

13/14L Spring Term Curriculum Overview

This term pupils will be studying the following topics in their KS5 curriculum.

Subject	Topic
Literacy	Regular practice at reading through phonics word games around Wordshark, Nussy, and the Swap cards, that cover all basic sound combinations, together with regular graded reading comprehensions.
Maths	Students will be continuing to work on their functional skills. This term they will continue to work on money and time but starting to work on all aspects of measurement. They will be using the Mathletics program to supplement their learning.
Computing	<p>Students will learn about Social Media. They will explore the pros and cons of using Social Media and how they can use it while remaining safe. This will include learning how to create a profile page, how to read and write text messages and how to deal with problems when they arise online.</p> <p>Students will also practice exam papers in order to prepare for a Pearson EDEXCEL Functional Skills Exam. This exam will test the student's abilities to send and receive emails, edit Word and Excel documents and to follow instructions.</p>
Science	In February we have duck eggs coming to the school so get ready for baby ducklings! A fantastic experience to look forward to in the Science Room.
PSHE	<p>This term students will be exploring different aspects of safety at home and in the community. Topics will include: common dangers in the kitchen, bathroom, and garden as well as situations when we are out exploring the local area. Some aspects of Road Safety and safety when using public transport will be revisited. This term we will also explore e-safety and safety around strangers.</p> <p>Students will be taking part in role-play activities trying to act out potentially dangerous situations and demonstrate measures they will have to take to protect their health, well-being and their rights as individuals.</p>
Art	Students will continue to practicing their drawing and painting skills, exploring mixed media materials and experimenting with new art techniques. We will be learning about and looking at images by a variety of artists to see how art work can inspire and help us to be creative. Students are encouraged to research and record ideas and to draw from memory and imagination.

Drama	<p>Student will be using drama and role play to explore peer pressure and to identify the features of what makes a good team. Pupils will build on current and develop new drama skills including devising, improvisation and performance.</p>
Music	<p>During the first half term we will be using stringed instruments (Ukulele, Guitar) to develop students fine motor skills. We will be exploring chords and melodies whilst focusing on quality of tone and technique.</p> <p>During the second half term we will be looking at composition and songwriting. The focus will be on creating pieces of music on a variety of instruments looking at structure and shape, exploring the mechanics of music using skills taught in previous sessions.</p>
PE	<p>The group will continue to visit the local leisure centre to work on their independence in using the gym.</p> <p>They will track their own progress using Microsoft Excel as a recording method.</p>
Work Experience	<p>Students are participating in individualised work experience placements at a variety of venues including OATH, Just Hospitality Catering, Darwin Court Healthy Living Centre and ALDLife Charity shops. There with more opportunities for visits and workshops throughout the year.</p>
Enterprise	<p>Continuing on a recycling/upcycling theme we will be making seeded paper from recycled egg boxes and cutting seeded paper for card making.</p> <p>Also upcycling and restoring furniture and wooden items.</p> <p>Learning to make and use chalk paint to upcycle small furniture.</p>
Work Skills	<p>This term students will learn about how to write their own cv. They will incorporate their knowledge and understanding of different work skills into relevant areas of their cv e.g. in the personal profile and work experience.</p> <p>Students will learn about preparation for interviews looking at presentation i.e. dress codes, posture, body language, confidence, and relevant communication and interpersonal skills that can increase the chances of success in interviews.</p>