


<p>English</p> <p>Our class has now become two groups, working with students from Maple. Group 1 students will be reading 'Dimple and the Boo' by Pip Jones. Group 2 students will be reading the Usbourne storybook of 'The Wizard of Oz' and will be creating a character description this term.</p> <p>Students will be enjoying sensory stories, making props and characters as well as role play opportunities, acting out their favourite parts of the story.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>As we begin our multiplication term, students will start by learning the basics of multiplication. They will begin by identifying the language such as grouping or lots of. We will be working on simple multiplication problems, such as grouping single-digit numbers, and practice using tools like manipulatives to visualise the process.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>In chemistry, we are going to be focussing on 'Materials'. We are going to be identifying and naming a range of materials, including brick, glass, wood, metal and slate. We will be using simple adjectives to describe these materials through classification and exploration.</p> <p>We will also be conducting different experiments to see the properties of the different materials.</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>In PE we will be focussing on Badminton. We will learn about how to hold a racket correctly and the parts of the shuttlecock, understanding that we hit it on the rubber ball end. We will also develop our self-help skills as we increase independence in hygiene routine after sport and changing for PE.</p>	<p>Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2025 First Half Birch Class</p> 	<p>Work Related Learning</p> <p>This term the groups have rotated for their work-related learning experiences. Many students will continue to develop their Work-Related Learning skills in different industries including Land Maintenance at Baggeridge Country Park and plant management at Hawbush allotments. On site we will experience the Catering trade, working in our well-resourced professional kitchen, Library and Admin work and Site Management including a bit of DIY. Some students will also be using public transport to develop important life skills, improving independence and opportunities to travel within the local area. Some of our Year 14 students are excited to joining Discover U in Stourbridge on a Friday – this may include opportunities for carpentry, shop work and ICT. This term we are excited to begin developing a snack cafe, on offer to all students and staff on a Thursday and Friday. Students will be involved in the whole process from planning to taking orders, ordering food, following recipes and selling what we have made.</p>
<p>Preparation for Adulthood</p> <p>Students have rotated groups and will be participating in a new leisure activity including: swimming, art, music and PE. PfA activities will be identified on individual timetables. We continue to complete challenges on our Meadows Challenge Reward so that students will earn certificates for their achievements at the end of their time at Pens-Meadow.</p>	<p>Year 14</p> <p>This term, in addition to PfA & WRL opportunities, some of the students will continue to attend college to work towards their award in practical small animal care skills. They will be moving onto the next OCR focus in Art exploring the topic of Infinity Sculpture and in Catering, breakfast options including pancakes and omelettes. We will continue to build on life skills in all aspects of our daily life. In RSE we will learn about Reproductive Health specifically about private body parts and the difference between public and private behaviours. Following on from this we will learn about reproduction and what intercourse is.</p>	<p>RE and PSHE</p> <p>In RE we will be learning about Religion and Justice and how religion teaches about peace and tolerance. We will also explore discrimination and war. In PSHE we will begin looking at how Drugs & Alcohol affect the body and cause changes. We will also learn about what to do if we are offered drugs & alcohol and who can help us.</p>
<p>Horticulture</p> <p>This term we are due to focus on the Polytunnel however due to the ongoing building work we do not currently have space, so we are improvising! We will be visiting the local garden centre to learn about alternatives to using including a mini greenhouse and cold frame. We will be planting and caring for a range of seedlings and observe the growth over a period of time. We will be planting and growing leeks, potatoes, broad beans and peppers.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>This term we will continue learning about orchestras and instruments. and explore fast and slow pulse within a piece of music. We will then be learning about musicals and develop an understanding of the stepwise motion – this occurs when melody moves one step up or down. We will experience different musicals which may include Matilda, School of Rock, Mary Poppins or The Lion King.</p>	