

Pioneers 2

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2026



Our Values...

**Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust
Independence Fun!**

Curriculum Enrichment

Writing Curriculum Day – 5th March
Wellbeing Days:
10th February (Children's Mental Health)
20th March (Red Nose Day)

Festivals of the Month

January – Vasant Panchami
February – Chinese New Year
March – Eid Al Fitr

Maths

Maths lessons will be taught by Mrs Chapman-Palmer, Mrs Harley and Mrs Watkiss. Pupils will work towards Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills at Entry Levels 1–3 and Level 1, developing practical Maths skills for everyday life. This term will focus on measure and data handling.

Entry 1, 2 and 3 – pupils will be learning how to use everyday measures such as length, weight, capacity, and time in practical situations. They will also practice collecting, recording, and interpreting simple data using charts, tables, and graphs. Pupils will develop skills in estimating, comparing, and calculating measurements to solve real-life problems.

Level 1 – Students will build advanced maths skills, including, converting between units and working with scales, area, perimeter and volume.

English

English lessons will be taught by Mrs. Chapman Palmer and Mrs. Lucas. Pupils will be working towards Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills, Entry Levels 1–3. This term they will be working on writing skills.

At Entry Levels 1 and 2, pupils will be learning how to write simple words, phrases, and short sentences for everyday purposes, such as filling in forms or writing short messages. They will develop skills in spelling, punctuation, and organising ideas so they can communicate clearly and confidently in real-life situations. At Entry Level 3, pupils will be learning how to write clear, structured texts for a range of everyday purposes, such as emails, letters, and short reports. They will develop their use of spelling, punctuation, grammar, and paragraphing.

Pupils will also have weekly spelling sessions where they work towards learning to spell their set of words. Please practice these at home where possible.

Pupils will work towards taking the externally set Pearson/Edexcel Functional Skills reading exam at the end of the Spring Term.

Humanities/ Food Technology

Pupils will be completing the work required for the WJEC Unit 'Historical change over time', with a focus on entertainment and leisure. Then they will go onto exploring changes in crime and punishment in the 19th and 20th Centuries.

In Food Technology, pupils will be focusing on researching recipes and dishes which could be served on a celebration day and/or festival between the month of January through to March / April. Pupils will cook their chosen recipes and take part in a share and taste sessions with their peers.

Science

This term in Science, pupils will be continuing work on two units for the WJEC Science Entry Level Pathways. They will be developing their plant care skills through practical activities, while also exploring chemical products used in the home and their environmental impact.

Pupils will be participating in both hands-on experiments and theory lessons to build knowledge, practical skills, and understanding of science in everyday life.

Pupils will continue to work with Bromsgrove School in order to develop their teamwork and laboratory skills.

Computing

Pupils will learn to create and format presentation slides by combining text and images and preparing them for display. They will also explore how AI tools, such as auto-formatting and subtitle generation, can support design and accessibility, while understanding that automated suggestions may not always be accurate.

Music

Pupils will be working towards WJEC Entry Pathways Qualifications in Creative, Media and Performance Arts, focusing specifically on 'Solo Music Performance'. Using electronic keyboards, they will continue with finger exercises to strengthen their muscles and embark upon a regular practice schedule of a variety of solo pieces. They will learn to appraise their performances and make attempts to improve their work.

P.E.

For OCR Entry Level PE, pupils will be refining their Table Cricket and Boccia skills, applying tactics and the rules accurately. Filmed moderation takes place during each lesson. The pupils will be analysing the performance of their peers when playing Boccia and suggesting ways to improve.

P.S.H.C.E./ Relationships

Pupils will develop an understanding of the difference between acceptable professional roles and unacceptable stereotypes. Pupils will learn to challenge stereotypes and discrimination assertively. Pupils will also learn to recognise the problems associated with teenage pregnancy, to recognise differing attitudes to sex, be aware of their rights and options and learn where to get help and advice about pregnancy.

Art

Pupils will continue working towards WJEC Art and Design: Printmaking Entry Level 2 and will focus on developing printing outcomes based on the theme of underwater sea life. Pupils will research information and ideas appropriate to working in print. They will develop ideas for a print outcome using appropriate materials, techniques and processes and they will produce and present an appropriate printmaking outcome in response to the theme of marine life.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

Pupils will be working towards the completion of a variety of accredited courses, modified and adapted to their individual needs.

Pupils will be assessed against each accredited course criteria. Your child will also follow a personalised Individual Education Plan with their own targets.