

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 2020/21

We continue to respond to the guidance surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic and are working hard to ensure that we deliver a broad curriculum to pupils while ensuring the safety of the whole Jigsaw community.

As we start the Spring Term, we continue to promote safety measures to minimise the risk of the spread of infection including increased cleaning routines for shared rooms and resources, keeping our transitions across bubbles as safe as possible by using outside spaces and keeping to one side of the corridors where possible.

As we find ourselves in another National Lockdown we will not be re-introducing off-site trips or food technology sessions at this point. We have also cancelled our woodworking sessions for key stage 4 and 6th form pupils to minimise contact with external professionals. The art annexe has been converted into our rapid testing site. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide pupils with the opportunity to access assemblies and PE and Topic sessions in their own classrooms. School-wide events will also continue for this half term and these will also be held in pupil's classrooms and bubbles.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING TERM 2021
4 th January – INSET Day
8 th – 12 th February – Safer Internet Week
12 th February – Last day of Half Term: Pupils finish at 2pm
22 nd February – INSET DAY
23 rd February – Start of 2 nd Half Term: Pupils return
1 st – 5 th March – Careers Week
4 th March – World Book Day
19 th March – Red Nose Day
1 st April – Last Day of Term: Pupils finish at 2pm

TOPIC CURRICULUM (KS1 TO KS4):

During the Spring term we will be learning about Healthy Living, we will explore how to eat healthily and what physical activity is and how it keeps us healthy. We will be learning more about personal hygiene and how to keep our teeth, hair and body clean and healthy. We will be taking part in sensory games, painting with vegetables and data handling activities to find out how others live healthy lives. The RE focus is 'Different Religions and Beliefs' and we will be exploring different religions and their festivals, learning about other people's beliefs and how we differ from each other.



The second half of the Spring term will look at 'My independence, rights and responsibilities' where we will learn about fairness, kind and unkind behaviour and how to share. We will learn about being part of a community, how we fit into our community and who our community helpers are. We will create collages, build a recyclable model of our home and design an imaginary community based on our favourite story or film. It is important that we learn what consent means and how to keep ourselves safe from unwanted physical contact, so we will be learning how to say no and that it's ok to make choices about our bodies. Our RE focus will be how can we care for the world? We will look at things we can do to help make the world a nice place to be. We can take a walk and look at the

things that are beautiful in our environment, make pictures with items in nature, and learn about tidying up and putting away our litter, we will practice doing this in school too.

PE (KS1-4)

This Spring term our PE topics are bat and ball skills (before February Half Term) and circuits (after February Half term). As always, our PE sessions will include warm up activities, a main session and cool down. The warm up activities consist of games or exercises to increase the body temperature followed by stretching of all the main muscle groups. During the cool down pupils will have the opportunity to practice yoga poses, stretches and parachute games – always a favourite activity!

Pupils will be taking part in safe, educational and fun sessions in which they will develop and improve different skills. Practicing ball and bat skills will help to develop bilateral skills, hand-eye coordination, timing, sequencing, motor planning, and attention. The activities will include but will not be limited to throwing and catching, dribbling, kicking, and aiming at a target.

After the February Half Term, our lessons will be focused on circuit courses. These are a great way to integrate aerobic fitness with muscular endurance and flexibility activities. Circuits can also help to improve coordination, their balance and agility. Some of the equipment used for our circuits are the benches, hurdles, stepping stones cones and scooter boards.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



We are looking forward to our next school council meeting which is scheduled to take place in the second half of the term. School council members are planning on taking part in a meeting via Teams and will be joined by Laura Craven, Jigsaw's Safeguarding Governor. The agenda for the meeting is to plan an antibullying policy for pupils and we are excited to hear the pupil's views on this important matter.

The school council members will also be important in helping to plan and run fundraising activities for Red Nose day.

ASSEMBLIES

All classes take part in weekly assemblies. Assembly themes for the Spring Term will include roles and responsibilities where pupils will learn how they can look after their pet and all about dental health and how they can keep their teeth healthy. Assemblies will also link to the wider community and charity events such as Safer Internet Day, media and how it can influence us, Careers Week, International Women's day and World Poetry day. During our assembly on world poetry day our pupils will be learning about the cultural importance of poetry and will have the opportunity to read and write poetry from different places around the world.



WIDER COMMUNITY & CHARITY EVENTS

Themed Days and Events:

During Spring Term, there are lots of events happening across the school.

Safer Internet Week:



From 8th February to 11th February our pupils will take part in Online Safety Week. On Monday, the pupils will learn about Online Safety and how important it is to keep our personal information safe while using the internet. Students will also learn the importance of asking an adult for advice and supervision. We will celebrate Safer Internet day on Tuesday 9th February. The

theme for this year is “An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world”. The pupils will learn that not everything posted on internet is real or true and how to find reliable information and websites. On Wednesday the pupils will learn about the concept of Cyberbullying and how to deal with it, they will also understand the importance of being kind and how to use the SMART rules when navigating. On Thursday, the pupils will discuss different scenarios and we will summarize all the information learnt during the week and they will also get certificates and rosettes for being involved in the Online Safety Week. The resources for this event will include PowerPoint presentations, a word search, crosswords, collages, certificates and many more.

Careers Week:

During the week commencing March 1st, the school will be participating in Careers week. This is a week for the pupils to think about what career they may want for their future and to try new and exciting things. Once again, we will be holding activities in the classroom or within the bubbles. The pupils will discover the different careers that people have and think about work experience for their future. Presentations, practicing job applications and interviews will take place in the classrooms to engage and inspire the pupils to think about their future.

World Book Day:

World Book day is on the 4th March this year and we will be organizing some fun activities in the classroom which will inspire and encourage our pupils to get reading. This year pupils and staff will be participating in dressing up as their favourite book character, a quiz to test some of the pupil’s knowledge in literature, there will also be presentations and other activities such as making a bright book mark.



Red Nose Day:

On the 19th March, we will be raising money for Comic Relief. This year we will be raising money to this worthy cause to help people who are living tough lives. The charity supports many, such as Children, young people, the homeless, those living in poverty and many more. Therefore, to raise money we will running some activities in the day which will help to raise the money. Pupils and staff will be encouraged to dress in red for the occasion, donating £1 to do so. We will be running activities across bubbles and in class, which will also encourage more opportunities to raise money.

KS4 ASDAN



This term, as some pupils are accessing home learning due to the lockdown, the completion of ASDAN modules for them will be partially based on the feedback and evidence provided by parents. KS4 pupils based at school will continue with their module completion in reference to their Topic, life skills and P.E. related activities. Some pupils will be able to finish their ASDAN Transition Challenge journey this term in preparation for the external moderation of their work.

SIXTH FORM NEWS



This term our pupils will be taking part in Photography and Media sessions as part of their Jigsaw College focus. This will involve learning about safe practices for creating photographs and filming, taking part in a collaborative project and displaying work. After the half term pupils will also be taking part in creativity sessions which will include making pictures, painting, pottery and sculpture. We will also be continuing our Thursday morning yoga sessions with Mark, the sessions are incredibly popular and remain a highlight of the week!