We will explore what it means to belong to different religions and similarities and differences between them.

Our PE lessons this term will continue to be on **Monday and Wednesday afternoons**. We will be





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practicing our kicking, hitting and throwing skills, as well as our athletics as we gear up for sports day. In Art we will be exploring sculpture and drawing, whilst in PSHE we will be thinking about the relationships we have with those around us and what makes them special. In Computing we will be using Purple Mash to learn more about coding. This is something the children can also explore at home using their Purple Mash logins.

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. As part of our initiative to promote reading, children will also be able to earn raffle tickets for their reading which give them a chance to win a book.

Christian Value

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

