



11G Class Newsletter

Spring 1



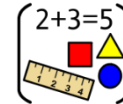
Our Theme

Our theme for Spring 1 is "Plants and Animals"



Community Action (ASDAN)

The first ASDAN unit that we are focusing on this half term is Community Action. This will include enabling learners to recognise when they need help when they are accessing the community or in school and who they can get help from. We will role play different scenarios in school, eventually moving onto real life situations in the community.



Maths

Learners who are working towards their Entry Level qualifications in Maths will be continuing to do this in Spring term. We will be focusing on functional maths.

The remaining learners who are working towards their Personal Progress ASDAN qualification will be working on sequencing and sorting and shape.



English

As part of our new theme, we are going to be exploring David Attenborough documentaries together, particularly those about how the environment is being changed by the choices that humans are making.

We will be engaging in a variety of English based activities around this topic and linking it to our Entry Level 1 English, as well as our ASDAN Personal Progress English coursework.



Reading

Everyone in class will continue to access reading in a way that is suitable for them.

Those bringing a reading book home will continue to do so. Please listen to your child read at home where possible and record this in their reading record. Ask them questions whilst they are reading to check their understanding of what is being read. Those who are accessing sight reading will continue to bring home their current words to read and write. Please look at these together at home and we will continue to do so in class.



Environmental Awareness (ASDAN)

Our second ASDAN unit will be Environmental Awareness. On a Wednesday morning Mrs Mahood and Mrs Cobham will be leading sessions that are themed around our local environment and the issues that are within our local environment.

ZONES

Zones of Regulation

11G will access a weekly Zones of Regulation session this term where we will learn more about our emotions and how our body reacts to different situations. Learners will start to build their own personal toolkits to help keep themselves regulated in different situations both in school and at home. We will share these findings with you so you can use the same strategies at home. Every week we will have a "Tool of the Week" where pupils will have opportunities to explore various regulation tools/techniques and reflect on whether it is a useful strategy for themselves.



Good to Be Me

On a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Cobham will be leading Good to Be Me sessions in class with 11G learners. Previously, a small group of pupils have accessed this intervention but now we think it will benefit the whole class to take part. Sessions will focus on being positive, believing in yourself, being open and honest about your feelings and improving self-esteem and self-belief.



Cooking and Nutrition

Whilst Mrs Cobham is leading Good to Be Me, Mrs Fisher will be taking small groups up to the Food Tech room to complete some cooking activities. We will focus on preparation skills, improving independence around the kitchen whilst ensuring safety and learners gaining confidence in their own abilities and self-help skills.



Chorley in Bloom

Every Thursday morning, 11G will visit Chorley in Bloom sites across Chorley Town Centre to learn more about growing and caring for plants and how Chorley in Bloom helps to improve the local environment. Learners will take part in manual gardening tasks and learn more about using gardening equipment safely. This will link with the final part of our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, volunteering.



Speaking and Listening

Moving on from Weekend News, we will be continuing with Speaking and Listening activities several times a week as we still feel that this is a priority for our learners in class. Learners will split into smaller groups and work on different aspects of communication and listening skills, encouraging them to practice these skills with their peers both in and out of the classroom.



Personal Safety (ASDAN)

Our third ASDAN unit will be completing the Personal Safety unit that Mr Murphy began work on last half term. This will involve Travel Training either individually or in pairs with a member of staff looking at road safety and travelling to a familiar place with increased independence. We will share updates with you so that you can continue to practice these skills at home too to ensure mastery across a range of settings.



Preparation for Work (ASDAN)

On a Wednesday morning this half term, Mrs Cobham will be leading our final ASDAN unit Preparation for Work. This work will build on the careers interview that all pupils received before Christmas with a careers advisor and will involve looking at skills and qualities needed for a variety of employment opportunities that learners are interested in.



Things to remember

- ✓ PE is on a Monday morning and we will be visiting the gym at All Seasons Leisure Centre again. Please can everyone come into school wearing kit (t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms or shorts, trainers) and bring deodorant in their bags.
- ✓ We will be walking to the gym regardless of the weather so please send a coat and gloves/hat if particularly cold. If spare clothes and a towel are needed due to wet weather forecast, Mrs Fisher will send a message at 7am asking you to send them.
- ✓ Mrs Fisher will share the link for the weekly blog every Friday via EduLink or text.
- ✓ Please send reading packs into school everyday and read at home with your child whenever possible, then record in their reading record.
- ✓ Before Christmas, pupils voted to have a special dinner in school rather than a Christmas present. It was a split vote between McDonalds and Critchley's chicken. We will let you know when this will take place.
- ✓ Everyone in 11G will visit Chorley in Bloom on a Thursday morning. Pupils can wear own clothes but be aware that they are likely to get dirty. As with the gym, we will be walking to Chorley in Bloom regardless of the weather so please send a coat and gloves/hat if particularly cold.
- ✓ Valentine's Disco will take place on Thursday 8th February, more details to follow.



How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Reading the blog with your child and looking at the photos together to prompt discussions about school and the activities that they have been taking part in.
- ✓ Allowing your child opportunities to demonstrate and practice their independence and life skills in real-life settings, particularly food preparation and road safety.



Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at fisherh@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts
- ✓ Reading and commenting on the weekly blog