

# 11US

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring Term 2020



#### Our Values...

**Welcoming**   **Teamwork**  
**Friendship**   **Trust**  
**Independence**   **Fun!**

The development of the **curriculum** is the **whole school focus** for this year.

The teaching of **reading** will also continue to be a focus throughout the year.

The teaching of **Maths** will be the focus during this Spring term.

#### Art

Pupils will be working on the theme, 'Our Community'. They will begin with observational drawing of plants and natural forms looking at line, shape and structure. They will research and explore magnificent trees and branches and how this structure and form can be seen in architecture, particularly Worcester Cathedral. Their work will move into 3 dimensions through relief collage or freestanding sculpture for display.

#### Music

In Music this term, pupils will be using the song 'Jerusalem' (by Hubert Parry) as the basis for looking at changes through time.

They will be given opportunities to compose and perform music inspired by their local community, past and present. They will explore famous local musicians including the classical composer Edward Elgar.

#### Science

The pupils in 11US will be exploring the topic of 'Electricity' during the first half of the spring term. They will be looking at topics such as generating electricity, electrical appliances and electric circuits.

Throughout the second half of the term they will be exploring 'sound', and looking at topics such as vibrations, hearing sound and soundproofing.

All pupils will continue to develop their practical skills including observation skills, making predictions and drawing conclusions.

#### P.E., Swimming and Fitness

P.E takes place on a Monday. The focus for the first half of the term is gymnastics; the pupils will work with a partner and learn different balances, and they will then plan, perform and evaluate a sequence.

The focus for the second half of the term is Boccia. The pupils will learn to apply skills and tactics into a competitive game.

In March they will take part in a School Games Boccia Competition.

Pupils will be working on individual swimming targets. They need to bring their kit every Thursday.



### English

#### Mrs Taylor's English group:

Pupils will research the poverty, cruelty and class system of Victorian Britain. They will study the story of 'Oliver Twist' and empathise with him and other characters. They will act out scenes focusing on their performance that they will evaluate. Pupils will understand why Dickens made the language choices he made and complete a series of tasks to consolidate their understanding of the text. Pupils will review the book considering an alternative ending that they will produce as a graphic novel.

#### Mrs Nolan's/Mr Brown's English group:

The literacy focus for this term will be British Authors. The pupils will listen to extracts from the book "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl and "Goodnight Mr Tom" by Michelle Magorian and explore the characters and narratives, looking at the meaning and comprehension of the text. The pupils will also engage in role play based on extracts from the books to deepen their understanding of the topic. During lessons pupils will also get the opportunity to extend their phonics knowledge with multi sensory activities.

#### Mr Dill-Russell's English group:

Pupils will explore the theme of 'People and Events', through which they will learn about Roald Dahl and some of his work, focusing in particular on 'The Enormous Crocodile'. They will also be learning to greet people appropriately, and about how to initiate conversations. Pupils will explore plays and theatre, developing an understanding of some of the key features of plays as well as having an opportunity to participate in short role plays.

### Relationships

Pupils in 11US have a weekly lesson to focus specifically on 'relationships', which enables pupils to cover topics that might not otherwise be covered in subject lessons. This term we will be continuing to focus on 'personal development'. We will explore personal goals and carefully monitor and celebrate progress together. Pupils will also have the opportunity to explore these areas further during Reflection Time and throughout class-based 'Curriculum Days'.

### Computing

This term pupils will develop their understanding of safe behaviour whilst online. The digital literacy focus will be to create a simple PowerPoint presentation.

### Food Technology

Pupils will be exploring different types of bread, as well as celebrating the many festivals such as Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.

### Humanities

This term, pupils will explore Great Britain and complete a local geographical survey. Pupils will be learning the skills of map reading, compass reading, and learning about the features of our local environment.

### Maths

In Miss Treglown's Maths group (Maths 6), we will be focusing on 4 key areas; measure, multiplication, division, and place value.

In measure, we will be weighing objects using 100g weights, choosing appropriate units to measure length and telling the time to quarter and half hours using analogue clocks.

We will focus on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to help us solve multiplication and division problems. We will be identifying tens and ones in 2-digit numbers to 99.

Mrs Evans' Maths group will continue to follow our new Hamilton Maths Scheme this term. They will be using a variety of methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide mentally. These will include using place value knowledge to add or subtract, finding pairs of numbers that make 100 and checking a calculation by using an inverse calculation. They will revise or learn 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables, measure in litres and measure perimeters.

### How is my child's progress being recorded?

The children will be working from the National Curriculum, modified and differentiated to their individual needs, and will be assessed using our P scales and SOLAR. Each child will follow their own personalised Individual Education Plan with their own set targets, which will be reviewed and monitored.