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Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024



Our Values...

Welcoming Teamwork
Friendship Trust
Independence Fun!

'Maths' is our whole school curriculum priority for the Autumn Term; our Maths Curriculum Day is on 6th November.

Our Wellbeing Day
will take place on 10th October,
which is also
World Mental Health Day

Festivals of the Month

September: Yom Kippur
October: Navaratri
November: Diwali
December: Christmas

English

Pupils will be having English on Thursdays with Mrs Lucas and Fridays with Mrs Cooper.

Pupils in English this term will be completing the OCR Life and Living Skills unit 'Developing Writing Skills' within the communication area.

This unit will be developed within school to work towards pupils' individual communication skills targets. Pupils will be given plenty of opportunities to develop their communication skills targets while out in the community with class teacher Mrs Khambay, generalising skills and also communicating with less familiar adults.

Pupils will have individual reading sessions, as well as participating in group reading by using Books Beyond Words publications.

Swimming

Pupils will work towards their individual targets, relevant EHCP targets and follow their Physiotherapy Movement Program. Pupils will participate in these activities on a rota basis.

Maths

Pupils will be working on Measure.

They will either submit work for the OCR unit 'Early Mathematics: Measure' (Entry 1) or the OCR unit 'Estimating and Measuring' (Entry 2)

Pupils will be taught to have an awareness of common measures, use mathematical vocabulary and compare differences in length, capacity and weight.
Some pupils will be taught to how estimate using standard units of measure and how to use metric measurements for length and for weight.

Knowledge will be reinforced through us of the relevant Education City programs on estimating and measuring.

Fitness

Pupils will be working toward the OCR Life and Living Skills unit 'Developing Self Awareness: All About Me'. Practically, during the first half term pupils will participate in 'Boxercise/ Combat' and in the second half term they will participate in body toning. It is expected that pupils will wear appropriate footwear and clothes to take part in the fitness lessons.

Vocational learning

On Tuesday mornings pupils will either undergo a work experience placement at the Cozy Café or set up and run a business enterprise at the Café.

Pupils will work on developing their soft skills on Wednesday mornings. They will engage in a series of challenges in order to develop employability, teamwork and leadership skills along with developing flexibility and resilience.

Independent Living Skills

Pupils will prepare simple nutritious snacks and drinks and learn about safety in the kitchen.

They will work towards the OCR Unit D4 'Selecting and Using Cooking Equipment' (Entry 1)

Community Learning

Pupils will undertake a program of travel training which aims to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate various transportation scenarios safely and confidently, including:

- car park safety
- efficient boarding procedures
- road awareness

Pupils will also complete the OCR unit C6 Travel within the Community: Going places' (E1).

Self Development

Pupils who have chosen AQA 'Hair, Beauty and Complimentary Therapies' have chosen to first develop skills learning how to perform a manicure. They will be learning how to prepare the nails, cuticle care, and applying nail varnish. Alongside this they will also learn how to perform a basic hand and arm massage and the all important appropriate health and safety procedures that should be followed in a professional salon.

Pupils opting for Music this year will work towards AQA's Unit Award Scheme, with a focus this term on writing and recording rap lyrics. They will explore the basic structure of a rap, write their own original lyrics for a rap track, rehearse and record their work. Pupils will experiment with simple music apps on the school iPads to enhance their learning and further their creative possibilities.

Art activities will be inspired by the theme of 'the everyday' and 'portraits'. Pupils will work towards AQA's Unit Award scheme. Pupils will produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences by using a variety of materials and techniques. Pupils will be given the opportunity to talk about and write about the work of the David Hockney and other inspirational portrait artists and produce a range of ideas in collage, print and mixed materials.

RSE

The class will cover safe relationships in the first half term and online safety in the second half of the term.

Safe relationships

At the end of the Equals unit 4.3a 'Safe Relationships and Lifestyle':

All pupils will:

Continue to learn about themselves as young people and as members of their communities

Most pupils will:

Learn how to cope with a wider range of relationships and respect the views, needs and rights of people of all ages

Online safety

Pupils will work on the Equals unit 4.2f 'The Media'.

Pupils will gain crucial skills to protect their personal information, recognise threats, and navigate the digital world safely.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

All pupils are continuously assessed using OCR assessment criteria. Pupils are assessed on Entry Level 1 or Entry Level 2 unit outcomes. Evidence is collected through pupils' own work, videos, photographs and observation.