

11US Upper School Curriculum Newsletter



Summer Term 2019

The teaching of **Maths** is the **whole school focus** for this year.

Lesson observations took place during last autumn term with the focus on how numeracy is taught across the curriculum. Teachers shared good practice.

Science will be a focus during this Summer term of 2019.

Art

Pupils will explore graphic design under the title 'confectionary'. They will begin by drawing from observation looking carefully at shape, size and form. They will then research and explore packaging focusing on the graphic design. This will include colour, lettering style and images. They will create collages of ideas and practise with their own sketches. Pupils may also develop their work on the class laptops. Each pupil will design and create their own confectionary packaging using their gathered ideas and new knowledge.

Science

During the first half of the summer term we will be learning about Rocks and how they are formed, followed by looking at fossils and the evidence of dinosaurs. The second half of the summer term will be spent learning about important scientists from history and how they shaped our modern world.

Environmental Education

During the summer term we will be making sure our school flower beds are well watered and weeded to allow our beds we have been preparing to grow.

Music

Pupils will explore the human life cycle with music composed by Brahms, Berio, Liszt and Monteverdi. The wide variety of musical moods, styles and genres will inspire singing, performing and composing using new techniques and structures. Pupils will learn to appreciate a wide range of recorded music drawn from different traditions, styles, and genres, including the works of the great composers.

P.E., Swimming and Fitness

P.E takes place on Thursday.

The focus this term is Athletics, striking games and aiming for a target. The pupils will develop the skills of throwing, running, jumping, batting, fielding and working in a team.

Swimming takes place on a Monday.

The pupils will be developing floating and movement in the water or stroke technique.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

This term we are continuing to develop our understanding of fitness and participating in a range of sporting activities, in order to help us choose our chosen sport for our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

English

Emma Nolan's Group:

The literacy focus for this term will be completing the study of 'Treasure Island'. The pupils will listen to extracts from the book and explore the narrative, looking at the meaning and comprehension of the text.

The pupils will also engage in role play based on a pirate theme to deepen their understanding of the topic.

During the lessons the pupils will also get the opportunity to extend their phonics knowledge with multi sensory activities.

Simon Whyte's Group:

Pupils will complete and evaluate their News Report from last term.

Pupils will use 'Gansta Granny' by David Walliams as their Contemporary Fiction literary focus.

Pupils will also rehearse and perform a short play.

Pupils will explore vocabulary, ideas, opinions on theme of 'personal change/ transition, emotions, growing older'.

Pupils will continue on individual reading development using Lexia as well as using their own reading books.

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 11US will explore aspects of 'resolving conflict' (The Wider World), and 'coping with change and managing transitions' (Positive Mental Health). They will also have the opportunity to explore these areas further during Reflection Time and throughout class-based Curriculum Days.

Computing

This term pupils have worked collaboratively on a simulation project, learning about how simulations can be used in real life. They have created a net for a 3D model using an online design program.

In computer science, pupils have been controlling devices such as 'Bee-bots'. They have discussed social networking issues and how to be more aware of strangers online. In information technology, pupils have learnt how to use advanced search techniques.

Humanities

11US will be observing measuring and recording weather at school this term. They will learn about the effects of extreme weather. They will study different climates around the world, and learn about the difference between weather and climate. Pupils will begin to understand climate change and its effects.

Maths

Mrs Evans' group will count in 50s and 100s. They will find pairs of numbers that add to 100, other multiples of 10, and multiples of 100. They will work with units of time from seconds to months, use 3D shape, and work with litres and millilitres. They will identify and explore odd and even numbers.

Emma Nolan's group will develop their confidence and mental fluency with whole number, counting and place value. This will involve working with numerals and words, including practice resources. They will also be able to use a range of measures to describe and compare different qualities such as length, mass, capacity/volume and time.

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 the 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.