

8 & 9 Spring Term Curriculum Overview

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

Subject	Topic
Literacy	Pupils will develop reading spelling and phonological awareness through Word-shark, Nessy, SWAP cards, and comprehension tasks. There will also be reading and writing tasks around the novel Animal Farm.
Numeracy	<p><u>First ½ Spring Term</u></p> <p>Number</p> <p>Counting, recognising, reading and writing numbers, properties of numbers and number sequences</p> <p>Place value and ordering</p> <p>Calculations</p> <p>Understanding addition</p> <p>Understanding subtraction</p> <p>Rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts</p> <p>Mental calculation strategies (+ and-)</p> <p><u>Second ½ Spring Term</u></p> <p>Understand multiplication</p> <p>Understanding division</p> <p>Rapid recall of multiplication and division facts</p>
ICT	<p>First half-term: Pupils will learn to use a variety of digital music packages to compose, mix and perform their music creations.</p> <p>Second half-term: Pupils will collaborate to create a “mini-wikipedia”.</p>
Science	<p>This term Year 8&9 Pupils will be learning about the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classifying materials based on natural vs man-made. • Linking properties of Materials to their uses e.g. transparent glass as windows. • Ceramics and plastic materials and their uses • Change of state (solid, liquid, gaseous states) • The water cycle- how rain is formed • Recycling materials and the benefit to society of recycling.

Humanities	Year 8/9: History of Spain. How to make and use a timeline. (Dinosaurs to present day.) Researching and fact finding information.
Food Tech	Classes 8, 8/9 and garnet this term are learning about food around the world: the reasons why people from different countries eat different types of food (climate, religion, tradition, economics etc.) We will be learning about a few countries and cooking typical dishes.
PSHE	This term Pupils will be developing their knowledge about Right and Responsibilities. Pupils will be exploring definition and understanding the concept of crime. Pupils will learn about Criminal Justice, age of criminal responsibilities and look at range of "typical" youth crimes, and range in order of seriousness.
Art	1 st half term - Exploring still life artists including Cezanne, Picasso, Michael Craig Martin and Morandi. Focus on Composition, proportion and outline. 2 nd - Half term – Lettering Styles or Fonts. Using stencils shapes, colour theory and pattern to make graphic posters.
Drama	Pupils to devise, improvise and perform scenes based on stories from Greek Myth. These will include 'Arion and the Dolphins', Icarus' and 'Orpheus'. Pupils will explore ways of portraying emotion and atmosphere using both lighting and sound (including music) They will work both in whole class groups and small groups and pairs.
Music	Pupils will explore 'Rondo' as a musical form and starting point for composition building rhythmic and melodic ideas, with keyboards, voices and percussion.
PE	<p><u>Net games</u></p> <p>In this unit pupils are introduced to the skills needed to play a simple game of volleyball. For pupils already familiar with techniques associated with the game they consolidate their knowledge and skills.</p> <p><u>Rebound Therapy</u></p> <p>In this unit pupils use the trampoline for therapeutic exercise, while attempting to replicate and improve individual techniques. With steady progression pupils work to build confidence and self-esteem.</p> <p><u>Swimming</u></p> <p>Once a week Pupils develop competence and confidence through accessing an allocated swimming slot at one of our local leisure centres.</p>