

12US

Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2024



Our Values...

Welcoming **Teamwork**
Friendship **Trust**
Independence **Fun!**

PE is our whole school curriculum priority for the Summer Term. We will celebrate **Sky Arts Week** from 17th – 21st June and our **Sports Week** begins on 24th June. We have a **Wellbeing Day** on 1st July and our **Business Enterprise Day** will take place on 10th July.

Festivals of the Month

April: Vaisakhi
May: Pentecost
June: Eid
July: Dharma Day

Music

Pupils will complete their 'Solo Music Performance' Unit of WJEC Entry Pathways Qualifications in Creative Media and Performance Arts. Following continued practise of their two selected pieces, these will be performed/recorded for assessment throughout May/June. It is important that pupils show some technical control of their instrument and attempt to vary dynamics (loud/quiet). It is then a requirement for all to evaluate their performances by identifying strengths and weaknesses. Following submission to the exam board, successful candidates will receive their qualification next term (Entry 2 or Entry 3).

PE, Swimming and Fitness

BTEC Level 1 Introductory in Sport takes place on Mondays; some pupils will be completing the assessments for Unit A2 'Developing a Personal Progression Plan' and Unit SP7 'Playing Sport'.

On Fridays, during Core PE, the focus for this term is athletics, golf and leadership skills. In athletics the pupils will refine their throwing, running and jumping skills. In golf the pupils will learn to drive, chip and putt the ball. Leadership will focus on communication and organisational skills.

Pupils need to wear appropriate footwear and bring a change of t-shirt.

Science

This term pupils will complete their work on their two units ('The Science of Light and Sound' and 'Working as Part of a Group'). This will include two further visits to Bromsgrove School to carry out practical investigations into light and sound. At the end of term, everyone will be invited to a celebration event at Bromsgrove School on Saturday 15th June for a morning of Science experiments and explosions! Once work on these two units is complete, pupils will be working on developing their scientific literacy by carrying out a range of experiments to investigate questions that they are curious to find out more about!

Art

This term, activities will continue to be inspired by the natural environment. Pupils will continue to explore ideas using a variety of materials and techniques and produce a range of creative work in paint, pastel, print and mixed media. Pupils' work will be inspired by the techniques of relevant artists. All pupils will produce a range of 2D and 3D outcomes. Pupils will continue to discuss and express their opinions about the work of relevant artists and continue to mount up and present all completed work onto A2 sheets and in sketchbooks and annotate it, as the project progresses.

Maths

Mr Dill-Russell's group will be working towards OCR Life & Living Skills (Numeracy) Unit, either J8: 'Collecting and Presenting Numerical Information' or J14 'Presenting Information in a Chart', as appropriate. On completion of the unit, pupils will choose topics of interest to research either alone or in pairs.

Mrs. Sabel's group will also be working towards these units, as appropriate. As part of these units, pupils will be choosing topics of interest to collect data on and present to each other.

Food Technology

Pupils in 12US will continue to focus on extending their learning about energy and nutrients, nutritional needs through life, health issues and digestion. All pupils will have the opportunity to prepare some savoury and sweet dishes for dinner, by following simple instructions in the kitchen. There will also be an emphasis placed on the importance of basic safety and hygiene rules.

Humanities

12US will be preparing for their next WJEC Entry Pathways qualification.

The pupils will be focusing on Geography and the topic of Tourism.

Prior knowledge will be developed through research, presentations, projects and discussions.

Computing

Pupils will be generalising their skills developed during the PowerPoint and Presentation units that were completed in the previous term. They will be working on a whole class project to develop new presentations to be used at school, completing work including photography, editing and creating PowerPoints independently.

English

The Summer term will see pupils further develop their knowledge and awareness of a range of poetry. In particular they will focus on 'Still I Rise', a thought provoking and challenging piece by Maya Angelou. Once completed pupils will move onto working on their persuasive writing skills. Here the pupils will help to shape the programme of learning, culminating in a whole class debate.

Vocational Learning

Last term concluded with an exciting application process for the 'Kew Grow Wild' project. This term pupils will work on their strategic planning skills in order to develop and implement their exciting plans. Fingers crossed for success!

How is my child's progress being recorded?

All pupils are continuously assessed using the assessment criteria of a variety of accredited courses. Pupils are assessed on Entry Level 1 or Entry Level 2 unit outcomes. Evidence is collected through pupils' own work, videos, photographs and observation. Pupils will also follow a personalised Individual Education Plan with their own targets.