

9US

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.

Our 9US class focus this term is community and recycling.

Food Technology

In Food Technology this term pupils will be baking bread and exploring just some of the many different types of bread.

We will also be celebrating festivals such as Chinese New Year and Valentines Day.

Art

Pupils will be taking part in a research project with Meadow Arts and Worcester University. This is an exciting opportunity which will enable pupils to work alongside a professional artist, practicing and developing their creativity, for the whole morning each Thursday.

This project will span the Spring and the Summer Term and will involve experimenting and developing drawing and mark making and encourage confidence and independence.

Computing

In Computing this term, pupils will be regularly reminded about the importance of being safe online.

Pupils will also develop their skills of searching for, finding and transferring images to develop a presentation about themselves which they will share with the rest of the group.

Science

This term in science pupils will be learning about their bodies. They will identify simple functions of body parts and will name the sense organs and carry out simple experiments using their senses.

Pupils will be developing their observational skills and observe changes from their actions. They will also begin to make suggestions for planning and evaluating their work.

Humanities

The Humanities focus this term will be on recycling and sustainability as well as starting to explore the impact of climate change. Pupils will look at what is being done at the moment as well as what they can do to help the environment.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

All pupils are continuously assessed using SOLAR, which breaks down P Levels into small steps, so that we're able to track progression through each level.

Music

In Music this term, pupils will use their focus on 'recycling' as an opportunity for them to be creative and make their own instruments from junk. They will use their instruments to improvise, compose and play junk jazz music in a variety of different musical structures.

Maths

Mrs Evans' Maths set:

Pupils 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.

Mr Russell's Maths set:

In Maths this term, pupils will be developing their ability to use maths to help understand the world around them. They will explore how long given activities take. They will develop skills in telling the time to the half hour, as well as understand that there are digital and analogue clocks.

They will continue to add and subtract up to 20 and use an understanding of money to be able to pay an amount greater than the cost of an item as well as developing an understanding that there are items which they will not be able to afford.

PSHE

In PSHE this term pupils will be exploring communities and cultures and health and exercise.

Pupils will also be using 'Books Beyond Words' to explore different topics and provide opportunities for discussions and developing social and communication skills.

Within PSHE time, pupils 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'. We are also looking forward to working together as a team for the enterprise £10 challenge!

P.E., Swimming and Fitness

P.E will take place on a Friday.

The first half of the term the focus is Gymnastics. The pupils will learn how to counter balance with a partner, use apparatus and plan and perform a sequence.

The focus for the second half of the term is Boccia. The pupils will be learning to apply different types of shots into a competitive game.

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

In swimming pupils will be working towards individual targets. They will need their swimming kit every Wednesday.

English

In English pupils will explore the theme of 'People and Events'. Through this 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, initiate conversations and listen to what others have to say.

Pupils will develop their research skills using the Internet and non-fiction books, and will work on developing their presentation skills to share information with others.

This term pupils will also 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.

All pupils will have their phonics and high frequency word knowledge extended using a multi sensory approach and will develop their writing skills at an appropriate level.

How can parents and carers support their child's learning?

Please use the Home-School books to communicate any useful information or interesting news about your child.

Please provide any snacks for your child for break times, if appropriate.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to call us. (If we can't come to the phone, we will call you back as soon as we are able to.)

THANK YOU!