

Thriftwood School



Curriculum Summary

Autumn Term 2017

MIDDLE SCHOOL



TIME

JAY, ROOK, MAGPIE AND CROW

PE

They will be taking part in Multi-Skills or Invasion Games - developing skills in sending, receiving, working in pairs and small teams to play games and follow the rules of the activity.



Both Year 7 and 8 will be taught Dance - developing action, creating and performing sequences which will be incorporated as part of the Christmas production.



Forest School

Jay and Magpie will be the first classes having the opportunity to take part in Forest school this year. They will be developing their independence, self-esteem, and confidence, physical and emotional skills in our woodland environment. They will work as a team in activities such as building fires, rope bridges, swings, shelters and cooking outside as well as playing games to have fun and encourage us all to get closer to nature.

(Rook and Crow will have the opportunity to take part in Forest School in a different term)

Maths

Numbers and the number system - place value, ordering and rounding (whole numbers); properties of numbers and number sequences, fractions;

Calculations - understanding addition and subtraction; + and -

Understanding multiplication and division; mental calculation strategies (\times and \div); use of brackets in sums, missing numbers. Shape, space and measures - shape and symmetry, angles, reading scales, measuring capacity.

Numeracy will focus on practical work and "real life" problems as much as possible, with an emphasis on time this term.





Literacy

Individual, paired, group and guided reading.

We will be working on our phonic skills daily and functional skills which include, knowing their address, being able to name the months of the year etc.

Also our Literacy work this term will focus around the text of **The Hodgeheg** by Dick King-Smith for year 7 and **Tom's Midnight Garden** by Philippa Pearce in Year 8. We will also spend time reading and writing different genres of text including instructions, reports, descriptive writing and book reviews.

We will also work on a range of different activities to develop comprehension of the text.



Science

During science lessons this term year 7 will be looking in closer detail at the skeletal system as well as the digestive system. Lessons will also include diet, exercise and how the circulatory system works. Year 8 will be looking at classification, food chains, plants and photosynthesis.

PSHCEE and Self-Safe

In PSHCEE and Self-Safe the term pupils will be getting to know themselves and people around them so they can be settled for the year ahead. Pupils will develop empathy skills as well as their understanding of bullying and the Thriftwood Code.

We will spend time learning about Zones and how pupil can recognise and attempt to regulate emotions that they are feeling. Classes will also learn and practice how to stay safe on the road, when playing outside and when online.



Top Tips

This term will very much be focussing on Key Skills that will help our students with life outside of school. Some of these skills can be practised at home to enable students to become more independent



Things you could do at home with your child:

- Help them to be able to say their own address and date of birth
- Listen to your child at least 4 times a week
- Show them and practise making their own bed in the morning
- Be able to wash their own body in the shower or bath
- If they have long hair show them how to be able to tie it back for themselves
- To be able to lock and unlock a toilet door confidently when out and about.
- To recognise all coins and state what they are worth- taking them to the shops to spend 'real money' will help support this. E.g. going to get a pint of milk.