

# Curriculum Overview

## Autumn 1 2023

### Rowan Tree Class

Dear families,

We hope you had a fantastic summer break filled with joy and relaxation.

This Autumn Term, our focus will be on exploring and understanding our local area - the vibrant and significant neighbourhood of Hoxton. We believe that Hoxton holds immense importance for our children, families, and community.

Our project "Sustainable Hackney" will be a key part of our learning adventure. Through this investigation, we will delve into solutions for the challenges of today, with the ultimate goal of creating a sustainable future for Hackney. It's an opportunity for our young learners to develop problem-solving skills and critical thinking, all while contributing positively to their community.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or simply want to chat about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can book a meeting with me through the school office, and I'll be more than happy to connect. Let's work together to make this Autumn Term a memorable and enriching experience for our young learners. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Miss Kaur



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### **Important information:**

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
  - Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

## Key dates

A colorful poster with a blue background and autumn leaves. At the top, a banner reads '06.09.23 - 20.10.23' and 'Important dates for: Autumn First Half Term 2023'. Below are several orange boxes with dates and event details.

**22nd September** **Jeans for Genes Day**  
Children wear Jeans and bring £1 for charity!  
(School jumper and shoes as normal)

**September & October** **Meet the Teacher sessions (at 8:45 - 9:45am)**  
Monday 25th September - Year 4    Tuesday 26th September - Year 6  
Friday 29th September - Year 5    Monday 2nd October - Year 1  
Wednesday 9th October - Year 2    Monday 9th October - Year 3

**27th September 8-45am** **MacMillan's World's biggest Coffee Morning**  
We invite parents to bring a cake and join with other parents for a lovely morning of coffee and chat as we raise money for MacMillan.

**3rd October 8-45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Learning to read (Phonics) in Reception  
We will be exploring how children in Reception are learning to read and how you can support at home.

**11th October 8-45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Learning to read (Phonics) in Year 1 and 2  
We will be exploring how children in year 1 and 2 are learning to read and how you can support at home.

**18th October 8-45am** **Parent's Coffee morning:**  
Online Safety Meeting  
Exploring the current risks, understanding age restrictions and top hints and tips to stay safe.

**20th October** **Last Day of Half term**  
School ends @3:30pm

### *Reading*

In their reading lessons this Autumn Term, Year 3 will explore a diverse range of texts, honing their reading comprehension skills and expanding their vocabulary. The students will learn to analyse and interpret different writing styles and textual features. They will develop strategies to infer meanings, identify main ideas, and make connections within the text. By focusing on key comprehension skills, such as summarising, predicting, and sequencing, students will gain a deeper understanding of the texts they encounter.

### *RE*

Students will delve into the "big story" told within the Bible, which encompasses themes of creation, humanity's relationship with the divine, redemption, and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Through interactive discussions and engaging activities, students will discover the Bible's narrative structure, tracing the journey of characters and events that shape the Christian faith.

### *Computing*

This unit introduces students to the exciting realm of programming and creativity. Through hands-on activities and interactive learning, students will learn the basics of coding, exploring how to give instructions to computers and make animations come to life.

### *PE days*

PE this term is on **Fridays**. Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE uniform.

### *Writing*

They will explore key grammar concepts, such as using punctuation accurately, constructing well-formed sentences, and applying subject-verb agreement, while delving into writing genres such as character descriptions, persuasive letters, narrative storytelling, and persuasive speech writing. Through crafting character descriptions, students will enhance their vocabulary and understanding of character traits. By composing persuasive letters, they will refine their persuasive skills and argumentative techniques. The narrative genre will enable them to create imaginative tales, fostering storytelling abilities, including dialogue punctuation and descriptive language.

### *Maths*

They will explore the fundamental idea of how the position of a digit in a number affects its value. Students will grasp the significance of tens, hundreds, and thousands position in the place value chart, being able to read, write, and compare numbers accurately. By understanding place value, students will build a strong foundation for more complex mathematical operations in the future.

### *History / Geography*

Year 3 will engage in an inspiring journey known as "Sustainable Hackney." Aligned with the Year 3 curriculum, this investigation focuses on finding innovative solutions to address present-day challenges, with the aim of creating a sustainable future for Hackney.

### *Science*

Students will uncover the fundamental concepts behind various forces like pushing, pulling, and friction, gaining a deeper understanding of how these forces shape our everyday experiences. Additionally, the exploration of magnets will reveal the mysterious allure of magnetic fields and how they influence objects in their surroundings.

*This half term in  
Year 3 we are  
thinking, learning  
and remembering...*



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*Our class reader this half term is...*

