

### **Lunchtime Clubs**

There is a wide variety of Lunchtime Clubs run by members of staff during lunchtime break for key Stage 3. These include

Arts and craft Club

Computer club

Football, basketball, boxing and badminton club

### **After School Clubs**

After School Club for key Stage 3 is held on one evening a week and runs for a 6 week block.

Activities include....

Sports activities

A picnic at Baggeridge

Swimming

Bowling

### **Educational Visits & Residential**

There are a number of educational visits each year in Key Stage 3; these include....

Year 7 - Summer Term to Warwick Castle

Year 8 - Summer Term Visit to Wightwick Manor & sailing

Year 9 - Summer Term to Cosford Areospace Museum

Residential visits take place in year 9



## **Key Stage 3**

Parent Information Booklet

Curriculum 2015-16

In Key Stage 3 at Penn Fields we provide a supportive transitional environment, from Primary to Secondary school nurturing every pupil's individuality.

### Summary of School Curriculum at Key Stage 3

Throughout this booklet you will see the range of courses and subjects that are available in Key Stage 3 at Penn Fields School. We follow the National Curriculum

Pupils are taught in their class groups (Years 7,8 and 9 ) for most subjects but split into one of five groups for Literacy and four groups for Numeracy. Our Nurture Group, is a group of pupils from across the classes, who work together on a more personalised curriculum.

Pupil progress throughout each subject is assessed informally by the teacher at the end of each lesson and work is marked to reflect this. At the end of each term a judgement is recorded in our assessment tool called Onwards and Upwards Examples of work are also uploaded. Examples of the data from these programs can be seen at your child's Annual Review and at Parents' Evenings.

I hope you find the booklet useful and informative however, if you would like any further information or have any questions about the Key Stage 3 curriculum your child will be following, please contact me at the school,

Mrs L Timbrell

Key Stage 3 Phase Manager

**Physical Education** - Pupils take part in a wide range of activities including TAG rugby, football, basketball, gymnastics, boxercise, fitness, rounders, cricket, tennis, volleyball, multiskills, ultimate frisbee, badminton, handball and athletics. Pupils learn to improve their skill levels as well as their fitness levels and team work. All pupils have the opportunity to take part in the Lunchtime clubs available of football, basketball, badminton and boxercise/fitness.

Some pupils are also able to represent the school in the many teams that we have at Pennfields.

### Competency Curriculum

During the year the pupils in KS3 are split into 6 mixed ability groups, they all participate in a different activity each half term;

Aqua Aerobics

Out and about in the local community: Parks.

Textiles: Children will be exploring, designing and making using basic sewing techniques and a sewing machine.

Eco Club : Craft activities using recycled materials

Cooking : Foods from around the world

We also have various collapsed days throughout the year when we suspend the curriculum and all work on a particular topic.

SUMO (Stop Understand and Move on ) Is delivered once every half term to help pupils deal with the challenges of the future. To accept and manage change, to build better and lasting relationships, develop a resilient attitude to life and to learn to turn a stressful situation into a positive one.

### Interventions

There are opportunities for some pupils to take part in Literacy and Numeracy intervention programmes to extend their knowledge and help them achieve their targets.

Some pupils also receive support with developing their speech and language, and social communication needs from our

### **Drama**

Throughout years 7, 8 and 9 children will learn team work, confidence building, good speaking and listening skills and how to show how they feel using their body language and voice.

They will be exploring different texts from Shakespeare to fairy tales. They will write and film their own short movies and perform different scene as well as creating their own music videos on iPads

### **Music**

Year 7—Pupils explore sounds in picture, music from around the world, instruments of the orchestra and popular music from the 1960's.

Year 8—Pupils learn about global music, music for celebrations, dance music through the ages and music linked to CB50 concert.

Year 9—Pupils learn about the carnival of the animals, Peter and the wolf, musicals and film music.

### **Religious Education**

Nurture - The Creation stories of different faiths, religious holy books and places of worship.

Year 7 cover the natural world, celebrations and religious text.

Year 8 cover does God exist and does a beautiful world imply a God.

Year 9 cover the natural world, peace and conflict around the world and what God means to them.

### **Literacy**

Pupils will be taught in one of four literacy groups throughout key stage 3. These groups are ability based to enable the staff to better target their teaching at appropriate levels.

The pupils will access a range of poems and text including pre 1914 literature, stories from around the world and works by famous authors including Shakespeare. They will also be taught to write for a range of purposes and audiences and speak with confidence in a range of scenarios. Where possible the curriculum for key stage 3 is delivered but when necessary objectives from earlier phases will be utilised so that teaching is well differentiated and able to meet individual needs.

### **Numeracy**

Pupils will be taught in one of four numeracy groups throughout key stage 3. These groups are ability based to enable the staff to better target their teaching at appropriate levels.

Throughout the year KS3 pupils will study counting, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and mental arithmetic at a level appropriate to their ability. Other topics will include money, time, measuring, shapes and handling data as we hope pupils will develop practical maths skills for everyday life.

### **Science**

In year 7 pupils are introduced to science safety, lab techniques and measurement skills through practical work. Other topics they cover are electrical circuits, acids and alkali and animal habitats. Topics taught in year 8 include forces, solar system, chemical reactions, microbes and disease. In year 9 pupils learn about magnets and their uses, light and sound, rocks and weathering and about ecological relationships of living things.

## Computing

In year 7 pupils learn to write text for different audience, they use text ease and word. Graphical modelling and creating videos along with paint pro, multimedia creating stories and data bases and sending emails.

Year 8 pupils learn about processing text and images, manipulating images and sounds within a story, creating digital stories, online communities, spread sheets using excel and instructions when looking at games.

In Year 9 pupils start on Entry level coursework, including: computing fundamentals, word processing, presentations of software, use of the internet

## Art

Year 7: Pupils will be using a range of techniques and media to create self portraits, collages, prints and sculpture.

Year 8: Pupils will be creating a portrait photomontage, they will take part in printmaking and pottery activities based on natural forms and shall be learning about Artists.

Year 9: Pupils will be learning about portraiture and collage, they will learn about the work of Artists and use it to influence their own work. Pupils will be using nature as a subject matter to develop their skills in printmaking, textiles and sculpture.

## Geography

Nurture: Pupils will study different countries with a focus on foods.

Year 7: Pupils will study a range of topics including 'Map Skills', 'Our World', 'The UK' and 'Weather'.

Year 8: Pupils will study 'Natural disaster', 'Ecosystems' and 'Tourism'.

Year 9: Pupils will study 'World Environmental Issues', 'National Parks' (with the opportunity to take part in a residential in Wales) and 'Globalisation'.

## Design & Technology

Nurture: Pupils will be learning about the topics of Life Skills.

Year 7: Pupils will be learning about the topics of Transport, Food preparation and Safety in the Workshop.

Year 8: Pupils will be learning about the topics of T shirt design, Pizza design and Materials in D&T.

Year 9: Pupils will be learning about the topics of History of Video Games, Healthy Snacks and Manufacturing Techniques in D&T.

## History

Year 7 & Nurture :The Roman Empire, invasion and settlement.

Pupils are introduced to the idea that people from other societies have been coming to settle in Britain for a long time. The effect of invasion and settlement of the Romans in Britain.

Year 8: The Tudor Britain

The pupils learn about different types of people living in the Tudor times and about the main personalities and events.

Year 9: The 20th Century Inventions

Pupils will develop their historical understanding of the period and will make links between changes both within and across the period.

## Modern Foreign Languages :

Pupils learn Spanish through KS3 covering themes entitled My World, Holidays and Leisure. The themes are broken down into smaller units over the 3 years and offer the opportunity to learn some simple reading, writing, speaking listening and