

9S Spring Term Curriculum Overview

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

Subject	Topic
Literacy	Written work and discussion around Animal Farm, by George Orwell. Also regular practice at reading through phonics work around Wordshark, Nessy, and the Swap cards, that cover all basic sound combinations, together with regular graded reading and written comprehensions.
Numeracy	Continuing number work around addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, percentages and decimals. Measurements and problem solving.
PSHE	<p>Road safety</p> <p>Student will continue learning about different aspects related to road safety. Lessons will be based on discussions and covered different aspects of safety from driver, pedestrian and cyclist perspective. Students will learn about different road signs and their meanings. Students will be taking part in a Road Safety Week.</p> <p>Students will also learn about how to be safe on a bike and design their own cycle helmet.</p> <p>There will be a trip around our local area aiming at identifying and recording road signs around the school.</p>
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. 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 as well as further develop their 'band' skills.
Citizenship	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.
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>

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Computing	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.
SoCo	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'. 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.
Humanities	This term students will learn about global warming and climate change. They will learn about the causes, consequences and how weather affects people. During the term students will develop communication, data presentation and analysis, research and presentation skills.
Art	This term we will be exploring images of the London skyline, famous Buildings we can see from the art room and looking at images by the London based artist Yoni Alters. Students will be experimenting with mark making, colour mixing and mixed media.
Drama	Students 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!
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. They will also continue to work on 'band' projects, taking on specific individual roles and working as a team.
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

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	<p>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!</p>
Craft	<p>In craft this term we will be looking at different printing techniques, with a view to designing and building our 'dream bedroom' in a shoebox. We will also be making crafts related to cultural events from around the world, including Chinese New Year and Easter.</p>