

CURRICULUM LETTER

Year 3 - Spring 2



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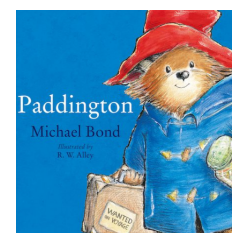
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Monday 24th February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers of Exwick Heights Year 3 pupils,

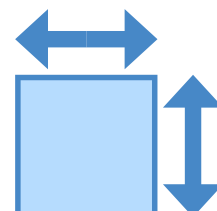
In **Writing**, the children will be introduced to the text **Paddington Goes To Town** where they will learn how to write a short story based on Paddington Bear. They will be learning about developing characters, plot and planning their own stories in the style of Michael Bond. The children will focus on punctuation for speech and paragraphing ideas.

Supporting learning at home by: Encouraging your child to practise joining their handwriting and practising their spellings using SPELLING SHED.

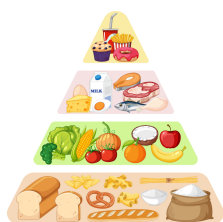


Reading themes will include **Keeping Healthy, Jewish festivals, Classic Novels and Awesome Authors**. Please support your child at home by: Encourage your child to read a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction. The benefits of reading cannot be underestimated. Ensure that your child sees that you enjoy reading too! Remember you can complete AR quizzes both at home and in school. Please ensure you have your reading journal and book in school **every day**.

In **Maths**, we will be starting length and perimeter. We will be exploring how to measure in m, cm and mm whilst starting to understand what the perimeter of different objects and shapes are. Then we will start our exciting topic into fractions. **Supporting learning at home:** Talk about maths in the world around them and practise on SPARX and Sumdog.

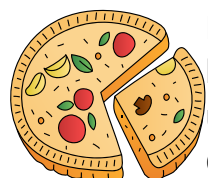


In **Science**, we will be studying **Nutrition**. We will be learning about different food groups, nutrient groups and the diets of other animals. A focus on a balanced diet will be a key part of this unit. **Supporting learning at home:** Use meal times at home as an opportunity to discuss this further and see what your child can tell you.



In our next **Geography** unit, we will also be studying **Villages, Towns and Cities**. The children will learn about the differences between these settlements. They will explore how settlements are designed and will investigate population and mega-cities. The children will conduct fieldwork in the local area with a focus on land usage.

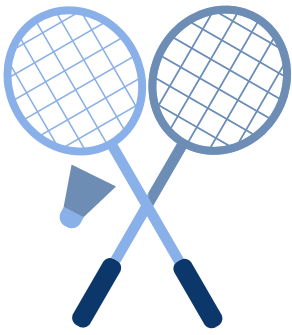
Supporting learning at home: Discuss local villages, towns and cities and their differences.



In **DT**, we will be exploring **Eating Seasonally** through **Cooking and Nutrition**. The children will learn which fruit and vegetables grow in different countries and climates. Additionally, they will understand that seasonal fruits and vegetables grow at different times. At the end of the unit, they will design and make a tart using seasonal ingredients.

Supporting learning at home: Discuss different fruits and vegetables they eat and where they come from.

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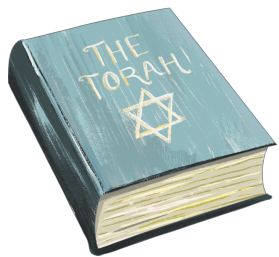


For our **indoor Physical Education** lessons, we will be practising our **Badminton** skills. The children will learn different strokes and will participate in mini matches. In **outdoor sessions** the children will be playing **Basketball**. Here, they will focus on their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. If time and weather allow, we will have some intra-school matches between Year 3 classes.

Supporting learning at home: *Encourage them to be active wherever possible.*

Our **PSHE** focus is **Healthy Me** which links brilliantly with our Science and DT topics! Here the children will learn about making healthy choices in their diets, lifestyles and explore activities they can do to improve their mental well-being.

Supporting learning at home: *Discuss the healthy choices they can make day-to-day to support their physical and mental health e.g. regularly drinking water, discussing their feelings or being active.*



In **RE**, we will be studying the daily life, worship and festivals celebrated by the Jewish people. We will learn about the Synagogue, the Torah and Passover. Support your child at home by: discussing the different religions they have learnt about so far and their similarities and differences.

Supporting learning at home: *Discuss different beliefs from around the world at home.*

In **Music**, we will be exploring the Sound of Music and learning new skills on the glockenspiels! The children will learn different pitch, notes and tempos to ensure they can play a piece of music as a class 'band' or solely.

Supporting learning at home: *Explore different genres of music.*



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.

Yours sincerely,

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