

Pioneers 3

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026



Our Values...
Welcoming Teamwork
Friendship Trust
Independence Fun!

Curriculum Enrichment

Curriculum Day: Sensory Impairment
Awareness – 13th October

Enterprise Day – 18th November

Festivals of the Month

September – Yom Kippur
October – Navarati
November Guru Nanak Gurburab
December – Christmas

Maths

Maths lessons will be taught by Miss Brown and Mrs Taylor. Students will work towards Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills at Entry Levels 1–3, developing practical Maths skills for everyday life. This term will focus on number, shape and data handling. Students working towards Entry Levels 1 and 2 will be working towards recognising and using numbers, simple addition and subtraction, money, measures, larger numbers and data handling.

Students working towards Entry Level 3 and Level 1 will be focusing on using common measure, shape and space and applying these skills to everyday situations.

Students require a clear pencil case, pencil, pen, rubber and ruler.

The Functional Skills Maths exams will take place in the summer term; dates of these will be sent out when confirmed.

English

Mrs. Shah and Mrs Chapman Palmer will be teaching English lessons. Students will be working towards Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills, Entry Levels 2 and 3 and Level 1. This term students will be working on reading skills.

Students working towards Entry Level 2 and 3 will focus on recognising key words, understanding the main points in a text, and using clues such as headings, pictures, and captions to help them find information. They will also practise using strategies like dictionaries and spell-checkers to understand new words and check spelling.

Students working towards Entry Level 3 and Level 1 will build on these skills by identifying key ideas and purposes in different types of texts. They will also use strategies such as context clues to identify fact vs opinions and compare information across sources.

Pupils will also have weekly spelling sessions where they work towards learning to spell their set of words. Please practice these at home where possible.

Students will work towards taking the externally set Pearson/Edexcel Functional Skills reading exam at the end of the Autumn Term.

Food Technology

Pupils will be working towards an Entry Level Qualification in Food Preparation, Cooking and Serving, which enables learners to acquire the knowledge and skills required to prepare, cook and serve a range of dishes. Pupils will learn how to weigh and measure food, use correct equipment with guidance safely and hygienically. They will prepare, cook and serve a selection of dishes e.g. pasta, pastry and savoury dishes using fruit and vegetables, snacks and party foods. To gain the accreditation, Year 10 pupils will produce, collate and submit a portfolio demonstrating their skills and achievements.

Science

Pupils will work towards the WJEC Pathways Entry Level Unit 'Science and Our Universe'. Pupils will explore the solar system, spiral galaxies, earth and space telescopes. To gain the accreditation, Year 10 pupils will produce, collate and submit a portfolio demonstrating their skills and achievements.

P.E.

In the first half term, pupils will be improving their fitness through circuit training, learning how to progress through reps and sets. In the second half of the term, pupils will develop their table games skills in table cricket, polybat or table tennis, learning the different stokes, tactics and scoring. Pupils who are swimming will be notified individually.

Computing

Pupils will be exploring the WJEC Pathways Entry Level 2 course, 'Online Basics'. This course will improve pupils' independence with safe practice online. The unit is designed to enable pupils to get online and use the internet, and use browser and email software. Work will be collated in Computing folders and Year 10 pupils will submit their work to the exam board.

Humanities/RE

This term pupils will be learning about earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis through practical activities, investigations and discussion. They will explore how these natural hazards occur, their impact on people and communities, and how help is provided following disasters. Some pupils will also be working towards WJEC Entry Pathways Accreditation in Humanities.

Art

Pupils will develop outcomes based on the theme of nature's living jewels. Some pupils' work will be entered for the WJEC Art and Design Ceramics Unit. Pupils will research information and ideas appropriate to working in clay. They will develop ideas for a clay outcome using appropriate materials, techniques and processes and they will produce and present an appropriate clay outcome in response to the theme.

P.S.H.C.E.

Pupils will focus on Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing through the unit 'Leisure Awareness and Lifestyle'. Learning will be supported by resources from the PSHE Association, helping pupils to develop their understanding of the importance of looking after both their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

How can Parent Carers support their child's learning?

Please continue to practice reading and Maths skills with your child at home and out and about, wherever possible. Please check the class Dojo page and chat for any messages and use it to keep us updated.

Thank you!

How is my child's progress being recorded?

Pupils will be working from the National Curriculum and accredited courses, modified and adapted 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.