

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term First Half

Oak and Elm

English

English will be taught in two groups this year and will study different books designed to meet student's development levels.

One group will study 'Grandpa Bert and the Ghost Snatchers' by Malorie Blackman whilst the other group studies 'We are all Wonders' by RJ Palacio. This half term the focus will be reading so students will share the text and focus on answering questions, learning books skills, drama and understanding new vocabulary. Students will also listen to a range of familiar and new stories throughout the year and practise their reading skills in reading sessions.

Maths

This term the focus in maths is number. Students will be practising their counting skills and number recognition is a range of different ways before using these skills to compare amounts and learn about more and less.

Forest School

The theme for this term is a pattern, students will look at patterns in nature and life in the forest.

Horticulture

The focus for students is the safe and correct use of the tools used in horticulture and what plants and produce need to grow.

RSE

Students will look at how the body changes during puberty and all aspects of personal care

Computing

Students will cover the school safety policy on how to be safe online, how different digital devices work. They will look at and identify different input and output devices, how computers can change the way we work and how to share information.

PE

The focus for this half term is football and basketball. Pupils will also have the opportunity to take part in trampoline and rebound sessions

Work Related Learning

This takes place on a Thursday and aims to develop personal and social the skills needed to engage in successful work placements. This half term pupils are taking part in a range of different opportunities including – library and administration, hospitality and housekeeping, forest school maintenance and Enterprise. Please see your young person's individual timetable to see which group they are in this term.

Preparation for Adulthood

Students will be involved in catering, community engagement and the Pens Meadow Challenge which are a variety of activities designed to engage and challenge all pupils building on their life skills.

Creative Arts

On a Friday afternoon students engage in creative arts. Students engage in a range of learning experiences including:

catering focusing on soups and hot drinks,

music focusing on Sea Shanties

dance

art focusing on monoprinting.

Your young person's timetable will give you information about which media they are learning this half term