

P15

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

Healthy Living

Pupils will be working toward OCR Life and Living Skills unit 'Developing Self'. Practically, during the first half term pupils will participate in fitness activities such as Boxercise and Body Toning. It is expected that pupils will wear appropriate footwear and clothes to take part in their fitness sessions on Mondays and Fridays.

Hydrotherapy

Pupils that access the hydrotherapy pool will work towards their individual targets, relevant EHCP targets and follow their Physiotherapy Movement Program. Pupils will participate in these activities on a rota basis.

Maths

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

Some pupils will be working towards a GCSE Maths qualification.

English

English lessons will be taught by Mrs. Lucas and Mrs Chapman-Palmer. Pupils will be working towards Pearson/ Edexcel Functional Skills, Entry Levels 1-3. This term we will be working on reading skills including locating and understanding organisational features and using them to locate relevant information. We will also be working on writing skills including forming regular and irregular pronouns and correct use of grammar including subject-verb agreement, consistent use of tense and definite and indefinite articles. Pupils will work towards taking exams in the Summer term.

Please help your child to learn their spellings from their word lists for homework.

Vocational Learning

Pupils will be exploring the wider world by developing employability, teamwork and leadership skills, developing flexibility and resilience. Some pupils will have the opportunity to undertake work experience at the Cosy Café whilst others will focus on business enterprise, developing a 'Print Shop'.

Independent Living Skills

Pupils will use the Life Skills Room to develop their home management skills, including cleaning, laundry, making beds, hanging clothes and folding bed sheets, whilst working towards the OCR Units 'Cleaning, washing drying and storage' and 'Household cleaning'.

Community Inclusion

Pupils will undertake a program of travel training which aims to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate various transportation scenarios safely and confidently either with or without support:

- car park safety
- efficient boarding procedures
- road awareness

Pupils will also work towards the OCR units 'Finding your way around an unfamiliar area' and 'Personal Safety in the home and community'.

Self Development

Pupils who have chosen AQA 'Hair, Beauty and Complimentary Therapies' have chosen to first develop skills learning how to perform a manicure. They will be learning how to prepare the nails, cuticle care, and applying nail varnish. Alongside this they will also learn how to perform a basic hand and arm massage and the all important appropriate health and safety procedures that should be followed in a professional salon.

Pupils opting for Music this year will work towards AQA's Unit Award Scheme, with a focus this term on writing and recording rap lyrics. They will explore the basic structure of a rap, write their own original lyrics for a rap track, rehearse and record their work. Pupils will experiment with simple music apps on the school iPads to enhance their learning and further their creative possibilities.

Pupils opting for Art will be inspired by the theme of the everyday and portraits. One pupil will focus on producing art work for the AQA GCSE Art course and some will be accredited through AQA's 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.

Pupils opting for ICT will continue their ICT accreditation.

RSE & Citizenship

Through the topic of Relationships & Online Safety, pupils will learn to develop healthier interactions, build stronger, supportive communities, and gain resilience needed to navigate society. Pupils will gain crucial skills to protect their personal information, recognise threats, and navigate the digital world safely.

Topics may include:

Communicating about feelings
Healthy and unhealthy relationships
Relationships and divorce
Online Safety
The Media
Internet safety
Living Safely in a 'connected' world

In citizenship lessons, pupils will learn a new skill, boosting their self-esteem whilst developing practical and social skills.

For pupils opting to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award they will complete evidence towards 'Learning a New Skill' in these lessons.

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.