

9A Spring Term Curriculum Overview

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

Subject	Topic
Literacy	This term students will be studying the book 'The Iron Man'. They will be studying the plot, settings and the characters of the book using descriptive language. There will also be lots of opportunities to develop their reading, writing and speaking and listening skills.
Numeracy	This term we will be covering a number of areas on the numeracy curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplying and dividing• Measurement• Problem solving• Money 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.
PSHE	This term pupils will be continuing their topic of road safety. They will then develop their knowledge of the criminal justice system. Pupils will be exploring the definition and understanding of the concept of crime, learning about the age of criminal responsibilities and looking at a variety of "typical" youth crimes and their seriousness.
Music	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. The aim will be that they can use the colour coded notation to 'read' and play music as independently as possible. They will also continue to sing, both in groups and as individuals, to bolster confidence and team work skills.
Play Skills	This term students will be considering how they communicate and interact with people in the local community with a focus on manners. They will also be considering their friendships and how to develop them during 'friendship fortnight'.
Lego Therapy	Students will work together in their teams of Builder, Engineer and Supplier to make stop motion movies of their models. Students will start by creating movies to show the construction of different 'props' for their movie, leading up to them working together to make a 'film'. All students will focus on teamwork and communicating with each other to create their movie. Students will reflect each lesson on their skills within their role and identify what they would like to work more on at the end of each session.
PE	The pupils will be honing their previously learnt gymnastic skills, throughout the term, focusing on the 6 elements of

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	<p>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>
Fitness	<p>Pupils continue to take part in health related exercise and learn about basic physiological functions of the body.</p> <p>They will study a specific area of healthy lifestyles each week.</p>
Computing	<p>Students will complete work from the Information Technology module; where they have been learning how to use Microsoft Office programs such as Word, Publisher, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint. Key areas of focus have been: learning how to use a laptop, basic keyboard skills, highlighting text, formatting text and saving work in an organised way.</p>
Citizenship	<p>Students will learn about democracy and how it works in the UK. They will learn about how the electoral system works. They will learn about how the UK Parliament works.</p>
So Co	<p>This term students will be considering how they communicate and interact with people in the local community with a focus on manners. They will also be considering their friendships and how to develop them during 'friendship fortnight'.</p> <p>Throughout these topics students will be supported to engage in positive social interactions with peers. Students will also use play to develop their confidence and communication skills.</p>
Humanities	<p>To further develop an understanding of the world around them, the class will be learning about the weather. They will learn about the causes and effects of different types of weather and how people interact with the weather. They will also learn about the seasons. During the term students will develop sensory integration, fine motor, communication, data presentation and analysis and research skills.</p>
Art	<p>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</p>

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	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 be building on the skills that they have learnt so far in Food Technology. In the first part of the term they will be looking at Special Diets. They will be making Vegetarian food, Low calorie food and dairy free. This will include BBQ Bean Sew, Low Fat Pizza, Dairy Free Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Muffins. In the second part of the term they will be baking. They will be running a Cake Shop and making Flapjacks, Brownies, Honey Joys, Yo-yo's and Chocolate Truffles. Yum!
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!
Craft	This term in craft 9A will be making and designing their own journal which they will be able to keep to draw, make notes and document their thoughts once complete. This was something the students requested and is a precursor to making products for other people in enterprise which they will start in key stage 4. They will have to follow instructions to make a sturdy and functional journal with equal sized pages. They will have a choice of using water colour, marbling effect or making a design on the computer to decorate their journal covers. They will be graded on the quality of the journal and the creativity of the design.