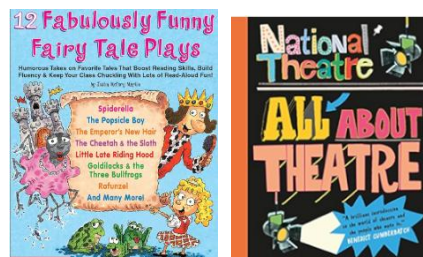


English

In English lessons we will be reading a range of **playscripts**. Students will develop speaking and listening skills through role play and build confidence in performing in preparation for the Winter Production. Pupils will build comprehension skills through reading activities and written work will be based around each short playscript. The focus being to find enjoyment

in reading, broaden their understanding of text types and write creatively using imagination and humour.

Each morning, we will read and practise spellings. Your help in supporting your child with these essential life skills at home will be really helpful.



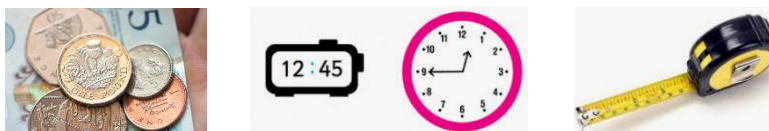
A highlight this term for all the students in Upper School will be the *School Performance*. Pupils will share their ideas and will work collaboratively to create, write and take part in the show in a variety of ways. Year 9 will be taking on the starring roles and the whole school will be involved.



Our **Topic** Lessons will be directly related to 'all things theatre'. We will learn about the history of theatre and cinema and consider how entertainment has changed over time and differences across the world. Pupils will have chance to share their own favourite films, actors and musicians and will create their own 'Thriftwood walk of fame' ahead of their big performance. They will consider the range of job roles within the industry and have a workshop at a local theatre.

Maths

In Maths pupils will continue to develop their understanding of number and place value. They will build on their knowledge of the four operations and begin to apply this to practical problems. Across the year there will a strong focus on using money, telling the time and using measures (length, weight, capacity) in practical ways relevant to everyday life.



Science

The Science focus this term is **Health and Hygiene**. Pupils will start by learning about how our bodies are equipped to fight microbes, bacteria and viruses and discover ways in which we can prevent illness. They will then learn the science behind cooking and cleaning.

Careers

Pupils will begin to consider what it means to work and think about the reasons why work is an important part of life. They will hear from people in a range of job families and have opportunities throughout the year to experience different workplaces and start to think about their own strengths and skills. They will develop team work skills and practise appropriate workplace behaviours through various enterprise projects and workshops.

Other parts of our curriculum include:

- Twice Weekly PE lesson
- Weekly Computing lessons
- Weekly PSHCE lessons
- Fortnightly Cookery lessons
- Outdoor learning and community visits
- Independence and life skills

Thriftwood Code

As always, the Thriftwood Code forms a vital part of our ethos. The younger students often look towards year 9 students to model exemplary conduct.

Show Respect

Be Kind

Listen Well

Work Hard

Tell the Truth

Be Friendly

Take Care of Property

Homework

- Practicing Fundamental skills (see attached)
- Encouraging independence
- Spelling practice
- Reading at home
- Using money
- Telling the time



We will continue to use Tapestry to share photos of pupil learning and engagement. Please check it regularly!

Rewards – T-bucks

In year 9 pupils will be introduced to a different reward system. Pupils will be able to earn 'T-bucks' for completing class jobs and demonstrating a good work ethic and behaviours. At the end of each week, they will be able to spend their 'T-bucks' or save them up for future spend. This system aims to encourage pupils to relate their school life and choices to their adult aspirations. It will further support their learning and understanding of the value of money as well as being a motivating incentive to try hard and follow the Thriftwood code.

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