

# CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 6 - Summer 1



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Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 6 pupils,

In **English**, we will be focusing on SATS revision, reviewing key grammar, punctuation and spelling rules. Following this, we will be writing our own scary stories using the Literacy Shed film 'Alma'. We aim to building up character, setting and plot, focusing on creating purposeful dialogue that creates character and advances the plot!

**Supporting learning at home:** Please ensure that your child practises their weekly spellings and encourage regular handwriting practice at home!

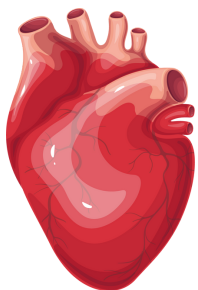
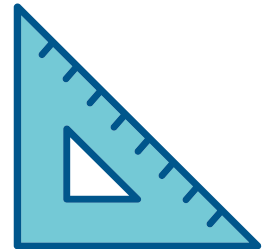


Our new class book is '**Show us who you are!**' by Ellie McNicoll. This books links to our PSHE teaching of mutual respect, with the main protagonist, Cora, being autistic.

**Supporting learning at home:** As always, do encourage your child to read a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction. Year 6 children should read for a minimum of 30 minutes a day and for each book your child reads, they can complete an Accelerated Reader quiz to earn points eventually becoming a Word Millionaire and more! Please model reading for pleasure by ensuring that your child sees you reading too!

In **Mathematics**, we will be furthering the children's knowledge of **shape and statistics**. Children will look at 2D and 3D shapes, looking at key terminology such as face, edge vertices as well as drawing and creating nets of 3D shapes. When looking at statistics, we will recap line graphs, bar graphs and pie charts.

**Supporting learning at home:** Please ensure that they complete 30-40 minutes of their revision booklets each day, focusing on areas that they find trickier.



Following pupils' learning of the Digestive system in Year 4, we will now look at the **Circulatory System** in **Science**. Pupils will be able to describe the main functions of the heart as well as the different components of blood. We'll also study the impact of drugs, exercise and diet on our heart's health. Our investigation for the unit will look at pulse and beats per minute. Excitingly, we will also be welcoming in a friend of the school, Sam Gamper, to help teach pupils more about how to look after the heart, basic first aid and even CPR!

**Supporting learning home:** You can help your child by encouraging good heart health through regular physical fitness and eating well!

In **History**, we will be exploring what the United States of America was like in the 1950s, looking at **Civil Rights**. We will be learning about inspirational figures including Oliver Brown, Rosa Parks and Dr Martin Luther King Jr. This will link to pupils' historical learning including the Transatlantic Slave Trade in Year 5 and our learning during Black History Month in October.

**Supporting learning at home:** Is history your passion too? Extending learning at home together will get your child into really good study habits!



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In **Art**, we will be looking at **Sculpture!** Pupils will begin to look back over their time at Exwick Heights Primary School, creating a 3D memory collage. We will create memory boxes, using carving, modelling, casting and construction to create our pieces.

**Supporting learning at home:** We are looking for donations of shoeboxes. Please bring one in after Easter!

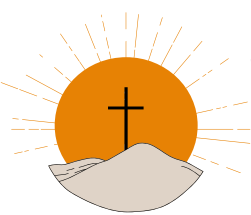


In our **Physical Education** sessions, we will be looking at **Rounders** and **TriGolf!** In Rounders, we will look at tactical bowling, tracking and catching high balls, using planned fielding and using tactics when running around bases to avoid overtakes. We will play competitive games, focusing on team work and sportsmanship. In TriGolf, our main goal is to enjoy a new sport! We will practise our swing, using accurate aim and appropriate force, before setting up our own courses on the field.

**Supporting learning at home:** encouraging physical fitness. This can take the form of encouraging your child to join an active club or simply just going for family walks!

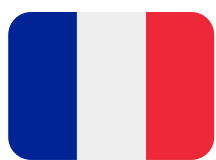
This term's **PSHE** is all about **Relationships**. This topic will involve understanding what healthy relationships are - both friendships and family relationships. Children will also learn about Cyberbullying and we will reiterate the message that they must apply the same kindness online as they do face to face.

**Supporting learning at home:** To support your child at home, please speak to your child about healthy and appropriate behaviours online, in particular on apps such as Whatsapp which are generally rated 13+. Reducing screen time can help with mental health too!



In **RE**, we will be looking at the big question, **'For Christians, what kind of King was Jesus?'** The unit is all about trying to transform the world. We will explore the idea that Christians believe Jesus came to Earth to get people into heaven but also make the world more like heaven through parables. We will look at what it means for Christians to be part of the 'kingdom of God', learning about a belief in heaven affects how Christians feel and how they live their lives.

In our **Music** lessons, we will begin work towards our production: **The Lion King!** We will host auditions and cast the roles, before continuing to learn songs and beginning to learn lines. We will begin to stage the production, even looking at the dancing too!



In **French**, we use the scheme Salut to explore 'The Future'. Our main aim will be to practise using the future tense in the context of 'I am going', 'This weekend' and 'Tomorrow'.

**Supporting learning at home:** There are lots of apps to help with language learning - try Duolingo with your child.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher directly or email [admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk).

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