

8R Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

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

Subject	Topic
Literacy	<p>This term we will be studying “Don’t Hog The Hedge”. Through this book we will be learning about characterisation, story building and sequencing in a variety of activities. They will be retelling the story through drama and written activities. We will also be learning about hibernation and animals, and exploring non-fiction texts such as leaflets and information texts. Throughout the term we will be building on the students’ phonics knowledge, and applying this in their written work.</p>
Numeracy	<p>This term we will be covering a number of areas on the numeracy curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place value (number position and size, comparing numbers, counting objects)• Addition and subtraction• Measurement (length and mass)• Doubling, halving, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s <p>Students will take part in a range of practical and written activities to cover these areas, and will be supported by a range of counting aids and methods.</p>
PSHE	<p>This term we will be sharing information about ourselves, and finding out information about each other. We will recognise that we all have similarities and differences, focussing on recognising that we are all good at different things and that we celebrate each other’s achievements.</p> <p>Our second unit this term will focus on school rules and rules in the community, and the importance of having and following rules. We will learn to recognise the difference between right and wrong, and understand what it means to make right and fair choices.</p>
Music	<p>This term’s theme will be rhythms, beats and working with others.</p> <p>Pupils will learn about communication, team work, independence and following directions through singing as well as exploring and experimenting with percussive and tuned instruments. They will experience different styles of music from around the World and use music technology to create melodies and drum patterns.</p>
Craft	<p>This term the students will be engaging in a range of sensory play activities through craft. They will make play dough and sensory bottles, and explore different ways of using paints to create a sensory experience. They will complete a unit on</p>

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	Autumn, during which they will create Autumnal crafts and pictures in a range of media.
Lego Therapy	In Lego Therapy, students will work together to design an information booklet on a chosen country. They will choose countries to research, and create Lego models to represent what they have learnt. They will develop their teamwork and cooperation skills, as well as communicating their ideas and what they have learnt.
PE	<p>At the start of each half-term pupils will complete three fitness challenges, aiming to better their results from last year.</p> <p>In the first half-term pupils will focus on building on their knowledge of 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>In the second half-term pupils will focus building on their previously learnt skills related to net games.</p> <p>Swimming Once a week students will continue to develop competence and confidence through accessing an allocated swimming slot at one of our local leisure centres.</p>
Computing	Students will carry out work from the Hardware and Processing module. This will include recognizing and using Input and Output devices and understanding that a range of digital devices can be considered a computer. They will learn to differentiate between General Purpose Computers and Integrated systems and identify computers in the community. Students will also use Information Technology skills to create, edit and save word documents.
SoCo	<p>This term students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to introduce themselves • Share information about themselves • Recognise and find out information about other people (staff and students) around the school • Learn how to take turns in a variety of situations • Think about what it means to be a good friend • Learn about how to identify and manage emotions <p>Students will learn how to engage and play positively with other students, and understand that positive interactions lead to social development.</p>
Humanities	This term students will be learning about Black History. They will travel through time learning about ancient civilisations, slavery, religion and black role models. They will focus on developing skills including communication, map skills, colourful semantics and fine motor skills.

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Art	Exploring mark making, experimenting with patterns, textures and colours. Colour theory and sensory work.
Drama	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 Aesop Fables including The Hare and the Tortoise and The Lion and the Mouse.
Food Tech	Students will learn about basic nutrition, diet and health. They will also be introduced to Business Enterprise in food technology by running a Mini Café. During practical lessons, pupils will get the opportunity to investigate and cook dishes including Macaroni Cheese, Spaghetti Bolognese and Vegetable Chowder. They will also be learning to safely use the oven by making Granola Bars, Scones – both sweet and savoury. Also, Courgette and Cheddar Soda Bread, Puff Pastry Pies, Corn and Cheese Savoury Muffins as well as some special occasion cooking.
Music	
Relaxation	This term, pupils will be learning about different breathing techniques to strengthen, energise and calm the nervous system. We will also be learning about Mindfulness with a focus on the breath, mindful listening skills and mindful moving.
Science	We are starting the term by looking at how to keep safe in the science lab. We will look at rules to keep us safe, what hazards and hazard symbols we could encounter and the procedures we need to follow. We will look at scientific equipment and how to use it safely and correctly. We will then be learning about living things and the environment. We will look at the human body and health. We will look at personal hygiene, healthy eating and how lifestyle issues like smoking, drugs and alcohol affect our health. We recommend the BBC website. It is a great learning resource for Science. The web address is www.bbc.co.uk/education .