



Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

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Term	6		

Welcome to Term 6, I cannot believe how quickly it has arrived. The final term of the year promises to be an exciting one, with our trip to Drusillas on the arrival, as well as our local trips to the beach and the Downs. This term will also include Sports Day and a whole host of wonderful learning, with the children putting everything they have learnt through the year into practice, as well as starting some brand-new topics. It promises to be brilliant!

Main Areas of Learning to be covered

- English: Our English focus this term will be on writing a meeting tale, using speech to show how characters interact. We will use the text *The Poppy that Spoke* to help us to do this, bringing everyday objects to life. We will also be increasing the quantity of our writing along with our writing stamina, preparing the children for next year. Our non-fiction focus will link closely to our DT topic of Cooking and Nutrition, centring around the text *Oliver's vegetables*, with the children writing instructions on how to plant fruit and veg. We are also focusing on the children's handwriting this term. In Year 1 the focus is on letter formation, ensuring the correct direction, position and size. Year 2 are continuing to practice their joining techniques to help get them ready for Year 3. Practice both in school and at home, go along way to helping children build their stamina and quality in their writing.
- 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 building up to their Phonics Screen in Week 2 and then looking at unusual and rare alternative spellings to help them increase their fluency and awareness in reading. 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 time, telling the time using time phrases such as half-past and quarter to. Year 2 will extend this by telling the time to 5 minutes. We will then spend some time exploring money before Year 1 turn their attention to Place value within 100 and Year 2 look at statistics, with the opportunity to apply their Maths knowledge to real world contexts.
- Science: Our Science topic this term continues to be plants, with a particular focus on their life cycle. This will include monitoring the plants we have planted, looking at different types of trees and comparing flowers based on their features.
- RE: In RE our learning will focus on the good news that Jesus brought to the world. We will explore what the word gospel means and the things that Christians can learn through the actions and words of Jesus, as well as how we ourselves can share the same good news.

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





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athletics as we gear up for sports day. In DT we will be exploring cooking and nutrition, whilst in PSHE we will be thinking about Changing Me as part of our Jigsaw learning. In Computing we will be using Purple Mash to learn how to use data and ways to represent this through graphs and tables. We will also be making music and beats towards the end of term. In History our focus will be on Queen Elizabeth II and the way that life changed through her long reign. This will include comparing jobs, food, technology and more, over the last 90 years.

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.

Handwriting- We are focusing on handwriting and letter formation this term in school. It is important that the children are practicing this where possible at home, with adults modelling correct letter formation consistently. To help with this, the children will be bringing home letter formation sheets which show how to correctly form each letter.

Christian Values

This term we will be focusing on our British Values and the way in which they link to our school's Christian Values. We will explore, Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance and Individual Liberty through class discussions, whole school debates and focused Worship assemblies. We will learn more about why these values are important and the impact they have on our everyday lives.

