



# Meare Village Primary School

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Dear Families

## Curriculum Overviews

You will by now have seen the curriculum overviews for your child's class for Term 1 and I would like to explain how they have been developed.

We will still teach discrete subjects, and encourage children to refine those disciplinary skills and we will impart and revisit key knowledge within each subject that enables the children to make connections between each lesson and commit their learning to long-term memory.

What we have developed is cohesion across the curriculum through a single, school-wide concept of either 'power', 'culture', or 'people and places'. The teachers have devised a key 'umbrella' question that all learning links back to. We are developing *oracy* in school this year and we are encouraging a lot more discussion, so through continuously forming responses to this question, children can make sense of their learning and make connections to their own lives and experiences.

The three philosophical words (for example *influence*, *perseverance* and *strength*) are all words that link to the concept of 'power' but children can now start making meaningful links to other areas of their learning, and their own lives, to deepen their understanding.



Please encourage discussion at home, particularly around the umbrella question, the key concept and the philosophical words - the more you talk, the deeper their understanding!

Yours sincerely

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