Base 11 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.

English

Below is a list of some of the books that pupils may access this term:

Golidlocks and the Three Bears
The Gruffalo
Elmer and the Stranger

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 speaking and listening (including speech therapy objectives), reading and writing 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.

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 'Stomp!' in music sessions. Pupils will practice music skills through activities such as body percussion, musical instruments and songs. They will create their own music through rhythm and percussion, experimenting with a range of everyday objects to explore the sounds that they make.

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

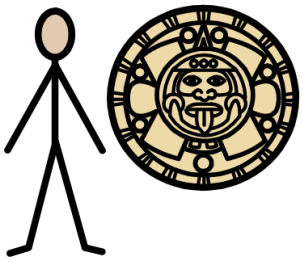
Pupils will be looking at 'Friendships and relationships'. They will work alongside others, including adults and pupils to access varying activities relating to the theme such as identifying peers, taking turns and helping each other. Pupils may also work on interventions appropriate to their needs.

RE

Pupils will experience multisensory activities in relation to 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 exploring 'The Aztecs' and will look at what life was like in Aztec civilisation. They will take part in varying multisensory activities such as food tasting, dressing up, exploring artefacts. They will also explore different Aztec rulers, art and architecture.



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

Pupils will be looking at 'Digital Literacy' and will be experiencing this through varying activities such as switch work, accessing specialised software or hardware, specific computer/app-based programmes and sensory rooms. Pupils will work on appropriate specific skills within the unit e.g. pressing a switch/using a touch screen.

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.

Don't forget to check out our website which will provide you with lots of information including term dates, links to Home Learning and a Parental Links Support button where you will find lots of information around E Safety and how to stay safe online and much more!

We hope that this newsletter has given you an insight into some of the activities that your child may access throughout the term. Other special event days such as Harvest, Diwali and many more will be confirmed with you throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support from Lindsay and all of the Primary Team.