

Base 18 Autumn 2024



Welcome back to the new term. We hope you are all well and looking forward to your child being back in school following the summer holidays. There are lots of exciting activities that have been planned to experience and work on across the curriculum and there is an overview of these outlined below. If at any time you need to contact us, a note in the Home School Diary or a phone call will ensure we receive your message. We look forward to welcoming pupils back and we will keep you up to date with any other information throughout the term.

(ABC) English

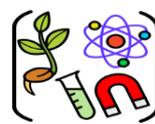
Below are the books that pupils will access this term:

- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury
- The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Alex Sheffler

The books will be accompanied by a range of props and activities to support multisensory delivery.

Weekly English sessions will incorporate pupil outcomes and individual objectives.

Pupils will also access specific phonics sessions each week at a level appropriate to their needs.

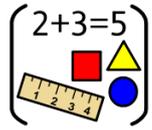


Science

In Science we will be investigating materials. This will include exploring and changing materials e.g. exploring ice before and after it has melted. There will be opportunities for pupils to explore a whole range of materials by seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling or feeling.

Pupils may demonstrate their preference for preferred materials throughout this topic and some pupils may recognise and name materials with appropriate communication support. Some pupils may work on describing materials e.g. hot/cold.





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Maths

Pupils will partake in activities to help them develop their understanding of the properties of objects, use of their senses, problem solving skills and their early attention and awareness skills. Where appropriate pupils will be accessing number activities to develop their counting skills and recognition of numbers through varying activities. Other activities may include sorting/matching, pattern, colour and texture if appropriate.



Music

Pupils will focus on 'Fairground' in music sessions. Pupils will practice music skills through activities such as body percussion, use of musical instruments, songs and will experience different types of music linked to fairgrounds.



Art

Pupils will explore a range of materials and techniques with 'What is sculpture?' as a focus. They will use a variety of different resources such as playdough, clay, natural materials and a range of modelling tools. Pupils will be encouraged to make preferences for their preferred materials/tools to support their artwork.



PSHE

Pupils will be looking at 'Friendships and Relationships'. They will work alongside others including adults and pupils to access varying activities relating to the theme such as identifying peers, taking turns and helping each other. Pupils may also work on interventions appropriate to their needs.



RE

Pupils will experience multisensory activities in relation to belonging to the Christian faith such as exploring the creation story, exploring what you can find in a church, and what happens there, including weddings. Pupils will also look at special Christian events such as baptism.





History

Pupils will be focusing on Christopher Columbus within the theme of 'Famous People'. Pupils will look at what it was like to live a long time ago including exploring homes, clothes and food from the 1400s. They will take part in varying multisensory activities such as food tasting/exploration, dressing up and exploring artefacts.



PE

In PE, pupils will focus on the fundamental skills of movement including the three main areas: method of movement, balance and object control. Pupils will interact with a variety of PE equipment suitable to their needs. Apparatus will be used where appropriate to encourage pupils to explore different movements.

In addition to our PE unit, pupils will continue to do some form of physical activity every day.

Health and safety is paramount to all activities.



Computing

We will be using a range of switches and computer programmes to make our lessons interactive. Some of the specialist equipment we will use to explore includes:

- 'Omni Vista', which projects images on the floor these move when a child moves in the beam for example fish swimming in a pond [It is very lifelike].
- Interactive touch screens.
- A variety of switches across the curriculum and in sensory rooms.



Snack

We ask that all parents of children who eat a snack in school make a voluntary online contribution of £10:00 towards the snacks for this term please. We continue to offer a variety of healthy snacks (appropriate to individual needs) including fruit.

Messages to the class teacher can be sent via the Home School Diary. It is lovely to hear what pupils have been doing at home in the evenings and over the weekend as this can be a cue to communication in class.

Don't forget to check out the Parental Links Support button on our website. Here you will find lots of information around E Safety and how to stay safe online. Our website will also provide you with information on term dates.

Any special events/days will be confirmed with you throughout the year.

We wish you all a lovely Autumn Term from Mandy James (Head of Secondary Phase and Specialist Sensory Classes), Claire Beckett (Senior Teacher) and all teachers and supporting staff.