

8LS

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023



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

Topic:

This term 8LS's topic is 'Our Bodies and Minds'. This will include cross-curricular opportunities to learn and explore further how the human body functions.

English

Our focus this term for English is going to centre around the topic 'Our Bodies and Minds'. 8LS will be exploring the books, 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and 'Funnybones'.

Pupils will have daily Phonics sessions, appropriate to their developmental needs, to help expand their knowledge of sounds and to develop their fluency in preparation and practice for reading.

Pupils will also continue to practice their handwriting and typing skills. This will be supported by the use of software such as Clicker 7.

Pupils will develop their speaking and listening skills by having opportunities to share their own news and views in registration and welcome sessions, alongside our end of the day reflection. Pupils will also engage in role play and drama based activities.

To promote a love of reading, pupils will continue to build up their experience and knowledge of stories by having lots of opportunities to explore a range of books, both independently and as a class.

Mathematics

This term, pupils will be focussing on using numbers to 20 including place value, addition (using carrying and subtracting), multiplication by grouping and division by equal sharing. Pupils will also be learning about 2D shapes as well as weighing and measuring weight, volume and length, In one session each week will be given the opportunity to develop an understanding of using money through a reward shop.

Science

Pupils will study variation and classification in animals as well as exploring sound. They will learn to identify similarities and differences within the same species and will sort and classify organisms into groups according to observable features. Pupils will also explore sound and how to make and change sounds. Through these topics pupils will develop their skills in working scientifically, carrying out investigations and recording their results.

Humanities

Pupils will consider some of the key aspects of Human and Physical Geography, including natural hazards.

In History, pupils will be exploring the changes in Great Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Physical Education

PE takes place on Mondays; the focus for the first half term is gymnastics, the pupils will explore different ways of rocking, rolling and making bridges on the floor and on apparatus. The second half of the term the focus is ball skills, pupils will develop their attacking skills and play small sided adapted games.

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

Swimming will take place on a Friday on a rota basis, pupils will work towards individual targets. Please ensure swimming kit is sent into school every week.

Music

Pupils will explore percussion sounds, creating and performing rhythms using body percussion and instruments. They will focus on emotions and learn how contrasting moods can be expressed through changes in their voices, tempo (speed), dynamics (volume) and pitch.

Art

Art activities will be inspired by the colours of Autumn and the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, an Italian painter best known for creating imaginative portrait heads made entirely of natural objects such as fruits, vegetables, flowers, fish and animals.

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 encouraged to discuss the work of the artist and express their own opinions and ideas.

Personal, Health, Social and Emotional Development

This term's focus is Mental Wellbeing and Physical Health and Fitness.

Pupils will have lots of opportunities to share and celebrate their own achievements and abilities through 'show and tell' sessions and circle time. Pupils will also discuss and explore what it means to be healthy in body and mind.

Computing

Pupils will be introduced to programming with the Scratch JR application. Pupils will be learning how to program simple animations.

Pupils will also learn how to use technology safely and know where to go for help and support if they have any concerns.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

All pupils are continuously assessed using the Chadsgrove P-scales and SOLAR.

SOLAR breaks down P-scales and National Curriculum Levels into small steps, so that we are able to track progression through each level.

Within 8LS we observe pupils regularly as they work. We use evaluation slips to record observations as well as photographs of pupils whilst completing activities. We encourage pupils to be reflective learners and evaluate their own progress and achievements.

Pupils' targets are regularly reviewed and monitored to enable progression of learning and skills. We record observations on learning ladders which track pupils' progress and this enables us to identify which level they are currently working towards.

How can parent carers support their child's learning?

Please continue reading and number skills with your children at home wherever possible.

Please check the home school diaries for any messages and use it to keep us updated.

Thank you!