

Upper 4 Update

Dear Parents,

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.

What we will do in school...

Science: This term, our topic is 'Light and Sound'. We will look at identifying the differences between how we experience light and sound and identify items that use light or sound. We will look at how we use our different senses and how we see and hear.

English: Our topic this term is 'Celebrity Fact file'. We will be looking at identifying different celebrities and planning a research project to make a presentation about a favourite celebrity. We will also be developing our communication within class sessions with the speech and language team and throughout all opportunities during the school day. We will practice reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

Cooking: We will begin to make our own lunches once a week for students to develop their life skills in looking after themselves and becoming more independent. This term we will begin with a variety of sandwiches, paninis and toasties. Students will follow shopping lists and purchase items to make their lunches once a week.

Humanities: This term we will be looking at History and comparing our lives today with the Victorians. We will look at the difference between Victorian homes, work places, children's lives, school and toys.

Maths: Students will be looking at money skills this term, identifying coins and notes and beginning to use money in realistic situations. We will be transferring number skills to real life situations, using shopping lists, purchasing, checking change and receipts, in the community and using number in daily tasks.

What you could do together at home...

Your YP could look at different items in the home that use light or sound, identifying the differences and looking at the ways in which they work. Encourage your YP to look at light and sound further by visiting the library to look for books or research using the computer.

Encourage your YP by talking about different celebrities and identifying them in magazines, TV guides, TV programmes, films and music. Encourage daily communication skills with all life skills such as shopping, jobs in the home and discuss current issues on the News.

Let your YP develop their independent skills in the home, perhaps by making you a cup of tea and helping with the dinner, washing and drying up, help collect items in the supermarket.

Look at information you can research on the internet or at your local library on Victorian life. Discuss how life is different today.

Give your YP items to find on the shopping list. Encourage them to practice paying and waiting for change in shops. Discuss everything you have to pay for at home e.g. gas, electric, water bills, council tax, insurance, TV licence, phone, internet, food. Encourage using number skills in daily tasks such as getting items ready and laying the table.

PSHE: We will be looking at 'My future' and 'Different values and beliefs'. We will develop our well-being and self-esteem and develop confidence in asking for help and managing stressful situations.



Identify leisure activities you do at home which help to develop self-esteem and well-being. Encourage your YP to identify likes and dislikes in a variety of subjects.



Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts, jogging trousers, T-shirt and deodorant) in a bag every Monday. PE is also an opportunity to teach personal hygiene routines and more independence skills. We will not be swimming this year.



Please send in deodorant for your YP to use after PE.



We will write in your child's home school book every week so you know what your child has been doing and how they have been. We will put letters in your home school book. So please look through it every day.

Please write to us regarding how your child has been at home and if you have any concerns, also inform us of any information that you think we should be aware of such as illnesses, eating and sleep patterns or achievements and progress that your child has made and what they have been up to over the weekend.



If there is anything I can help you with or if you have any concerns or questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Katie