

<p>English</p> <p>Our book this half term is called 'The Storm Whale' written by Benji.</p> <p>We will begin with an immersion activity before we read the book. Learning will then include investigating the meaning of unfamiliar words, sequencing the story and joining in with role play activities before we work towards our writing focus: a story recount, writing a letter from the perspective of the boy who is the main character.</p> <p>Pupils will continue to have either Little Wandle phonics or spelling and grammar practise along with handwriting practise on 3 out of 5 days. There will be daily opportunities for shared reading in school as well as regular 1:1 reading.</p> <p>Please encourage reading and sharing books at home and let us know how they get on!</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Counting will take the form of our monthly counting song at the beginning of each lesson. These songs are a great way to engage our pupils; they really enjoy them and don't always realise they are learning along!</p> <p>We have two topics this half term, shape and place value. Pupils will be encouraged to compare feature of shapes and compare features of everyday object to a shape. We'll be using different environments to keep the learning fun.</p>	<p>Horticulture/ Forest School/ Pens Meadow Challenge</p> <p>Our Tuesday mornings have changed for the rest of the year. Pupils have now been allocated one of these 3 subjects. Which will change on rotation through the year.</p> <p>In Horticulture, we continue with the focus of different tools and how to use and look after them. We'll start to plan what vegetables to get ready to plant in the spring and the best way to cultivate them.</p> <p>Pupils will be making a choice of activity in Pens Meadow Challenge then carry it out. This will be planning, carrying out and then reviewing an activity. Pupils will have the opportunity to choose activities that access the local community.</p> <p>Forest School focuses on general maintenance, how to safely use tools to carry out the week-to-week jobs that need to happen to keep this fabulous area in tip top condition. Students and staff from Old Park will join us for these sessions.</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>This half term will be looking at more Sea Shanties. Pupils will be using a range of instruments, including their voices to join in with this traditional style of song.</p> <p>During the run up to Christmas we'll also take the opportunity to practise the Pens Meadow Christmas composition for the Special Schools Christmas concert.</p>	<p>Curriculum Newsletter Assessment Window 2025 Oak Class</p> 	<p>PE</p> <p>Ball skills have moved on from football to basketball this half term.</p> <p>So rather than using our feet, we'll be using our hands. Throwing, catching and bouncing the ball before 'shooting some hoops' as they say in America.</p>
<p>Work Related Learning/Preparation for Adulthood</p> <p>We continue to offer our pupils a wide range of experiences including whole days at Hawbush, Baggeridge or Ninevah farm as well as morning and afternoon sessions that include library work at Ridgehill, snack cafe and swimming.</p> <p>Our young people will have individual timetables indicating what they will be doing – please help by sending in any necessary packed lunches and appropriate clothing.</p>	<p>PSED</p> <p>Learning how personal hygiene is important as we mature is important for our young people. In PSED pupils will be learning about the important parts of our body that we need to make sure we keep clean. There will also be the opportunity to practise using a range of toiletries in the showers. We would ask for your support in this; by sending in towels and any toiletries you would prefer our young person to use.</p>	<p>PfA Dance</p> <p>We'll be rounding our school week off with a Friday afternoon of dance. Our first dance style to perfect is street dance.</p> <p>We'll make sure to warm up properly before attempting any pop and lock or slide moves.</p>

