

YEAR 3 CURRICULUM SHEET**SPRING TERM 2010**

SUBJECT	CONTENT
R.E.	Topics for this term will be 'The Meaning of Signs and Symbols in Religion' and 'What do we know about Jesus?'
ENGLISH	Reading continues to be an important focus in this term. The girls will compare, listen to and write their own poems to perform learning about word play, rhythm and rhyme. They will also learn about instructions and the importance of sequencing, explanations and verb tense. Myths will be studied in which descriptive language, character development and story structure are all focussed on. Use of language features such as similes and metaphors will be practised as well as discussing alternative story endings. Throughout these units the girls will be encouraged to edit and self correct their own pieces of work. Handwriting and spelling skills are extended further.
MATHEMATICS	Topics for this term will include Number work, Time, Fractions, Money using the decimal point, Directions of the Compass, Multiplication and more work on Addition, Subtraction and Shape. Weekly tables, Mental Mathematics and Problem Solving will continue.
SCIENCE	We will begin the term by looking at Magnets and Springs as an introduction to Forces later in Junior School. After half term we will look at how to help plants grow well. The girls will learn the conditions needed to establish healthy plants by observing the new growth of spring.
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY	The topic this term will be Moving Vehicles. The girls will study cutting and joining techniques. The principles of wheels and axles will be taught resulting in a wooden frame on wheels.
ICT	The girls will be learning how to edit paragraphs and headings in MS Word. They will then be learning how to use a graphics package. They will also be learning the basics of email and the internet.
GEOGRAPHY	In Geography the girls will develop ideas about weather conditions around the world. Mapping skills will continue to be developed through this topic. The girls will compare the climate of the UK with Australia and the effect on people's lives.
FRENCH	Our work will cover the topics of Music, bigger Numbers and Birthday Celebrations.
ART	The girls will be studying The Impressionists, with the focus on Monet.
MUSIC	We will look at the brass and percussion families of the orchestra. We will be creating melodies using a pentatonic scale. We will continue to develop an understanding of pulse and rhythm through games and activities and will also be looking at tempo. During the term we will be singing songs and rounds and continuing to learn the recorder through a variety of methods.
P.E.	Movement work in gymnastics and dance will focus on sequences with and without a partner. Games will continue to present a variety of tasks and situations leading to major games. In swimming, the girls will continue to work on stroke production and water confidence activities.