



## Curriculum Bulletin

### English

At Rosewood we believe that every child has the right to learn English and study the classic Novels and plays studied in mainstream education. Therefore we ensure that our pupils are offered a wide range of texts that will inspire an enjoyment for reading all the way through school. This half term all our students completed a baseline creative writing piece, which is done at the start of every year to determine the progression made over the previous year.

Years 7-10 have all been looking at novels this term:

- Yr7: *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo and *Folk Tales*
- Yr8: *Stone Cold* by Robert Swindells
- Yr9 and 10: *Ghost boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Year 11 have been working through their poetry anthology for their GCSE preparations and *A Christmas Carol*

### KS2

This half term KS2 have been reading *Charlie and Chocolate factory*, this ties in with the class' topic about the Aztec civilisation. Did you know the Aztec civilisation lived in the Valley of Mexico and used to sacrifice people from other tribes to please their Gods? They also found the Cocoa bean which is used to produce chocolate.

In Maths, KS2 have been looking at the place value of numbers as well as 2D and 3D shapes.

During RE they have been looking at the aspects that make a person inspirational and how this links to both Christianity and Islam.

### Science

Each year Science develops on what the students worked on in the previous year into more depth.

Year 7 have been looking at the differences between animal and plant cells. Next half term will be looking at using microscopes.

Year 8 have been looking in depth at the digestive system, whilst year 9 have been looking at the Cell level system.

Year 10 and 11 have been working on organism level systems in preparation for their GCSE's

Maths Year 7	Baseline assessments	Unit 1 Analysing and displaying data	Unit 2 Calculating	Unit 3 Expressions, functions and formulae
Year 8	Basic Skills	Unit 1 Number properties and calculations	Unit 2 Area and Volume	Unit 3 Statistics
Year 9	Integers and Indices	Factors and Multiples	Expressions and Formulae	Equations and Inequalities
Year 10	Collecting, Organising, Presenting and Analysing Data	Primes, Factors and Multiples	Algebraic Manipulation	Accuracy and Rounding
Year 11	Geometric Review	Probability	Transformations	Revision

## Art

KS2 have been looking into Norse art, specifically Viking Shields, helmets and Chainmail and have gone on to design their own. After half term they will be working on still life drawings and looking into the artist Paul Cezanne.

Year 7 have been completing their baseline assessments and developing their basic skills. They will be moving onto an Autumn leaves project for the second half term.

Year 8 art work has been based on Egyptian art with the intention of making their own Canopic jars this half term and will be exploring artists using pattern in their work.

Year 9 work on Vincent Scarpace has led them to create their own fish project before moving onto logos and a tag project from after half term.

Years 10 and 11 have chosen their coursework titles and created a mood board so they can begin looking at their chosen artists work in more detail.

## Trips

We are lucky enough to be able to offer trips through the school year to enhance the learning experience of our pupils.

Before the Summer we had recreational trips to Dudley Zoo for several of our year groups, a paintball trip and Mr Kirk and Mr Phillips took our older students on cycling trips.

This term we have a year 10 **History** trip planned to Staffordshire Regiment Museum, Art is taking some GCSE pupils to Merry hill to look at sweets for their own project work. DT is also looking to take some Year 11's to a local Primary school for cross curricular links with their designs.

There is an RE trip planned for year 9 who will be going to the Vihara.

Mr Kirk and Mrs Hand are taking a selection of pupils to Waterstones as a reward for excellent progression with their reading and writing.

The English department are also going to Hagley to look at Bella in the Wych elm to tie in with their ghost stories and folk tales after half term.

## Drama

This year we have added Drama to our timetable as an extra subject to enhance our students confidence, Speaking and listening skills and as a way to further their understanding within other subjects. We have been using the literature from English and will be looking at using topics within PSHE and Art to cement subject knowledge.

## Food Tech

Year 7 will be doing basic baking skills & learning equipment  
Year 8 working on chopping skills  
Year 9 meal prep  
Year 10 coursework prep for 1st meal plan  
Year 11 preparing final dishes



## RE

This term:

Y7s: Introduction to RE

Y8s: Life of Jesus

Y9s: History of Organised Religion

Y10s: Religion and Social Justice

## ICT

This Term all our Pupils are looking into E safety, to be able to stay safe online. GCSE pupils are working on their Coursework.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

## PE

This term:

Year 7: Baseline/ Golf/ Hockey

Year 8: Fitness/ Badminton

Year 9: Table Tennis/ Football

Year 10: Football/ Golf

Year 11 core : Golf/ Football.

GCSE: Are working on their videos for practical assessment in table tennis and Badminton

This term Miss Postin has arranged for Year 9 to go swimming once a week at Bentley Bridge, Wolverhampton swimming and fitness centre

## Farm

We have a small farm based at school as an addition to the therapies offered on site.

It started off with our four Guinea pigs that we have had for two years, and at the beginning of Summer term 2020 we acquired our Two pigmy goats Ant and Dec.

We were also lucky enough to experience successfully hatching some chickens and now have 8 within our farm.



## Project

All years are working on the practical aspect of plumbing and the health and safety surrounding the trade.

## ERIC

All pupils have split into reading groups and have ERIC (everyone Reading In Class) once a week where we work on spellings, Comprehension work and reading. Most pupils are working through our spellings lists and the 4 levels of comprehension sheets.

## DT

Year 7 have been making boats out of recycled materials this half term and will be looking at the uses and process of plastic next.

Year 8 is working on electronics and will move onto 2D CAD to create a design on a lamp.

Year 9's work is currently on smart materials and they will go onto 3D CAD design. Before Christmas they will also enter the Design Ventura Competition.

Year 10 are learning their core knowledge for GCSE and will move onto exploring context and disassembly projects.

Year 11 have begun the work on their NEA coursework

## Therapy

Students are offered Holistic therapy sessions with Jenny ..... times a term with the intention of supporting mind, body and soul.

Students are able to choose from a wide selection of therapies including:

- Counselling
- NLP (Neuro linguistic programming)
- Meditation
- Mindfulness
- Aromatherapy
- Massage
- Hypnotherapy

Jenny's aim is to help the students cope with the effects of stress, anxiety, sleep problems and trauma. Many of the students comment on how helpful they find these sessions.