

Pioneers 2
Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 2025



Our Values...
Welcoming Teamwork
Friendship Trust
Independence Fun!

Curriculum Enrichment

Multi-Cultural Day – 17th October
Enterprise Day – 19th November

Festivals of the Month

September – Rosh Hashanah
October – Simchat Torah
November – Diwali
December – Christmas

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 number, shape and data handling.

Entry 1 and 2 – recognising and using numbers, simple addition and subtraction, money, time, shapes, measures, larger numbers, the four operations, simple fractions and data handling.

Entry 3 and Level 1 – problem solving with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages, interpreting data, using negative numbers, ratios, estimation, and applying skills to real-life contexts.

English

English lessons will be taught by Mrs. Chapman Palmer. Pupils will be working towards Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills, Entry Levels 1-3. This term they will be working on reading skills. At Entry Levels 1 and 2, pupils will focus on recognising key words, understanding the main points in a text, and using clues such as headings, pictures, and captions to help them find information. They will also practise using strategies like dictionaries and spell-checkers to understand new words and check spelling. At Entry Level 3, pupils will build on these skills by identifying key ideas and purposes in different types of texts. They will also use strategies such as context clues and dictionaries to understand unfamiliar words and make use of features like contents pages, indexes, menus, and links to quickly find relevant information. 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 Autumn Term.

Humanities/ Food Technology

In Humanities, pupils will be working towards an Entry Level 2 or 3 WJEC Unit in History which will focus on change over time. Their work will be moderated and some work will be submitted to the examination board in March 2026. Pupils will choose from three time periods to complete their unit.

In Food Technology, pupils will have the opportunity to develop an understanding of the variety of foods and recipes from other countries/cultures. Pupils will explore a variety of recipes from around the world (France, Italy, Spain, China and India) and plan and prepare a range of predominantly savoury dishes.

Science

Pupils will be learning about plants and how they grow, as part of WJEC Science Entry Level Pathways. They will discover what plants need for healthy growth and explore the different tools used in gardening and their functions. Pupils will also learn how to prepare seed beds and design plans to show where plants could be positioned for a display. As part of their work, they will keep a diary to record each stage of growing their own flowers or crops, from sowing seeds and caring for seedlings through to harvesting. This will help pupils develop practical skills and an understanding of how to care for living things.

Computing

This term pupils will focus on the IT User Fundamentals unit. They will build confidence and independence through practical tasks such as using IT for everyday activities, solving common problems, and improving their own use of technology. The unit provides a strong foundation for future digital learning and real-life IT skills.

Music

WJEC Solo Performance: Pupils will establish basic keyboard skills by following Charanga's Beginner Keyboard Course, with adaptations where necessary. They will learn the basics of music notation and how to read notes, translated using a simplified system (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.

P.E.

PE takes place on Mondays and Thursdays. The pupils will be working towards an Entry Level PE qualification. The focus this term is fitness and table games.

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

Pupils will develop their awareness of different leisure and fitness activities and their benefits. They will explore what is available locally, researching suitable leisure choices for both individuals and groups. Pupils will also learn about germs and viruses in relation to medicines and medication. They will explore the purposes of a range of domestic medicines and medications and know who to talk to about appropriate medicine and medication.

Art

Pupils will be working towards WJEC Art and Design – Printmaking Entry Level 2 and will focus on developing 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 from the National Curriculum and accredited courses, modified and adapted to their individual needs. They will be assessed using Chads Grove P-Steps, SOLAR and their accredited course criteria. Your child will also follow a personalised Individual Education Plan with their own targets.