

11US

Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term



Our Values...

Welcoming Teamwork
Friendship Trust
Independence Fun!

Although school is closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our curriculum newsletters are a guide for parent carers as to the topics and themes planned by staff for the Summer term. There are learning resources and activities available on the school website under 'home learning' if you'd like to use them, though please do not feel under pressure to do so. At this challenging time, our children just need to feel safe and loved, they need to play, explore and try fun distracting activities.

Art

This term, at school, we would have been practising graphic design by making a poster for a celebration. Why don't you have a go at home too! Learn about the work of Toulouse-Lautrec; find out a little about his life, his style and his poster design, then create 'inspiration pages' to include keywords and phrases, your own sketches and mark making. Learn about Art Nouveau and its beautiful graphic design style with smooth flowing lines and gentle approach to poster design. Work with pencil, pen, paint and colour mixing. Create patterns, shapes and colour combinations of your own, influenced by your research. Explore lettering styles. Work on the laptop if you want to. Experiment and create. Think carefully about your own poster design, picture and message. Make sure to be clear and eye catching. Create a poster demonstrating your graphic design skills. Enjoy!

Science

In Science this term we would have been exploring materials and their properties by investigating states of matter, dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The second half of the summer term would have been learning about animals including humans, learning about teeth, digestive systems and food chains. Some resources will go up on the 11US area of the school website over the term, but please also check out the 'Science' subject section of the website. There is a document 'Science Home Learning' which has links to science activities and websites that you can have a look at, at home. We are also having a 'Scientist of the Week', so why not have a go at an experiment and send us a photo of what you've been up to!

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Music

In addition to the links and resources on our school website's Home Learning pages, here is a great opportunity for your child to make music at home! Chadsgrove has been given increased access to the award-winning **Clarion™** instrument, an expressive accessible instrument developed for young disabled people and it also works seamlessly with Eyegaze computers. **To download:** Go to <https://bit.ly/clarionmusic> and watch one of the short videos on the Download page. That will show you how to download and install Clarion™ for either iPad or Windows devices. There are also a few videos on the website to help you get started making music. Open Up Music will continue adding films to the website over the summer.

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Happy music making! Have fun!

P.E., Swimming and Fitness

For this half term the focus is Cricket and practising the following skills: throwing, catching and batting. Any type of ball can be used. Why not play a family game of Cricket? This could also be Table Cricket, and you can take part in the weekly Fitness Challenge announced on Twitter and the website.

After half term the focus is Sports Day. Practise throwing objects for distance, throwing into containers, and stepping or jumping activities. Running activities include running in a straight line, a wheelchair slalom in and out of cones, and a family relay and an egg and spoon race.

English

Mrs Nolan's Group:

All the pupils are working on skills that they have learnt previously, in order to keep these skills up-to-date. They can access all of the activities through the online resource Education City. Here they will be given tasks to complete such as comprehension of stories and characters, spellings and phonics.

Any queries please contact Emma:
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Mrs Hockey & Mr Dill-Russell's Group:

We have been looking at different genres of stories and were planning to focus on mysteries this term. We would have been further developing pupils' understanding of character, setting and plot through the story 'The Mystery of the Missing Cake' (video will go up on school website with some resources and ideas for activities in the 9US folder). We would also have written our own class mystery story, so perhaps you could have a go at writing your own at home! Please also use this opportunity to share stories and books together! Do ask us if you'd like us to email you individually with some ideas of resources and activities for reading / phonics work that would be suitable for you to do at home.

Mrs Taylor's English Group:

This term we will be exploring poetry using the text, 'Love That Dog', by Sharon Creech. We will follow the journey that the young boy, Jack, takes in his understanding of the topic and use his influences of other well known poets to develop our own poems, resulting in our own anthology of work. Alongside this, we will also be concentrating on skills needed to draft, edit and refine our work, using a dictionary and thesaurus to make improvements. All texts and resources will be uploaded onto the school website for use at home.

Relationships

It is essential that you look after your child's mental health during this difficult and unprecedented time. Please refer to the Play and Mindfulness section on the school website for suggested activities.

Computing

It is hoped that your child will continue to develop and maintain the skills they have previously learned in Computing this year. The ICT tab on the school website will be regularly updated with useful websites and resources.

Food Technology

The planned focus for this term is 'Fruit'. Please encourage your child to explore different types of fruit and to investigate where and how it grows. In addition to learning about the health benefits of fruit as part of a balanced diet, please explore a range of recipes for the whole family to enjoy! Happy cooking!

Humanities

BBC Bitesize are putting lessons on their website every day. Go to BBC Bitesize and click the orange button 'Start a lesson'. It doesn't matter what key stage or year group you go to, just choose a topic that you think you will be interested in. For example, from the week beginning April 20th you may like Y1 Rosa Parkes, Y6 Settlements or Y8 Weather and Climate. There will be video clips and activities.

Maths

Miss Treglown's Group (Set 6):

We are focusing on 4 key areas this term; money, 2D and 3D shape, multiplication and place value. We will be adding and subtracting using coins, identifying different combinations of coins that are the same value and working out change. We will revise key 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Children should also continue with their 2, 3 and 5 times tables and begin to learn their 4's. All these skills can be practised at home on Education City online, where Miss Treglown will set weekly tasks. Please also check out the "Set 6" resources in the "Upper School Sets" section on the home learning section of the website.

KS3 Mrs Evans' Group:

Topics planned for the summer term will be completed later but here are three main maths activities that you can do at home:

1. Look out for the Maths Lesson videos that I'm putting on the website. Go to Chadsgrove website>home learning>upper school sets>maths>Mrs Evans Set 5.
2. Do the worksheets from your pack. Contact me if you need help or answers.
3. Do some RMeasimaths and Education City. Please ask if you've lost the passwords.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

We would love to see photos or hear what you've been up to, but there is no pressure on worrying about 'progress' whilst your child is at home! We'll take care of this when we're all back together again. If you need any support from school then please don't hesitate to contact us or speak to staff during weekly phone calls.