

Year 8 Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term

English:

Autumn 1:

The Sonnet form
Sonnets from Petrarch to Duffy

Autumn 2:

Comedy
A journey through comedy from Greek theatre to Wilde and Blackadder
Focus Text: 'As you Like It' by William Shakespeare

MFL - Chinese:

Introduction to China and Chinese Culture and Language:

- Chinese People
- Geography and history of China
- Modern China
- Chinese characters and their structures
- Greetings and numbers, dates and ages

MFL

Chinese: Talking about and giving opinions on school & subjects.

German: Phonics, greetings and introducing yourself. Family, friends and relationships.

Science:

1. Working Scientifically Investigation – Burning.
2. Energy 2 (Physics).
3. Health & Lifestyle (Biology).
4. Biological processes (Biology).
5. The Periodic table (Chemistry).

Maths:

- Round numbers to one significant figure and estimate calculations
- Apply laws of indices
- Standard Form
- BIDMAS
- LCM and HCF using product of primes
- Calculate percentages – reverse and original amounts.

Computing:

- Cyber Security
- Website Development

Art:

- A bug's life (mixed media exploration)

PSHE/RSE

- Careers
- Friendships and managing influences

Humanities:

- History – The Tudors and the Stuarts
- Geography – Tectonics and Population and Urbanisation
- RE- What is religious studies?
- RE What is belief?

Performing Arts:

Music: Introduction to Minimalism through historical context, listening and performance.
Drama: Introduction to Drama: freeze frames, tableaux's, script work (Romeo & Juliet and Noughts & Crosses), TIE (Theatre in Education) devising and working with a stimuli.

Design & Technology:

Mechanisms and types of movement.
Timber sources, categories and properties.

PE:

- Table Tennis
- Trampolining
- Football/Netball

This terms core values are 'Positivity and Resilience'

Year 8 Curriculum Overview - Spring Term

English:

Dystopia.

Exploring the significance of dystopia through a range of dystopian short stories and 'The Giver' by Lois Lowry.

Using key points in the stories and novels as creative springboards for monologues.

Design & Technology:

- Metals- pewter casting
- Categories, properties and sources of metals

Performing Arts:

- Music: Song writing; melodies and performance.
- Drama: Musical Theatre: script work, Naturalistic acting, song/dance and Contemporary Shakespeare; Much Ado About Nothing, A Midsummer Nights Dream and devising.

Science:

5. The Periodic table (Chemistry).
6. Separation techniques (Chemistry).
7. Motion & pressure (Physics).
8. Metals & other materials (Chemistry).
9. The Earth (Chemistry).

Maths:

- Perimeter, area, volume of composite shapes including sector of circles.
- Volume and surface area of prisms.
- Linear graphs – plotting and finding the equations.
- Plot quadratic graphs.

PSHE/RSE

- Relationships
- First aid and keeping safe

Computing:

- Python Programming

Art:

- A bug's life (continued)

Humanities:

- History – Industrial revolution and the Franchise
- Geography – Geography and the people of the UK and Natural resources
- RE – What it means to be non-religious in Britain today and Justice

PE:

- Table tennis – basic skills, tactics and gameplay
- Trampolining – basic skills and sequencing
- Football/ netball– basic skills, tactics and gameplay

MFL - Chinese:

- Clothing, food & drink, ordering at a restaurant

This terms core values are 'Aspiration and Inclusion'

Year 8 Curriculum Overview - Summer Term

English

Literature isn't only males.

Exploring a range of female voices in literature, from Chaucer, through the Brontes to Duffy and Atwood.

Writing focus on creative responses to visual stimulus and comparing different texts.

MFL - Chinese:

- Weather, countries & nationality, traditions & festivals

PE:

- Athletics – Technique development for all events
- Rounders/ cricket – basic skills, tactics and gameplay

Design & Technology:

- Textiles- doorstep
- Development of a product for a chosen client.

Science:

9. The Earth (Chemistry).
10. Ecosystems & adaptations (Biology).
11. Inheritance (Biology).
12. Electricity & magnetism (Physics).

Maths:

- Pythagoras's theorem.
- Trigonometry.
- Angles in Polygons
- Enlargements.
- Plans and elevations.
- Probability.
- Averages – grouped data.

Art:

- Portraiture

Computing:

- App Lab, Block Based Programming

PSHE/RSE

- Mental health and wellbeing
- British values- Rule of law

Humanities:

- History – the transatlantic slave trade and the civil rights movement
- Geography – Weather and Climate and World cities and Global issues
- RE – places of worship and conflict and peace

Performing Arts:

Music: Recording project; learning chords and guitar tabs.

Drama: Physical Theatre; exploring Frantic Assembly 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time', lifts, contact work and Comedy Scripts.

This terms core values are 'Success and Empathy'