

CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 3 - Summer 1



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Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 3 pupils,

In **English**, the children will be exploring a range of Greek myths, such as 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and they will be writing their own atmospheric fight scenes. They will also create their own cracking contraptions and write an explanation text.

How to support your child at home: Every week, please practice their spellings and access SPELLING SHED. You could visit a library and read some /Greek myths of your own.



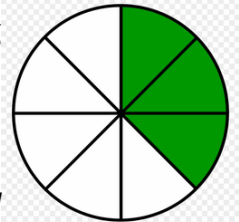
Reading themes will include **Forces, Earth Day, Ancient Greece** and **Monsters**. We will also revisit our Geography topic from Autumn term and read texts linked to **Mountains**.

Remember, the children can complete AR quizzes both at home and in school.

How to support your child at home: When reading together, use the bookmarks given out on parents evening to support your child's reading. Please ensure the children have their reading journal and reading book in school every day.

In **Maths**, we will be learning all about **fractions**. This will include learning how to order and compare fractions and even add and subtract fractions. We will also be learning about measuring **capacity** and **weight**. Following this, we will learn about **money** including how to calculate change.

How to support your child at home: When in the kitchen, discuss how to measure out ingredients. Allow your child to explore using scales and measuring jugs etc.. Explore counting out pennies and taking different amounts away from totals of coins.



In **Science**, we will be learning about **Forces and Magnets**. In this unit, we will cover friction, air resistance and magnets. This term, the children will be planning and carrying out their own fair tests.

How to support your child at home: Enjoy playing with magnets, toy cars and exploring pushes and pulls. Notice where magnets are used when out and about and around the home.

We will be studying **Ancient Greece** in **History**; the children will learn about how Ancient Greece was organised, what the Ancient Greeks believed, the Olympic games and who Alexander the Great was.

How to support your child at home: Take a trip to the local library and find books about Ancient Greece. Use YouTube (supervised) to look at ancient Greek ruins.



In **Art**, we will be developing our drawing skills by exploring shading and different techniques to create botanical inspired drawings. We will also be making Greek coil pots from clay.

How to support your child at home: Create opportunities for children to sketch flowers and plants.

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For our **indoor Physical Education** lessons, we will be practising our **Volleyball** skills. The children will learn how to serve overarm, the value of co-operation and different techniques to play a volleyball game. In **outdoor sessions**, the children will be playing **Athletics**. Here, they will focus on running at different speeds, throwing javelins and how to approach and jump a hurdle.

How to support your child at home: Encourage your child to take part in different exercises and keep fit. Ensure they have the correct PE kit in school.

Our **PSHE** focus is **Relationships** where the children will be discussing how to deal with friendship conflicts, showing respect and how to help themselves when they feel hurt or upset. They will be reflecting on the different types of relationships they have.

Supporting learning at home: Talking to your child about strategies for managing upset will develop their skills in this area.

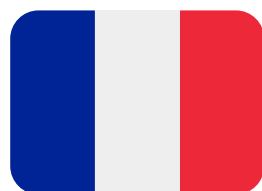
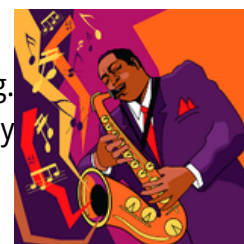


In **RE**, our question will be 'What kind of world would Jesus want? We will be exploring stories from the New Testament, which include 'The Good Samaritan'. We will be learning about the disciples and how Jesus used miracles to teach people how to be good and look after the world.

Supporting learning at home: Can you talk to your child about a time you have been helped by someone or a time you have been the helping hand?

In **Music**, we will be learning about ragtime style music, traditional jazz and scat singing. Children create a jazz motif using a swung rhythm. We will also continue to enjoy our weekly singing sessions with Ms Willett.

Supporting learning at home: Simply help your child develop a love of music by listening together.



The children will continue to learn new **French** vocabulary with a focus on food. The children will learn the French names for different food and to ask others what they like to eat.

Supporting learning at home: Please continue to count with the children at home in French. There are lots of French stories and videos to watch on BBC Bitesize together.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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