

Pioneers 3
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

Students 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 & 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 & 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.

All students will use Maths in practical ways to build confidence, independence and preparation for adulthood.

English

Students will be working towards Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills at Entry Levels 2–3 and Level 1, with a focus on reading skills.

At Entry Levels 2 and 3, students will identify key ideas and purposes in texts, use context clues and dictionaries for unfamiliar words, and practise finding information quickly using features like contents pages, indexes, menus and links.

At Level 1, students will identify main ideas, details and opinions, compare information across sources, and distinguish between fact and opinion. They will also use strategies to understand new words, locate information, interpret images and recognise how language is adapted for different audiences.

All students will also have weekly spelling sessions, please practise these at home where possible. They will work towards their reading exam at the end of the Autumn Term.

Healthy Living/Swimming

In their Healthy Living sessions, students will be working towards 'Working as part of a group'. During practical sessions, students will participate in team games developing tactics and set plays.

In the Pool, selected students will continue to work towards their personalised targets and relevant EHCP targets. Evidence will be gathered using record sheets, photos and videos. Students will attend on a rota basis.

Vocational Learning

This term students will take part in activities to build confidence, aspirations and work-related skills. They will explore their dream job, interview an adult about their career, and take part in tasks that develop a positive mindset, leadership and teamwork.

Independent Living Skills

Students will complete work towards OCR Life and Living Skills Units in Understanding how to clean the home (Entry 2) and Household cleaning (Entry 3). These units of work aim to develop the students' understanding of what needs to be cleaned in the home, what is involved in cleaning the home and the equipment needed to undertake these tasks. Students will also learn how to use cleaning equipment and products safely.

Community

Students will learn about safe and independent travel, take part in a visit to Where Next, and build their communication, decision-making and independence through a range of real life experiences in the community.

Self-Development

Travel and Tourism

Students will complete the work covered in the AQA unit award - Tourism in Great Britain (Entry Level). They will learn about tourism, popular holiday destinations, different types of holidays and the impact of tourism on tourist destinations.

Sports Leadership

Students will be working towards a Playmaker Award or a Level 1 Sports Leader Qualification. The emphasis is on developing communication, confidence and organisation skills through sport and leadership.

Performing Arts

Students will explore the Performing Arts through dancing, singing, and acting, developing their creativity and confidence along the way. They will work together in groups to practise different performance techniques, build teamwork skills, and share ideas to create engaging pieces. This will encourage self-expression, collaboration, and the enjoyment of performing as part of a team.

RSE

This term students will focus on Relationships and Online Safety. They will learn to recognise healthy and unhealthy relationships, communicate feelings, and understand respect and personal boundaries. Students will also develop awareness of online risks, how to protect personal information, and the influence of media and technology.

Work Experience

Cosy Café – Students will build hospitality skills by planning menus, preparing food and drinks, and serving customers, with a focus on teamwork and good service.

Ink Works – Students will design and sell Christmas products such as personalised bears, mugs and cards, developing skills in seasonal design, customer focus and quality production.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

Pupils will be following the Preparing for Adulthood Framework and will be assessed against their accredited course criteria. Your child will also follow a personalised Individual Education Plan with their own set targets.