

12US

Curriculum Newsletter



Our Values...

Welcoming Teamwork
Friendship Trust
Independence Fun!

'Humanities' is our whole school curriculum priority for the Autumn Term.

A Humanities Curriculum Day will take place this term for the whole school, with lots of exciting activities planned which will focus on History, Geography, RE and British Values.

Festivals of the Month

September: Sukkot
October: Dussehra
November: Diwali
December: Christmas

Art

Art activities will be inspired by the colours of Autumn and the natural environment. Some pupils will focus on producing art work for the AQA GCSE Art course and some will be accredited through the OCR Unit Award scheme. Pupils will produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences in a sketchbook by using a variety of materials and techniques. Pupils will be given the opportunity to talk about and write about the work of the artist and express their own opinions and ideas about their own work.

Music

Pupils will focus on developing their keyboard skills and follow Charanga's Beginner Keyboard Course with adaptations, where necessary. They will learn the basics of music notation and how to translate these into a simplified system, using specific colours for each pitch and different lengths of shapes for note duration. The class will follow the scheme as a group, developing essential ensemble skills in addition to improving their individual performance targets.

Science

Pupils will be working towards their WJEC Entry Pathways 'Science Today' qualification. This term they will begin work on the 'Light and Sound' module through which they will investigate the properties of light and sound in practical experiments. They will also learn about the importance of light for communication purposes. Following a successful pilot project last year we will be continuing a partnership with Post-16 pupils from Bromsgrove School and experiencing some hands on, enquiry based sessions with these students both at Chadsgrove and Bromsgrove School.

PE, Swimming and Fitness

BTEC Level 1 Introductory in Sport takes place on Mondays, the pupils will study two units; Developing a Personal Progression Plan and Playing Sport.

Friday is core PE: some pupils will be studying Entry Level PE, the focus for this half term is fitness and table games. Pupils need to wear appropriate footwear and bring a change of t-shirt.

The pupils will take part in an outdoor adventurous activity during the year.

English

Pupils will be working towards the WJEC Unit 'Exploring Narratives'. They will be learning to identify the main components of narratives, identify where they are set and be able to describe the main events that take place.

Pupils will study a range of narratives from different genres, which may include the texts 'Skellig', 'Holes', 'Stuart Little', 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Lord of the Flies'.

Food Technology

Pupils in 12US will be focusing on extending their learning about energy and nutrients, nutritional needs through life, health issues and digestion. All pupils will have the opportunity to prepare some simple savoury and sweet dishes by following simple instructions in the kitchen with an autumnal theme. There will also be an emphasis placed on the importance of basic safety and hygiene rules in the kitchen.

Maths

Miss Jemma's group (Set 1) will be working towards Edexcel Level 2 Award in Number and Measure. This term we will be re-capping Level 1 content and learning more about integers, decimals, approximation, fractions, percentages, money, time and measure.

Mr Dill-Russell's group (Set 2) will be working towards OCR Life & Living Skills (Numeracy) Unit either J6: Working with Whole Numbers up to 100 or J13 Working with Whole Numbers up to 1000, as appropriate. The first half of the term will be used to develop the skills required to complete relevant tasks after half term.

Mrs Sabel's group (Set 3) will also be working towards OCR Life & Living Skills (Numeracy). This term, the focus will be on Unit J6, Working with Whole numbers up to 100. Skills such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be worked on over the first half of the term, with a view to applying these skills practically after half term.

Vocational Learning

The pupils will be working on their soft skills of speaking, listening and teamwork. They will learn about practical skills such as using money and telling the time, in order to prepare them for the world of work.

Computing

In computing this year, pupils will begin working on their WJEC awards. There are different units that will be completed, with the first term being 'Online Basics'.

Humanities

Pupils will be working towards WJEC Entry Pathways in Humanities. World War II will be the topic for the year, discussing how evacuation affected children in Britain during the war, how rations worked and what one person would have to eat for the week and the role of women in the war effort. Students will use observations, presentations, written tests and role play to achieve their marks.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

Pupils will be working from the National Curriculum and accredited courses, modified and differentiated to their individual needs. They will be assessed using Chads Grove P-scales, SOLAR and their accredited course criteria. Your child will also follow a personalised Individual Education Plan with their own targets.