

YEAR 8 Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

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

Subject	Topic
Literacy	<p>This term students will be developing Literacy skills in five individual sessions per week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Spelling and phonic skills •Listening and total comprehension •Sentence building and completion •Grammar and punctuation •Reading •Writing and handwriting <p>As a whole class students will read fiction and non-fiction stories, improving their total comprehension skills, listening, story retelling and sentence building skills.</p> <p>The book being studied this term: -“ The Magic Finger” by Roald Dahl</p>
Numeracy	<p>Number and the number system: Counting in steps.0-5. 0-10. 0-20. 20-100. and back. Odd and even numbers. Counting, recognising, reading and writing numbers 0-5 0-10 0-20. 20-100 and beyond. Properties of numbers and number sequences. Place value and words related. Units, Tens, hundreds. Words related to order: order, size, greater/est, more/most, less/least, bigger/est, smaller/est. First, second, third...</p> <p>Calculations: Understanding addition, Understanding subtraction. Rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts. Mental calculation strategies (+ and-). Understand multiplication and learn 2, 5 and 10 x tables. (More if possible).Beginning to understand division.</p>
Computing	<p>Students will learn that when a computer does something it is following instructions called Code. They will then write, or program, their own Code and create their own basic games and apps. They will learn to work logically, systematically and identify mistakes.</p> <p>In addition Students will also focus on computers safely and responsibly, knowing a range of ways to report unacceptable content and contact when online.</p>
Science	<p>This term students will be learning about living things and the environment. They will also learn about the human body and health. They will also learn about personal hygiene, healthy eating and how lifestyle issues like smoking, drugs and alcohol affect our health. I recommend the BBC website. It is a great learning resource for Science. The web address</p>

YEAR 8 Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

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

	is www.bbc.co.uk/education . They can also go to educationcity.com for more homework tasks and learning.
Humanities	This term in Humanities we will be studying London. We will learn about recent and historical events that have changed the city. We will consider who lives in London now and famous Londoners throughout time. We will also predict what London might look like in the future.
Food Tech	Students will learn about basic nutrition, diet and health. They will also be introduced to Business Enterprise in food technology. During practical lessons, pupils will get the opportunity to investigate and cook dishes from around the world including Baked Tortilla chips, Spaghetti Bolognese and Vegetable Chowder.
Craft	First half term: Students will develop fine motor and creativity skills through cutting, sticking, sorting and designing within a variety of individual and group tasks. They will also work on self-assessment skills by assessing their work and setting their own targets, this will give them more autonomy and responsibility for their own work. Second half term: students will further develop the skill set explored in the first half term to make winter holiday cards and decorations.
PSHE	PSHE what does it stand for? Students will be assembling information including personal, social, health and educational aspects of the subject. Making choices – Students will be learning and agreeing to new class/school rules, Students will be finding out and discussing their likes and dislikes, their strengths and areas needed of improvement Students will be learning about right and wrong behaviour and consequences of wrongdoing. They will be talking about consequences of not following the rule at school and in public places.
Art	Students will be looking at examples of 'Animals in Art'. We will practise drawing from our imaginations, memory and experience. We will be exploring colour theory, mixing and applying paint, cutting and collage, sketching, and mark making. Working both in 2D and 3D.
Drama	Greek Myths . Students to enact stories and scenes from Greek Myths including Dadalus and Icarus, Arion and the Dolphins.
Music	Students will be exploring music production and song-writing , focusing on recording and editing audio/sounds.

YEAR 8 Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

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

	<p>Students will also be using iPad music apps and computer programmes which include; 'Audacity', 'SoundPlant43' and 'GarageBand', as creative tools for writing and performing songs. Students will also use voice and traditional instruments to compose, record and perform.</p>
PE	<p>First half-term - Pupils will begin to build on their knowledge of how to use basic invasion game principles to play as a team and outwit opponents. With steady progression students work to build confidence and self-esteem.</p> <p>Second half-term - Pupils will focus on skills related to net games.</p> <p>Once a week students develop competence and confidence through accessing an allocated swimming slot at one of our local leisure centres.</p>
Play Skills	<p>Through 'play' students will be encouraged to use their initiative, problem solve, make decisions, develop their confidence, experience success and develop positive attitudes to learning.</p> <p>Pupils will practice appropriate actions in different locations of the school and practice communicating with their peers across a range of scenarios. They will explore opportunities to extend their vocabulary and knowledge of key concepts.</p>
Social Communication	<p>Students will be supported to engage in positive social interactions with peers and safe strangers.</p> <p>They will attempt to recognise how peer interactions lead to positive social and emotional development.</p>
Yoga	<p>This term, pupils will be learning about the 5 main base poses in yoga (standing, heel sitting, hands and knees, cross legged sitting and 'L' shaped sitting and how to safely transition between them. Through these activities, we will be working on developing core strength, balance and flexibility. Each lesson will incorporate different breathing techniques to strengthen, energise and calm the nervous system. There will also be a few minutes of relaxation at the end of each lesson.</p> <p>We will also be learning about Mindfulness with a focus on the breath, mindful listening skills and mindful moving.</p>
Lego Therapy	<p>The students will acquire the basic skills needed to make the most out of a LEGO-based intervention. They will first prepare for collaborative building and acquire basic skills such as sorting and identifying pieces before following basic visual instructions to combine Lego to make models.</p>

YEAR 8 Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

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