

Secondary Phase Newsletter

Autumn 2024

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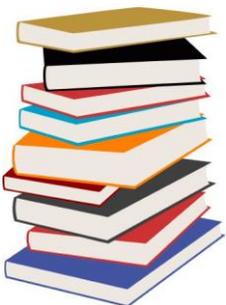
Welcome back to all pupils after the summer break and to those pupils new to the secondary phase.

We hope you are all well. There are many exciting activities planned for pupils to experience and work on across the curriculum and the overview of these is outlined below.



The list below shows some of the books that pupils may access this term:

- Blown Away by Rob Biddulph
- Rosie's Magic Horse by Russell Hoban and Quentin Blake
- Little Echo by Al Rodin
- Hello Rain1 by Kyo Maclear and chris Turnham
- The Eyes Game by Herve Tullett
- Beegu by Alexis Deacon



All books are accompanied by a variety of props to support enjoyment of the text.

Maths



Pupils will take part in maths activities that build on previously learnt skills and target new learning. They will be accessing number activities to develop counting skills and recognition of number through playing number games as well as sorting/matching activities. They will also take part in activities to use their senses, work on problem solving skills and early attention and awareness tasks. Teachers will personalise learning activities for each pupil with personalised objectives to support small step progress.

Business and Enterprise –Global Dimension and Sustainable Development. Through a range of multi-sensory experiences pupils will take part in activities to explore the interconnectedness of the world. They will find out about sustainably produced items, sustainable fishing, pollution in the oceans and overfishing. Pupils will experience a range of job roles that focus on sustainability and there will be opportunities to find out more/ interview a visitor into school from a business linked to the theme as well as taking part in lots of sensory activities linked to the theme ‘Life Under Water’.



PE – Fundamental Skills of Movement. For all pupils this is about developing fundamental movement skills as well as a focus on the skills of rolling and hitting while interacting with a variety of PE equipment addition to the PE unit other forms of physical paramount to all



suitable for individual needs. In pupils will continue to take part in activity each day. Health and safety is activities.



Science. Investigating Materials. This provides a theme/context for multi-sensory delivery while also allowing pupils to access a wide range of creative and exciting planned activities linked to the three elements of scientific enquiry:

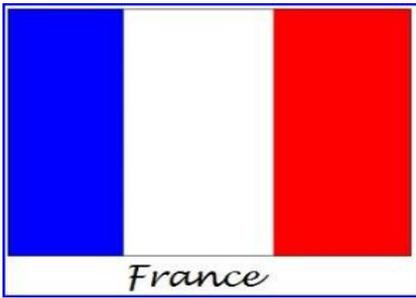
- exploring, identifying, and naming everyday materials
- properties of materials and their suitability
- changing materials.

PSHE/Citizenship – Reciprocal Interactions/Games. This provides pupils with opportunities to get to know any new classmates, share interactions, take part in games and multi-sensory experiences together that develop turn taking and communication skills.



Art – What is Sculpture? A variety of media will be explored and used that may include materials such as clay, card, paper, wood, wool, string, sand, blocks, food items to produce sculptures There will be opportunities for sensory exploration and for some specific concepts will be focused on e.g. joining materials.





Cultural Studies- France. This unit of work will provide an enriching sensory experience that encourages students to develop an interest and curiosity in the differences between themselves and people from France in relation to aspects such as food, music, school, religion, dress.



Food Technology – Cooking Skills. Pupils will revisit any cooking skills during the year, make healthy fruit smoothies and use kitchen equipment safely including the use of switches to operate kitchen equipment. They will take part in shopping for ingredients and follow a simple recipe to make their own lunches on a rota basis each week.



Performing Arts – Drama Games. This unit focuses on team building, confidence boosting, encouraging creativity, developing communication and receptive skills and having lots of fun. Skills practiced will then support drama sessions during the spring and summer terms.

Horticulture – Job Roles. As well as taking part in working in the garden in a safe way, pupils will experience each of the various job roles involved in the gardening industry. Pupils will find out about and run their own Horticulture Business. They will experience and learn about production and costs, the business environment, various roles within the horticulture business the marketplace, health and safety and the consumer. A range of sensory stories will support this module.



Computing –E Safety and Digital Literacy. The focus for this unit is to identify types of technology, find, retrieve and share information and practice internet safety. Through a range of computing equipment, pupils will be able to use technology purposefully to create, organise, store and manipulate information.

They will also get involved in different games and software that supports being safe online.



Hobbies and Careers – Over this academic year all pupils will visit the local community, wider community and focus on an activity within school taking a term for each of the above. This will include Dog walking and walking locally, a walk in Apley Woods and either film making, active games or relaxation/yoga. A record of experiences are then collated over the year and this builds year on year.

Pupils change for PE so require a change of T-shirt, shorts and trainers or pumps.

Snacks – We ask that all parents of children who eat a snack in school make a contribution of £10 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), Claire Beckett (Secondary Senior Teacher) and all the secondary phase teachers and supporting staff.