

Dear Parents / Carers,

The table below gives you information about the theme your child will be learning about for this term, each class can take a different approach to this topic, to be more specific for the group of children, your child is with. If you feel you can help us in anyway please get in touch!

<h2>Cultural Celebrations</h2>			
Curriculum Subject Focus	<i>Science – Materials</i>	<i>Design Technology – Materials</i>	<i>Music</i>
Autumn Term 2024			
<p>The intent for the Autumn Term Theme 'Cultural Celebrations' is to support the pupils to gain the <u>Life-long Learning</u> knowledge and skills through Science materials, Design Technology materials and experience culture through Music. Through consistent routines and structures DT and PE sessions pupils will develop their <u>Independence skills (EHCPs)</u> and be provided with knowledge and skills of the wider world through <u>Imaginative & Meaningful Experiences</u> and develop the ability to collaborate with peers through <u>Togetherness & Inclusivity</u>. Theme sessions will have a specific focus linked to Science materials, Design Technology materials or Music with clear learning intentions where the accumulative knowledge through the term and beyond will work towards the pathway end points. Festivals and other cultural celebrations should be used to carry the theme to ensure lessons are <u>Interesting</u> & provide real-life <u>Opportunities</u> for cross curricular links. Through their understanding of sports & healthy lifestyles pupils will develop strategies to support better <u>Mental Health & Wellbeing</u>.</p>			
Class Focus	<p>Developing our voice as young people, enabling the choices we have by developing relationships with our community and wider world, as well as developing our independence by having the opportunity to plan for next steps and preparation for life as young adults.</p> <p>As staff we aim to give our students the best possible opportunities to thrive, as well as live a healthy and fulfilled life and make positive contributions to the World. This will be achieved by offering them 'The Bridge' between academic learning as well as a host of Careers and independent life skill input from ourselves, as well as links with Sixth Form and also other agencies.</p>		
Independence Cooking	<p>In our cooking lesson's, our key focus will be on food and hygiene. Students will learn to use a variety of kitchen tools and equipment safely, correctly, and with precision. They will explore the process of planning, preparing, and tasting a range of simple meals, gaining hands-on experience in following recipes from different countries and cultural celebrations. This will not only enhance their practical cooking skills but also broaden their understanding of global cuisines and traditions.</p>		
Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matilda – Road Dahl 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonder – Palacio R.J • Around the World in 80 Festivals – Nancy Dickmann • Guy Fawkes and the Gun Powder Plot – Izzi Howell • A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
Happy Centred Schools	In our Happy Centred Schools lessons on Positive Relationships, students will explore the various roles that people play in their lives and learn how their actions can impact the feelings of others. Through engaging in a variety of class role-play activities, students will have the opportunity to practice empathy and reflect on how different behaviours and responses affect relationships. These activities will help create a deeper understanding of the importance of tolerance, patience and acceptance in building positive connections with others.
PE	Our focus this term is 'Invasion games', in particular <i>football</i> . Students will develop key skills necessary for effective participation in the game. They will learn to understand and apply the concept of moving into open space, enabling them to position themselves to receive passes and avoid defenders. Students will also work on their ability to move with the ball towards the goal, focusing on keeping control of the ball. They will also develop football skills, such as dribbling, passing, and shooting – therefore enhancing their overall performance and confidence in a game setting.

As always thank you for your support,

Sarah Gillard.