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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.

Topic:
Community

Communication Skills

Pupils will follow the Barrs Court Curriculum and the EQUALS Pre-Formal Curriculum for the development of Communication Skills.

Activities will include:

Story telling, and sensory stories

Relevant stories about community will be posted on the school website, so that pupils can continue to feel connected with each other and their community.

Reading

A fun way to share pupils opinions with each other could be to rate/score each story that you listen to on the school website. Try making some big colourful numbers from 1-10 and take a picture of yourselves holding the number you have rated each story. The scores will be counted every few weeks and we could post a list of our top 5 favourites.

Intensive Interaction planned 1:1 sessions:

If you are interested in finding out more about how to engage in Intensive Interaction with your child at home, please watch some of the videos on Dave Hewitt's YouTube channel and don't be afraid to have a go! (<https://www.youtube.com/user/III209>)

Link Project

We will be making links with the pupils at Chadsgrove college through emails, messages and working together on fun projects for the school website.

I would like to thank all the families that have been sending emails and pictures in so far they are fantastic! Please keep them coming, we love to see what everyone is learning at home and the life skills you are all building.

Engagement for Living

Pupils will follow the Barrs Court Curriculum and the EQUALS Pre-Formal Curriculum for Thinking Skills.

Activities to try:

Cooking – help to cook a healthy meal for the family. You could send us some video clips or pictures of what you have created and we will share them with the rest of the class. (This could get competitive!)

Choose a new meal to make, you will find some good ideas here -

<http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/>

Help to make your own drink or snack – check this link out for some inspiration -

<http://www.catcotecooks.blogspot.com/>

Laundry – help to collect the dirty washing (count how many items you can fit in the machine) Take the wet, clean washing out of the machine. Can you feel and smell the difference? Can you help to peg the washing on the line outside? (Have you got the same amount of items as before. (Let's hope no socks have gone missing!)

Recycling – Can you help to sort out the recycling? Use your senses to explore the different materials. Can you find glass, plastic and paper? Try to match them and sort them into different coloured shoe boxes.

Pets – if you have a pet can you help to care for it. What does their food smell like? Can you remember to feed them each day? You could put an alarm on to remind you. Can you help to keep them clean and make sure they get their exercise?

The sensory projects have some great resources and ideas that will stimulate your brain. You can access this through our school website in the 'Sensory Learning' section. Just click on the word **here** and it will take you to their page.

Music

In addition to the links and resources on our school website's Home Learning pages, here is a great opportunity for your son/daughter 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 Eye Gaze 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.

Username: Summer2020
Password: start.group.745

Happy music making! Have fun!

P.E and Fitness

Take part in the weekly Fitness Challenge announced on Chadsgrove PE Twitter and the website under P.E.

Also, our 'Touch and Communication' and story message ideas in the Sensory Learners section can be used to encourage movement for our pupils.

Computing

Over the summer term the focus will be on maintaining skills your child has learned this year in computing. The ICT section of the school website will be regularly updated with useful websites and tasks for your son/daughter to support this learning.

Art

This term we will be looking at the abstract expressionist painter Jackson Pollock. The style is very expressive and free, using lots of colour and colour mixing. Jackson worked on a horizontal surface and poured, splashed or flicked his paint to express how he was feeling. Have a look and experience his work through YouTube or Google Images.

Collect pictures into a sketchbook and add words or reactions to your research.

Now create your own abstract expressionist works of art. Practice making choices about colour and tools. Make marks, try dabbing, flicking, splatting with your paint. Mix your colours on the page, use your hands or feet if you want to!

Take photographs of your creations if they are too large to put in your sketchbook. This project is all about exploring and experimenting. Your sketchbook will be a work of art in its own right. Enjoy creating!

Community Inclusion

Link project with pupils from Chadsgrove college – making connections, sharing experiences, expressing opinions and making new friends.

Our community work so far....

Since September, pupils have enjoyed visiting 'Where-Next?', 'Keep on Moving' and the Myriad Centre. Videos and pictures will be posted on the school website so that pupils can share these experiences with their family and friends.

Health

A range of activities are planned for this term, which should be matched to pupils' individual movement skills. These could include: placing objects and materials with interesting tactile properties around the pupils for them to discover and explore; setting up sensory trails and obstacle courses and encouraging pupils to move around them.

Encouraging pupils to move over and under different sensory resources, e.g. length of textured fabric, bubble wrap, blanket, textured card; sitting/lying pupils under an activity arch with different sensory items suspended from it, placed at different heights and positions so that pupils have to reach for them; encouraging pupils to throw/roll balls, beanbags etc.; encouraging pupils to track a visual source to follow where it goes.

Placing favourite objects just out of pupils' reach so the pupil has to adjust their position to reach for them.

Playing tugging games with pupils, sitting opposite them: incorporate bells/shakers so they make an interesting sound when pulled.

Encouraging pupils to crawl/shuffle over obstacles/around a sensory circuit/through hoops/tunnels/over cushions.

There are some movement ideas in the PE section of our website, some of which can be adapted to suit individual pupils' needs.

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Mental Wellbeing/PHSSE

Please take a look on the 'Play and Mindfulness' section of the school website for some good ways to stay positive and look after your mental health.

Activities to try:

Massage – Enjoy a hand/foot massage, foot spa or a 'Touch and Communication' session each day (examples on website).

Music – listen to a range of music and create your own play list to share with your friends. Make a list of your top 10 tunes and send them in. They will be posted on the website for everyone else to enjoy. Doing things for others can make us feel great!

The great outdoors – try getting outside in your garden and explore different sounds, sights, feels and smells. You could even have a picnic outside while you make the most of the sunshine. Vitamin D will make you feel great! But don't forget your sunscreen!

Be active – Look out for our 'Keep Moving' dance session coming soon to the website. Use up some energy with our familiar fun dance and fitness activity!