

English/ Reading/ Drama

Guided Reading Lessons

Students will take part in a guided reading lesson once a week, using phonic books reading schemes.



Phonics Lessons

Students will complete 3 phonic lessons a week using the twinkl Phonics Scheme. Work is appropriately targeted to individual reading levels.

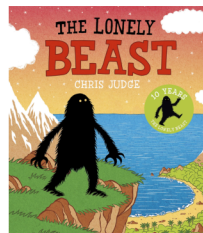
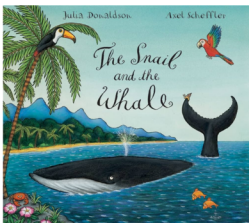


Drama Lessons

Students will have a weekly Drama lesson where they will complete activities to develop use of their voice, body and expression in contrasting performances/activities. Lessons additionally support our English text.

Text based lessons

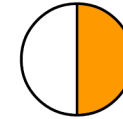
Students will take part in weekly text-based English lessons covering a range of different writing and reading genres. Our focus this term will be on settings, character and plot, and writing for different purposes such as personal experiences, newspaper articles and composing poetry. Spring Term texts are:



Maths

Students will continue to work through the White Rose Maths scheme of work, covering key strands within the Maths curriculum. Addition and subtraction sums and working out simple word problems is a key focus for the spring term, working towards multiplication and division skills. They will additionally revisit 2D and 3D shapes, and further develop their knowledge of fractions.

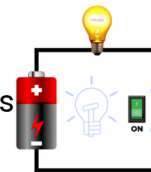
We encourage all students to log onto their sumdog accounts at home to further support their learning.



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Science

Our first topic is **Electricity**, where students will develop their understanding of mains electricity and investigate how to build their own working circuits.



Our second topic is **Sound**. During this topic, students will learn about how sound travels and have opportunities to make their own musical instruments.



Computing and Online Safety

This term we are focussing on Internet safety, this is all about staying safe online and being aware of any potential risks students will face.



Alongside this, students will continue to practice their keyboard skills.





Cooking

Throughout the term, students will prepare and cook a range of breakfast and brunch foods. We will be focussing on mixing, whisking, cracking an egg, oven safety, weighing and measuring skills.

In addition to using these skills, students will continue to improve their washing and drying up skills, and demonstrate safe use of knives and graters.



The World Around Us



Students are learning about **The Elements of Music**. Through a variety of hand on activities and investigation; they will learn about rhythm, harmony and melody of music genres through the ages.

After half term, we will shift our learning to **Our Wonderful World**, including continents and oceans, hot and cold zones and following routes on a map.

QUEST



Students who have weekly QUEST sessions will be visiting a variety of shops and services with the aim of developing their social etiquette and employment skills within the QUEST framework.

Students will be encouraged to shop for items for their home using self checkout machines whilst practicing their money handling and decision making skills.

Art / DT

In DT this term we will be exploring CAD desktop publishing program Inkscape and designing a product that can be laser cut from wood. Revising how to create basic shapes, we will experiment with joining and manipulating 2D shapes to make a game.

In Art, students are doing a **Portraits Project**. They will explore the remarkable life of Frida Kahlo and identify how she reflects her own personality and feelings in her paintings. Students will explore sketching techniques and monoprinting with the goal of creating their own portrait.



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PSHE

The focus of the term is self-care and managing feelings. Students will discuss how to look after themselves and others. They will examine how to identify and express their feelings, as well as recognising and managing those strong feelings that sometimes appear.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Year 9 students taking part in DofE have weekly sessions designed to support them towards achieving their Bronze Award.

This term participants will finish their volunteering and skills sections and start working on their expedition training.

PE

This term we are learning about health and fitness. We will complete circuit training and other exercises to develop different types of fitness including stamina and strength. We will learn how exercise has short term effects on the body



