

English

Students will look at the genre **fantasy** this term. They will read a novel from the genre (e.g. Who Let the Gods Out / Percy Jackson).

They will also follow the '**Talk for Writing**' structure and produce two pieces of writing: a portal story and an informative piece.

Performing Arts

Term 1: Singing and creating music in a group

Learning for Life

Students will cover topics such as basic drug and alcohol education, relationships, bullying, respecting others and grooming.

Speech and Language Therapy (SALT)

This term we are honing inferencing skills in SALT. Pupils will become 'social detectives', applying skills in virtual and real-life scenarios and practice answering open questions with reasoned justifications, enhancing critical communication and thinking.

Work Related Learning

Developing practical skills, including using basic hand tools.

Basic presentation and word document making.

Problem solving: why is it important and when is it needed?
Activities and scenarios based around this.

Start planning Summer class project.

Community Art

Working in teams to create large poster style images for display based on our heroes.

Science- Pupils will be completing their topic on electricity, creating circuits, learning about health and safety and how it is generated. They will then begin their biology topic looking at healthy eating and what is in our foods. They will investigate the nutrients in different foods and learn about how these nutrients help the body.

ICT – Pupils will be taught a deeper understanding of Online Safety, with emphasis on how to avoid the dangers of using the Internet. This will be centred around discussions and awareness of Cyberbullying, Online Deception, Technology Addiction and Online

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Humanities

Pupils will learn about the industrial revolution in Britain and the changes made over time in the areas of: medicine, transport & working conditions. Afterwards, they will go on to look at current affairs and weekly news events. The Humanities curriculum supports writing skills and teaches pupils how to use sources of information wisely.

RE

Pupils will reflect on Religion, personal traits and characteristics, the Soul and beliefs about life after death. They will consider how to be accepting of different religious beliefs and cultural behaviour. They will discover facts about Buddhism and Hinduism. Easter topics will be centred around symbolism, debate

Maths

Students will continue to have a focus on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Some students will begin working with numbers greater than a thousand.

Students will also be using their maths skills to investigate measurement of length and height; mass; and capacity & volume. All of these units link to skills used in Food Technology, Design Technology and Science.

At the end of the Spring Term students will do a statistics project aimed at improving their skills of data collecting, recording and interpreting.

PE – Pupils will continue to visit the gym each lesson, with inside sports being table tennis and badminton, and outside sports being hockey and football.

Art and Technology Rotation – 1 subject per term

Resistant Materials - Pupils are introduced to structures and knockdown fittings as they design and make a pencil case project. Students will also develop their understanding of CAD software as they incorporate laser cut engravings into their project.

Art- This term it's all about colour! We will be investigating Birds of Paradise and Henry Rousseau's famous jungle painting. Pupils will go onto experiment with different mark making techniques and collage to culminate in an amazing imaginative Bird of Paradise mixed media creation!

Food Tech - Pupils will be introduced to the fundamentals of food technology. This will include recapping the importance of good kitchen hygiene and kitchen safety. Pupils will then go onto making a number of dishes including soups, salads and sweet and savoury pies.

