



Yr9 - Birch and Chestnut



Curriculum Map - Autumn Term 2025

English	Art	Food Technology
This term we will start by reading texts based on other cultures. We will look at setting and how it is described. Then we move on to look at texts about conflict. The students will explore the characters and storyline. They will also be looking at different phonics and learning how to read and blend with these.	Pupils will work on the themes of 'Pop Art' and 'Sculpture' this term. Pupils will explore the work and styles of artists such as Andy Warhol and Roy Liechtenstein and their use of bold colour and simplicity. They will then look at the sculpture of Alberto Giacometti.	This term we will begin by using different varieties of potatoes in various recipes, seeing how the type of potato and cooking method alters the taste of the dish. In the second part of the term the focus will be on cooking with eggs, both as the major ingredient in a recipe, as well as their addition as a binding agent and the uses of egg whites and yolks.
Mathematics	P.E.	RE
Pupils will focus on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction working with numbers to 1000. They will use a range of concrete apparatus including: Base 10, Place Value Charts, Place Value counters. They will move on to the properties of 3D shape and angles. Money and Time skills will be revisited every term.	Physical Education lessons begin in the autumn term with a focus on "invasion" games such as football and tag rugby, giving pupils the opportunity to develop their team work and cooperation skills. From this they progress on to focusing on core abilities in multi-skills circuits, before finishing the term improving their performance playing basketball and hockey.	Pupils will be answering the enquiry question 'How and Why does Religion bring peace and conflict?'. They will compare beliefs and customs of Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. Learning how Hindu's live a peaceful life and how wars are started because of non-religious views. They will cover the bible story of David and Goliath and learn that not all people belonging to a religious group, have extreme views.
Science	Topic	Music and Drama
Chemistry unit – Explore the properties of metals and non-metals. Pupils learn why some react more readily than others. Biology units – Pupils explore characteristics are inherited and about variations arising from environmental differences. Learn about Photosynthesis – explore how they made food necessary for human survival.	The Victorian Age. Pupils will learn about Queen Victoria and will study 'What was life like as a child in Victorian Britain? 'This will focus on work, education and play. Pupils will also get the opportunity to visit Gressenhall Workhouse Museum (5th November) to gain an in depth insight into how life was so different back then.	In Music, pupils will begin with the 'Happy' Charanga unit. This unit focuses on songs in pop music written using a soul style. In Drama, they will begin by exploring society through drama. They will consider justice and fairness through role play and hot-seating.
Computer Science	RSHE	Outdoor Learning
Pupils will learn about the basic concepts involved in the Internet. Learn about what a Browser is and common features. Whilst staying safe by using SMART rules when searching online.	We will be looking at self awareness, prejudice & discrimination, as well as gender & sexuality. We will also be looking at diversity, rights and responsibilities including inclusion, belonging and addressing extremism.	This term the focus will be learning about arachnids, their habitats, how they benefit the environment and their place in the food chain. Then the class will working on activities to maintain and protect the environment, looking after and taking care of the the plants, trees and creatures in our location.