

Year 8 Summer Term Curriculum Overview 2020

This term, pupils will be studying the following topics in their KS3 curriculum.

Subject	Topic
Computing	<p>This term students will learn about Social Media and Online Safety. This will include identifying different types of Social Media applications and their uses as well as becoming aware of how to navigate through them safely. Activities will include creating a faux Facebook Profile, understanding Security Settings and learning the etiquette of Text messaging.</p>
Science	<p>Students have just finished learning about life cycles of many different animals. The Chicks were a huge success and created extra fun learning activities in Science. We look forward to a similar encounter next spring. This term students will be learning about FORCES and will study the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature and types of forces. • Balanced and unbalanced forces. • Gravitational force and parachutes. • Frictional force and how to reduce friction. • Forces on boats or floating objects. • Motion and speed and road safety awareness. <p>We recommended the BBC website. It is a great resource for learning about Science. Here is the web address www.bbc.co.uk/education. Pupils can also go to www.educationcity.com for more homework tasks and extra learning.</p>
Humanities	<p>This term students will be learning research skills, including using indexes, maps, online resources and chronological order. These skills can be transferred to other subjects and will be useful throughout their school life.</p>
Art	<p>Generate discussion based on looking at images of T. shirt designs. Look at sports t shirts, fashion and music. Logos, colours and Shapes. Explore different lettering styles. Think about the colours and their relationship to feelings and everyday life. Experiment with colour mixing and drawing geometric shapes with a ruler & stencils.. Explore different methods of mark making and printing onto fabric. Compare our styles and techniques Produce a finished Design for a T shirt.</p>
Drama	<p>Pupils will build on current and develop new drama skills including teamwork, devising, improvisation, using physical theatre techniques and performance. Students to enact stories and scenes from Classic Fairy stories by Charles Perrault including Puss In Boots and Blue Beard They will be</p>

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	working in small groups to create class performances using staging, lights and costume.
Music	Year 8 will be forming duos and trios this term in order to use their rhythmic and melodic skills covered in terms 1 and 2. They will collaborate to form a list of songs that they would like to cover in small groups and we will work on further developing their performance skills. These will be performed in assemblies and for video reviews. We will also be experimenting with some new instruments such as the 'Tongue Drums' and Digital 'Launchpads'.
PE	<u>First-term:</u> The pupils continue to build on the skills and rules of cricket and tennis. <u>Second half-term:</u> The group will build on their knowledge and skills in athletic activities. <u>Swimming:</u> The pupils will continue with their programme of swimming as last term.
Social Communication	This term pupils will be focusing on teamwork. During this unit they will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the features of what makes a good team• Complete a range of activities as part of a team, demonstrating good teamwork qualities.• Evaluate their performance as part of a team and set themselves targets.
Play Skills	This term students will continue to explore 'play' as a means of social interaction and creative thinking. Linking with PSHE, we will demonstrate how to keep others and ourselves safe.
Lego Therapy	Students will create their own designs for Lego models and will make instructions for others to follow. They will build other student designs and give peer feedback. They will use freeplay and structured model activities to explore the importance of shared rules and communication when working together in a team.
Citizenship	Pupils will continue to discuss current news articles to broaden their horizon and understanding of the world around them. Pupils will continue to learn about democracy and the UK Parliament and how it works.