



## Great Gaddesden C of E (VA) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

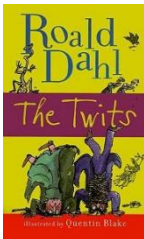
This letter outlines the curriculum for Years 3 and 4 for the Spring Term. We are keen to share with you what we are learning in school in order for you to support your child/ren at home.

In **Maths** this term we will be studying the following units: Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Statistic, Measurement, Geometry: Properties of Shape, Geometry: Position and Direction as well as developing our mental maths skills and our problem-solving skills.



In addition we will be focusing upon the rapid recall of multiplication facts and the corresponding division fact.

In **English** this term we will be studying the following units: Explanation texts, Instructions and Poetry. We will also be paying particular attention to the rules of English grammar including the rules of speech, sentence types and the use of conjunctions. We will be using the works of Roald Dahl to inspire the children with their writing and have an exciting trip planned to the Roald Dahl Museum.



Our learning in **RE** is around sacred texts, in particular the Sikh and Christian faiths. We will study what why these texts are so special and how they influence the way people live.

In our **Science** lessons we will be studying Plants. This will include the structure of plants, looking at soil nutrients, how a plant photosynthesises and transports water, a plant's lifecycle, how it might disperse its seeds and finally growing our own plant to investigate how best to grow a healthy plant.

**Computing** – We will be studying the unit of work, We are presenters. The children will be creating a video performance and they will also be creating a travel slideshow using PowerPoint.



In **Geography** this term the children will be comparing and contrasting the physical and human geography of Cornwall. We will be looking at the physical features of the county and

why it is regarded as a centre for tourism, we may even be sampling a cream tea!

During our **Art** lessons the children will be learning different techniques in collage as well as studying the work of the Cornish artist Alfred Wallis.



In **Music** this term, children will be learning about pitch and dynamics, with Miss Vineyard. These lessons are delivered as part of the Hertfordshire Wider Opportunities Music Scheme.

During our **P.E.** and **Games** lessons we will be swimming, learning various skills in athletics and also readying ourselves for country dancing.

During **PSHE** we will discuss the relationships we have, and how we can fall in and out with friends. In particular, how we can look for clues in how people might respond to things so that know how they might feel.

Finally, **homework** will be set on a Wednesday ready to be handed back into school on Monday. Homework will consist of one written piece of homework linking to work children have done in class, a times table and spelling list to practise over the week as well as a grammar focus for their reading and a Mymaths task. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's homework please feel free to leave a comment in their homework book or come and see us. We really appreciate your input and support.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries regarding the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jessop and Mrs Lilley