

8R Spring Term Curriculum Overview

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

Subject	Topic
Literacy	<p>This term in Literacy we will be reading animal poetry. We will be reading a range of poetry by familiar authors such as Julia Donaldson (author of <i>The Gruffalo</i>) and Michael Rosen (author of <i>We're Going On A Bear Hunt</i>) and exploring the following poetry techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repeition• Rhyme• Alliteration• Adjectives• Onomatopoeia• Similes <p>We will also be exploring sensory storytelling, with a focus on characterisation and narration by acting out and retelling the story. The story we are studying is based around London, and will also provide opportunities for research about London using non-fiction.</p>
Numeracy	<p>This term we will be covering a number of areas on the numeracy curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition and subtraction• Properties of shapes• Money• Multiplication and division (including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s)• Fractions <p>Students will take part in a range of practical and written activities to cover these areas, supported by a range of counting aids and methods. Many of the activities will be active and multi-sensory.</p>
PSHE	<p>This term in PSHE we will be talking about the important people in our lives, including family and friends, and how we can develop and maintain positive relationships with them. We will also explore why these relationships are important, and recognise that they are different for everyone. In the second half term we will be exploring the choices we can make about looking after our bodies. This will include sleep, exercise, diet, hygiene and personal space.</p>
Music	<p>The theme will be melody this term. They will be using a colour code system in order to play famous, simple melodies using a colour coded keyboard, xylophone and a piano. They will also continue to sing both in groups and as individuals to bolster confidence and team work skills. They will also use virtual instruments to experiment with scales and play with expression.</p>

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Craft	In craft this term we will be continuing with our exploration of sensory art activities by making spring themed crafts. This will include decorating our class tree with spring blossom and leaves. We will also be making crafts related to cultural events from around the world, including Chinese New Year and Easter.
Lego Therapy	In Lego Therapy, students will develop their skills to participate in activities requiring them to be the Builder, Supplier and Engineer. Students will focus on key skills such as listening, relaying information, following instructions, communicating clearly, and sentence building. Students will work on unfamiliar models that will become clear when they have been completed. All students will reflect on their skills in their set role.
PE	<p>The pupils will be honing their previously learnt gymnastic skills, throughout the term, focusing on the 6 elements of balancing, rolling, travelling, flight, jumping and climbing. They will put these into a short sequence which they will display to their peer group.</p> <p>They will continue to work on the use of positive language to critique the performance of others.</p> <p>In addition pupils will experience and take part in rebound therapy too.</p> <p>Pupils also take part in health related exercise and learn about basic physiological functions of the body.</p> <p>Swimming: The pupils will continue with their programme of swimming as last term.</p>
Computing	Students will complete work from the Hardware and Processing module; where they have been learning about basic internal computer circuitry and the function of different computer devices. This will include identifying and using various Input and Output devices and learning to recognise that a range of digital devices can be considered a computer.
SoCo	This term students will be focussing on their questioning and conversation skills through familiar activities such as What's In The Box?, Yes and No, and Who Am I?, as well as questioning activities using Blank's levels of questioning. Students will continue to learn how to engage and play positively with other students, and understand that positive interactions lead to social development.
Humanities	This term, the class will be learning about weather. There will be sensory input to help them recognise weather, they will learn weather vocabulary and Makaton signs, make weather crafts and learn how to dress for the weather. They will also

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	learn about the seasons. During the term they will develop communication, fine motor and sensory integration skills.
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 and draw from memory and imagination.
Drama	Student will be using drama and role play to enact stories and scenes from The Grimm Brothers – Hansel and Gretel, Cinderella and Rumpelstiltskin. Students will be working in small groups to create class performances using staging, lights and costume.
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. In the first part of the term they will be learning about Healthy Snacks. They will be producing Vegetable Crisps, Plantain Chips, Sweet Potato Wedges and a number of other healthy options. In the second part of the term they will be learning about running a Café. They will visit a Café and look mat the jobs then they will design a menu and make the dishes. Eventually they will run a café and invite some guests. Hopefully you will get a cup of tea made for you in the future.
Music	The theme will be melody this term. They will be using a colour code system with support in order to play famous, simple melodies using a colour coded keyboard, xylophone and a piano. They will also continue to sing both in groups and as individuals to bolster confidence and team work skills. They will each develop a mini body of songs that they wish to practice regularly and develop as performances in music classes.
Relaxation	This term, the class will be using the sensory room to experiment with further sensory inputs and activities to discover what they find relaxing.
Science	Students will be learning about ‘Living Things’ and how they adapt in their environments. We will look at the Life cycles of many living things including the Human Life Cycle. Students will also learn about ‘predator’ and ‘prey’ and look at feeding relationships in food chains and food webs. Science recommends the BBC website. It is a great resource for learning about Science. Here is the web address www.bbc.co.uk/education . Students can also go to www.educationcity.com for more homework tasks and online learning. In March we have Chick eggs coming to the school so get ready for baby Chicks! A fantastic experience for the students to look forward to!