

CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 3 - Spring 1



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Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 3 pupils,

In **Writing**, the children will start by writing information texts about a plant (or group of plants) of their choice. Our book is 'The Big Book of Blooms' which was produced in association with the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew. It is a model text for how to engagingly present flower facts in short sections amid bright, bold illustrations. Children will learn how to describe the plants factually using expanded noun phrases and adverbials. They will also learn about the key features of informative writing.



In **Reading** this half term, the children will continue to read three times a week in a group supported by an adult who will support their fluency and comprehension. After our class book the 'The Wild Robot' our new book will be 'Leonora Bolt' which we hope will inspire some future inventors in year 3! **Supporting your child at home:** Please ensure your child is reading regularly. They will continue to be able to do AR quizzes in school. Please ensure the children have their reading journal and library (reading) book in school **every day**.

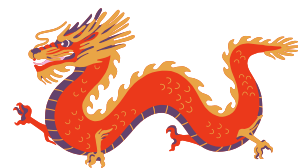
In **Maths**, we will be continuing our learning on Multiplication and Division where we will continue to develop mental and written strategies for multiplying and dividing - these include arrays, flexible partitioning, remainders and simple written methods.

Supporting your child at home: Encourage your child by talking about maths in the world around them and to practise on SPARX and Sumdog regularly.



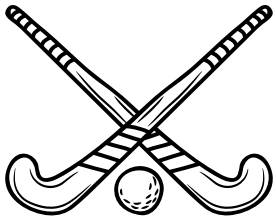
In **Science**, we will be studying **Plants**. We will focus on identifying and describing different parts of flowering parts. Throughout the lessons, we will complete experiments including what plants need for life and growth, investigate how water is transported within plants and learn pollination through animals. **Supporting your child at home:** You can help your child by finding out more about this topic at the local park, library or online.

We will be studying **the Shang Dynasty** in **History**; the children will learn about how this ancient Chinese Dynasty began, what life was like, what they believed in and about the different kinds of Emperors. Asking questions about what they have learned will help them, will help them become great historians! **Supporting your child at home:** You can help your child by researching the Shang Dynasty or delving deeper into other ancient Chinese dynasties.



In **Art**, we will be developing our artist skills before creating our own botanical drawing linking back to our science and writing units. They will be developing their sketching, shading, texture and observation skills. **Supporting your child at home:** You can help by discovering how shades effect how something looks and gaining more knowledge on different botanical plants!

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For our **outdoor Physical Education** lessons, we will be practising hockey and attending a Tag Rugby Tournament. In **indoor PE** sessions, we will be looking at handball, basic passing and catching skills, defensive techniques and implementing the rules of handball. We will also have our West Exe Tournament on the 22nd January 2025. **Supporting your child at home:** *Encourage your child to be active daily to help them improve their stamina and physical health! Simply going for a family walk or playing outside is perfect!*

Our **PSHE** focus is **Dreams and Goals** where the children will focus on setting personal targets and the strategies to get to their goals. We are aspirational for our children and believe that encouraging them to look at the world through the perspectives of others is an important part of being a great citizen. On the 3rd February it is Children's Mental Health Week so we will be exploring different ways to improve our wellbeing.

Supporting your child at home: *Enjoy open discussions with your child about their views of the world around them.*



In **RE**, our focus is: **Festivals of Islam**. We will learn about Islamic worship, the Mosque, the Five Pillars and different festivals.

Supporting your child at home: *Consider talking about your child's beliefs and how it compares to others.*

In Computing we will be creating our own stop-motion animations. Children will have the opportunity to plan their own mini animation, design the characters, setting and storyline before using computers to record their animations!

Supporting your child at home: *Please support your child at home by giving consistent reminders about online safety.*



We are really looking forward to our trip to Bickton Botanical gardens (Week commencing 10th February 2025) which will give the children the chance to gain more knowledge whilst putting their learning into action from science, art and writing!

Please continue to support your child with their home learning and send in photos/videos to the Year 3 home learning email address.

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. If you have any concerns or want to bring something to our attention, please don't hesitate to ask one of us.



Yours sincerely,

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