

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2019/20

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Music for Autism – 16th September 2019

Boogie Monsters will be joining us at Jigsaw School for a Music for Autism concert! We have always had great success with these concerts with the pupils joining in by singing, dancing and choosing which songs they want to hear! We are very much looking forward to their visit in September!



Peter Pan Pantomime – 18th December 2019

Our Sixth Form pupils will be going to Neverland this year in the form of a panto at The Capitol Theatre. Oh no they won't. ... Oh yes they will! Peter Pan will be performed and we are sure they will enjoy the performance.

Christmas Parties - 16th December 2019

Our last week of term kicks off with two Christmas parties! Our KS1-3 pupils have once again been invited to The Hilton Hotel for lots of fun and games. We have all our fingers crossed that Father Christmas will once again take time out of his busy schedule and make an appearance at the party!



The KS4 and 5 pupils will be having their Christmas party at school with lots of dancing, games and gifts donated by the Hilton Hotel (with help from Father Christmas of course!).

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

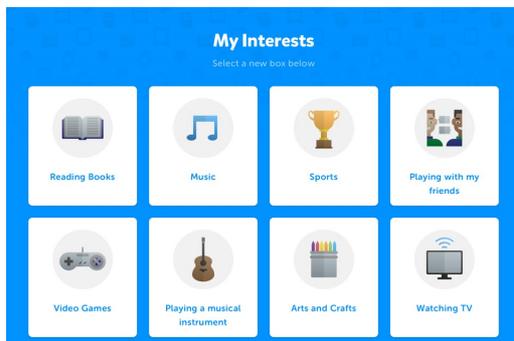
SUMMER TERM	
1 st half term	Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th September – Inset Days
	Wednesday 5 th September – Pupils Return
	Monday 16 th September – Music for Autism: Boogie Monsters music workshops
	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th October – Inventors & Inventions History Week
	Friday 25 th October – Pupils finish at 2pm
2 nd half term	Monday 4 th November – Inset Day
	Tuesday 5 th November – Pupils Return
	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November – Anti-Bullying Week
	Friday 15 th November – Children in Need
	Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd November – Road Safety Week
	Friday 13 th December – Head2Head Theatre Pantomime at Jigsaw
	Friday 13 th December – Christmas Jumper Day fundraising for Save the Children charity
	Monday 16 th December – Hilton and School Christmas Parties
	Wednesday 18 th December - 6th Form visit to Capitol Theatre – Peter Pan Pantomime
	Thursday 19 th December – School Christmas Production
Friday 20 th December – Last day of term, 2pm finish for pupils	



TOPIC CURRICULUM (KS1 TO KS3):

In the first half term in topic (new beginnings) pupils will be becoming familiar with the school routine again and their teachers and peers. They will learn and compile rules to follow as a class so they understand what is expected and where everything is in order to be independent in the classroom. The topic will be guided by the PSHE objectives and this topic is split into 5 sections in order to guide the pupil's activities and their learning; communication, rules, routines, relationships and literacy. The main aim is helping pupils to feel comfortable in their new environment, understanding how to ask for help and how to earn their

reinforcers (as well as establishing what these are). There are many art activities embedding through this learning including making displays to support the classroom routine.



In the second half term in topic (all about me) pupils will again use the PSHE objectives to learn about themselves. This includes their likes and dislikes, feelings, who their friends are, how they can make choices, and learning about their bodies. Pupils will learn through their preferred activities about healthy living and food. They can identify emotions and decide on appropriate actions when experiencing these emotions. Pupils can be given the choice to explore new

activities and foods, and supported to use their means of communication to say if they enjoyed it or not. The main aim here is to help pupils become aware of themselves in order for them to feel that they can use their voice and know what is right and wrong. Pupils can practice taking pictures or decorating pictures of themselves and identifying who they are and their features.

PE (KS1-4)

In PE this term we are looking forward to taking part in lessons related to gymnastics and dance. In gymnastics, we will be looking at the main areas of balance, flexibility, co-ordination and travel and all pupils will have the opportunity to develop their own skills within these areas. Some pupils may begin to work with a teacher or peer and generalise these skills while also developing their ability to work alongside others, cooperate, turn take and share items and teacher attention.



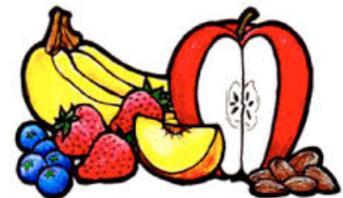
After half term we move onto our dance topic in preparation for our Christmas performance! Pupils will initially work on listening to different music and moving in different ways to the sound of music. Some pupils will develop their imitation skills while copying a teacher or video model of the dances and others may start to put together and create their own dance moves. Classes will then put together the skills they have learnt in these sessions to chosen music and are looking forward to sharing what they have learnt with you during the performance.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY



This term the theme for food technology sessions is 'Super Snacks' for KS2 pupils and 'Bring on Breakfast' for KS3-4 pupils. Pupils will learn about the role of breakfast/snacks in a healthy and varied diet and how to use fruits and vegetables to flavour foods. The pupils will also learn how to prepare food safely and hygienically.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 will be learning how to make different snack foods and how to make them interesting and flavoursome by using a variety of fruits and vegetables. The pupils will be working on developing their motor skills through mixing, chopping, rolling and shaping/forming their products, their math skills through weighing and measuring ingredients and on their listen and respond skills through collecting ingredients/equipment and following recipe instructions.



Pupils in Key stages 3-4 will be learning how to make sweet and savoury food that can be eaten for breakfast. There will be a focus on including different fruits and vegetables to flavour products. The pupils will be working on their motor skills by mixing, chopping, whisking and pouring, listener/reader comprehension skills by following a set of instructions, their math skills by weighing and measuring ingredients and refining and adapting existing cookery skills. Pupils will also be encouraged to complete activities with increased independence.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

We welcomed a new School Council link teacher, Georgios Vamvakas. We're also encouraging more pupils to become members of the School Council as it could be a very valuable experience for them. We'll start our sessions during the Pupil Voice Week (23rd – 26th September) to show everyone how important it is that we voice our opinions! As before, over this school year the School Council will help with choosing the Charity of the Year, suggesting fundraising activities and participating in making decisions on purchasing resources for the school.

ASSEMBLIES

This term in assemblies, pupils will be learning about new beginnings during the first half term. Pupils will familiarise themselves with classroom routines and learn about their new teachers, friends and classroom rules. Pupils will learn about important celebrations such as birthdays, and festivals related to literature and film making. There will be opportunities to find out about the most important inventions during history week and they will learn to create their own robots!

In the second part of the term, pupils will be learning about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night. During antibullying week, pupils will learn about bullying and create their own super heroes masks for antibullying heroes. Pupils will also learn that small changes can make a big difference and we will be therefore doing acts of random kindness. Pupils will learn about

geography by recognising where they are from and where they live (they will have fun identifying flags and trying foods from different countries).

WIDER COMMUNITY & CHARITY EVENTS

Anti-Bullying Week 11th – 15th November 2019

This year's theme for the Anti-Bullying Week, led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance Charity, is "Change Starts with Us" and we have lots of fun activities for the pupils to take part in throughout the week, all based around acts of kindness, and how we can support each other. Pupils and staff will be showing each other acts of kindness and sharing thoughts about how these acts makes us feel.



The 12th November will be odd socks day, an opportunity for the pupils and staff to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. Pupils and staff will be invited to wear odd socks for the day – it's a simple as that!

SIXTH FORM NEWS

This term the sixth form pupils will be taking part in Painting and Decorating sessions as part of their Jigsaw college focus. They will focus on safe working practices when using painting and decorating tools and equipment, be able to identify and select appropriate equipment for a job, work on painting flat surfaces using various techniques and be able to prepare an area for painting and clean up afterwards. It could be messy but will sure be a lot of fun!

Pupils will also take part in some performing arts sessions in the build up to the whole school Christmas production. This will include pupils taking an active role in the preparation for a performance as well as performing to an audience. They will also work on audience skills such as sitting, listening and appropriate behaviour for different events. Some of our pupils will also have the opportunity to visit the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford to watch a pantomime this term – which is always great fun! These sessions will link closely with our Performing Arts ASDAN module.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Christmas Production

This term our sixth form pupils will be helping to write the script for our whole school production in December. So the title of the show is still to be decided! They are looking forward to the rehearsal process and can't wait to show you all of their talents! Watch out for more information coming soon!

