

12US
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

Science

Pupils will develop their scientific knowledge, enabling them to achieve a WJEC Entry Pathways: 'Science Today' Accreditation. This term they will begin the 'Food and Health' module which will enable pupils to develop an understanding of the link between food and health. Pupils will have opportunities to create a range of meals and adapt them for different dietary needs. They will also be continuing a partnership with Post-16 pupils from Bromsgrove School and experiencing some hands on, enquiry based sessions with these students both at Chadsgrove and Bromsgrove School. The unit will focus on 'Making Useful Compounds'.

Music

Pupils will begin working towards WJEC Entry Pathways Qualifications in Creative, Media and Performance Arts, focusing specifically on 'Composing Music'. Pupils will begin with a focus on chords and how these can be broken down to create simple melodies. They will be introduced to various composition starting points and over the year will develop the skills required to compose a variety of pieces in different styles.

Art

Art activities will be inspired by the themes of 'the everyday' and 'portraits'. Some pupils will focus on producing art work for the AQA GCSE Art course and some will be accredited through a 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.

PE

PE takes place on Mondays and Fridays. Group 1 will be studying for their OCR Entry Level PE with the focus on planning and performing a fitness plan and improving their table game skills.

Group 2 will be studying for their BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Sport. The pupils will study two units this term: A1 Being Organised and SP6 Training for Fitness.

Pupils need to wear appropriate footwear and bring a change of t-shirt. The pupils will take part in an Outdoor Adventurous Activity during the year. Pupils who are swimming will be informed individually.

English

English lessons will be taught by Mrs. Chapman Palmer. 12US pupils will be working towards Pearson/Edexcel Functional Skills, Entry Levels 1-3. This term they will be working on reading skills including locating and understanding information in a text and using effective strategies to find the meaning of unknown words. They will also be working on writing skills including forming regular pronouns, writing in compound sentences and using common conjunctions to connect clauses. Pupils will work towards taking externally set exams in the Summer term. Please help your child to learn their spellings from their word lists for homework.

Food Technology

Pupils will work independently and with support to plan and prepare a range of healthy breakfasts alternatives and lunches.

Pupils will plan the ingredients for a simple recipe, identify items required on a shopping list to prepare a simple recipe, identify the oven temperature and the cooking time, follow verbal instructions to prepare food, identify when cooking equipment is hot and use equipment safely and ask for help and support when needed.

Maths

Pupils will be working towards Edexcel Functional Maths Skills, Entry Level 1 and Entry Level 2. This term they will be focusing on number skills, including multiplication and division, rounding, simple fractions and decimals.

Computing

Pupils will be working towards the WJEC qualification in Desktop Publishing. They will learn how to use appropriate designs and page layouts for a publication, how to input text and other information into a publication and they will be using desktop publishing software techniques to edit and format a publication.

Humanities

This term, pupils will be working with Mrs Lucy on their WJEC 'Changing Trends in Tourism' qualification. Through a range of different research, application and evaluation activities, pupils will create a portfolio of work to showcase their knowledge and understanding of the trends and changes to tourism in the UK and globally.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

Pupils will be working from the National Curriculum and accredited courses, modified and differentiated to their individual needs. They will be assessed using Chadsgrove P-Steps, SOLAR and their accredited course criteria. Your child will also follow a personalised Individual Education Plan with their own targets.