



Curriculum Bulletin

Science

This half term the boys will be looking at:

Year 7 - Reproduction

Year 8-periodic table and separation techniques

Year 9 - Supplying the cell

Year 10 - The challenges of size

Year 11 - maintaining internal environment, ecosystems

PE

KS2: Swimming lessons

Year 7: Basketball - learning to choose, combine and perform basic basketball skills, applying fluency, and accuracy.

Year 8: Badminton – Build upon the knowledge last year and add to the badminton skills with more accuracy.

Year 9: Badminton – Replicate strokes and shots with control and accuracy. Add new skills and apply to games.

Year 10 and 11: Core PE- Outwitting opponents through games – Badminton and Table Tennis

GCSE 10 PE –Following Edexcel Programme of study with some offsite activities.

GCSE 11 PE –Following Edexcel Programme of study with some offsite activities.

Food Tech

KS3

Will be working on their basic baking skills and looking at the different methods

KS4 are currently working on menu planning for coursework.

English

Year 7: Will be working on the novel Matilda as well as doing a weekly creative writing lesson with them).

Year 8: The novel they will be working on is The Boy at the Back of the Class.

Year 9: They are doing a creative writing piece about Winter and looking at the novel Of Mice and Men.

Year 10: Will be developing their GCSE skills, and looking at the play DNA as well as beginning poetry.

Year 11: Are finishing A Christmas Carol and looking at GCSE revision of Macbeth.

KS2

This half term, KS2 are looking at our local area and how it has changed over time. We are focussing on local places of interest and how our area has developed.

In literacy, we are using the text Voices In The Park by Anthony Browne to consider character's emotions and how an author uses their choice of language to portray these emotions for their characters.

Our science topic for spring half term is evolution and adaptation. We are going to look at how animals have evolved over time and adapted to their environment in order to survive.

Craft

This half term the boys will have the opportunity to complete a range of activities. We are going to start by making our own Dream Catchers to bring home. We are then going to make some feeding stations for the birds and squirrels we have living on the school grounds. This half of term takes us up to Valentine's day so the boys will have another opportunity to make something lovely out of glass, to take home for parents and carers.

ICT

KS2 – This half term we are looking at ICT and the World Around Us
Year 7 – We are developing our skills in Excel, using simple formula and using cross curricular links to Geography and Maths.

Year 8 and 9 Are Focusing on British Values in Digital Literacy. They will be learning about Democracy, The Rule of Law, The British Legal System and Individual Liberty.

Year 10 are continuing to work on the OCR Cambridge National Coursework Developing Technical Solutions.

Year 11 are finalising some of their coursework pieces and revising and preparing for their upcoming mock exams.

Drama

students in KS2 will be looking at bringing their topic project 'voices in the park' to life. Students within year 7 will be delving deeper into analysis and portrayal of character alongside their English book of Matilda. Our Year 8s will be developing interview and job skills, looking at how to prioritise certain situations and how to present themselves in an interview, this links to their PSHE curriculum.

Art

KS2: portraits
Year 7 Imaginative art project
Year 8 puppets project
Year 9 Pop art project
Year 10 11 are continuing the work on their coursework.

History

Year 7 are studying Life before 1066 and The Battle of Hastings.
Year 8 are studying Queen Elizabeth 1st and The Tudors.
Year 9 history are studying the recession in 1930s Europe and America.

RE

Year 7s have studying Judaism, looking into: Who Abraham was, Jewish Food Laws, the history of Judaism, Bar Mitzvah and important dates and festivals. If void allows a trip to Birmingham Progressive Synagogue.

Year 8s are studying Islam, looking into: The importance of Prophet Muhammad, The Five Pillars of Islam, the history of Islam and important religious rituals. With a trip to visit and explore elements of worship in a Mosque.

Year 9s are studying Sikhism, looking into: The ten Gurus, the importance of the Khalsa and the Five K's, religious festivals and the importance of the Gurdwara and a trip to visit and explore a Gurdwara.

Year 10s are studying Religion, Peace and Conflict, looking at: Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Pacifism, Violent and Non-violent protests and work surrounding religious work for Peace.

They will then be invited on a trip either to RAF Cosford or the National Memorial Arboretum.

PSHE

KS2: different family, same love
Year 7: politics, parliament and me
Year 8 Proud to me
Year 9: legal and illegal drugs
Year 10: exploring relationships and sex education
Year 11: staying safe (drugs, festivals, sexualisation and the media)

Maths

Year 7
Unit 4 Decimals and measures, Unit 5 Fractions, decimals and percentages.
Year 8
Unit 4 Expressions and equations, Unit 5 Real life graphs
Year 9
Functions and Sequences, Estimation and Approximation, Graphs and Gradients
Year 10
Geometric constructions and calculations, Direct and Inverse Proportion Percentage Change
Year 11
Revision, Mock Exams

Project

The skill the boys will be focusing on this half term is plastering.

Careers

A newsletter was sent out last week listing local college days.
Connexions meetings will be taking place in school for years 10 and 11.
Year 11 will be finalising applications for colleges and starting their interview process.
Year 10 will starting to look at appropriate placements for both college and work experience.
KS2/3 Aspirations Assembly – Engaging in Morrisby questionnaires to allow them to match their personality traits to suitable job roles.

DT

This half term the boys have a few projects to finish off and complete from last term before being able to move onto their new work with different materials.

Geography

Year 10 geography is looking at coastal landscapes.
Year 11 are revising and revisiting subjects for mocks.

