



Curriculum Overviews

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the reverse of this letter you will find an overview of the different things your child will be learning this term. Please look at this and, whenever possible, keep talking to your child about what they are learning. Also, it is really important that children have an adult or older brother or sister to read to at home.

Please look on the website for examples of how you can help your child with their reading. Parents sometimes feel that their child should be reading more challenging books because they appear to read a book easily. Please remember that children also need to show that they understand what a book is about not simply be able to read the words; we follow a very clear system (called PM benchmarking) that strikes a balance between being able to read and being able to understand.

It is also really important to spend time talking with your children and encouraging them to talk in complete sentences; this is one of our key learning targets for the year – children from Nursery to Year 6 should all be talking in sentences and explaining what they think or, for older children, explaining their learning.

For children who speak English as a second language please make sure that they speak their home language as much as possible at home – this will help them understand how language works and will make them better learners of English in the long term.

Yours Sincerely,

Richard Stone
Headteacher

Diary Dates

January

31st Year 3 to Richard III exhibition

February

2nd Canals Trust with 4M all day

2nd Class photographs

3rd Canals Trust with 4H all day

3rd 5C class assembly

6th Governors' Meeting

7th Y1 - Y3 Disco

9th Y4 – Y6 Disco

10th School closes for half term

Holidays or visits abroad

Please do not forget that children have approximately 13 weeks when they are not at school. We expect that all families will make sure that children are not taken out of school during term time. Permission will not be granted except under exceptional circumstances.

Following a court case last year, parents will not automatically be fined but please be aware that if your child's attendance is below 95% already then taking them out of school, whatever the reason, is likely to result in a penalty notice.

Please note that medical appointments abroad can be booked around school holidays.