



Year 9 will learn to cook simple meals.

**Other parts of the curriculum include:**

- Individual reading, guided reading and personalised spellings for all. Phonic interventions will be given as required.
- Twice weekly PE lessons, boccia, softball etc.
- Outdoor Learning. Looking after our school grounds and community visits.
- Weekly topic lessons. Our theme this term is **Equality**, we will focus on diversity, equal rights and respect for all.
- Weekly computing lessons. We will consider the safety issues around gaming and design our own games.
- Weekly PSHCE sessions. We will prepare for the residential visit, developing **independence, resilience and social skills**.
- Art –practicing ethnic art techniques and designs
- In Technology, pupils will create a wooden toy.

### The Thriftwood Code

As always, the Thriftwood Code forms a vital part of our ethos. Year 9 students have a strong influence on other pupils when they demonstrate positive actions. Some Year 9 students choose to help the younger students to follow the code at playtimes. We thank you.

**Show respect**

**Listen well**

**Be kind**

**Work hard**

**Be friendly**

**Tell the truth**

**Look after property**



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Spring 2023



*Our literacy text this term*

## Literacy

This term we will be reading and exploring the text 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell.

Students will listen to and engage with the story, using the original text and adapted extracts. They will also watch extracts from the film.

This term students will be engaging with the text, exploring and describing the characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives. They will compare these to their own experiences and real-life contexts. They will also work on comprehension of the text, and expressing their ideas through group discussion.

## Numeracy

Pupils will work on basic calculation skills, overlearning and reinforcing their skills. They will also work on measurement, including time and the properties of shapes.

At home, or when students are out in the community, please provide opportunities to tell the time, use money or to work out every day problems involving numbers.



## Fundamentals For the Future (FFF)

We will continue to work on FFF skills in Literacy, Maths and Personal and Social Development. The personal skills are those that are important for an independent adult life and competence in the workplace. Children will be encouraged to work on these skills at home and in school.

Galleywood Market once a month will provide opportunities to use money in a practical setting, either making different amounts or working out change. It would be helpful if pupils have a small amount of money, **no more than £3** for these visits, so that they can select the correct coins for their purchases

## All Different, All Equal Week

The term began with a themed week, during which students were encouraged to think about and discuss the diversity we have within our school, community and country as a whole.

## RESIDENTIAL VISIT

Students in Year 9 will have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Derbyshire in March. They will experience a range of activities, all of which will be a challenge for students but will be highly valuable in terms of developing their resilience, social skills, independence, personal development and organization.



We will be undertaking a range of fund raising events to help with costs for this visit

It will also be lots of FUN!