



Key Stage 3

Nurture Group

Parent Information Booklet

Curriculum 2018-19

In Nurture Group at Penn Fields we provide a supportive environment for particular pupils in Key Stage 3, nurturing every pupil's individuality.

Summary of School Curriculum at Key Stage 3

Throughout this booklet you will see the range of subjects that are available in Nurture at Penn Fields School. We follow the National Curriculum

Our Nurture Group, is a group of pupils from across the year groups, 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 Seesaw, examples of work are also uploaded. Examples of the data from these programs can be seen at your child's Educational Health Care Plan

meeting 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 or through Seesaw.

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Key Stage 3 Phase Manager

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.

During this year the pupils in Nurture will be revisiting their letter sounds to consolidate understanding and will then use this knowledge to form CVC words. Higher achievers will work through the high frequency words lists, learning how to read and spell familiar words. Pupils will share a range of fiction and non fiction books gaining facts and learning to create their own stories in verbal or written formats. Pupils will have many opportunities to practice their speaking and listening skills supported by Makaton.

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 position as we hope pupils will develop practical maths skills for everyday life.

Science

Nurture group will be learning about Electricity and magnets, Earth in space and forces. In the Spring term they will explore basic materials and their uses by looking at a range of everyday objects and their properties. Pupils will experiment by looking at changing materials including cooking and other every day activities. In the Summer term they will look at living things by studying the school pond area and its wildlife.

Computing

In Nurture pupils learn to write text for different audience's , they use text ease and word. Graphical modelling and creating videos along with paint pro, multimedia creating stories and simple data bases.

We will be learning about e safety , digital Literacy and Citizen-ship, researcher and presenter programmes. They will use the Beebots and app to discover and begin to understand programming. Pupils also have the opportunity to use the ipads and a variety of apps on a weekly basis across the different curriculum areas to support their learning.

Art

Nurture pupils will study a variety of Artists and types of Art, craft and design.

They will experience a variety of materials such as paint, pastels, pens, pencils, fabric and clay.

Pupils will be taught primary and secondary colours, cold and warm colours and colour mixing.

We will experiment with colour, line, pattern, shape and texture to create their own artworks.

Design & Technology

- Pupils in Nurture will be using a thematic approach to practice their D&T skills.
- They will explore, cutting, joining and designing and making.
- The activities will be adapted to meet their individual needs, using a range of equipment and specialist tools.

Theme

The children in Nurture will explore a range of themes which include historical, geographical, art and PHSE skills and learning opportunities. Some educational visits will be arranged to develop their basic understanding of the themes covered.

This term they are studying 'Autumn' and will be looking at colour, patterns, seasons, poems and learning Makaton signs to support their work and vocabulary. We will use the school environment to complete some nature 'detective' walks and describe plants, flowers and animals around us.

Future themes and topics will be shared during the year through Seesaw.

Religious Education

Pupils will be learning about different creation stories, and celebrations of key faiths, this will include visiting a variety of places of worship and comparing them.

They will take part in weekly assemblies and have the opportunity to share their own faith and explore other beliefs and special celebrations too.

Drama

During our drama lessons children will be exploring different drama games and techniques. How to work well as a team and improve listening skills . Exploring using movement and music to retell different stories.

Music

Through a study of world music the pupils will improve their listening skills, experiencing a range of rhythms and beats. They will have the opportunity to accompany music and songs using percussion instruments and perform with their classmates.

Wellbeing

This subject joins together all areas of our curriculum that are concerned with the spiritual, emotional and mental wellbeing of our students. Pupils will be learning and developing skills of happiness and well being. They are encouraged to celebrate and develop their strengths rather than dwelling on their weaknesses. Nurture will explore themselves and their family, their likes and dislikes and develop confidence and self-esteem when working with others.

Swimming

The children in Nurture will have the opportunity to participate in a weekly swimming intervention to develop their basic stroke skills and confidence in the water. This is an important life skill and is assessed throughout the year.

Physical Education - Pupils take part in a wide range of activities including TAG rugby, football, basketball, gymnastics, boxercise, fitness, rounder's, 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.

Life Skills

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

Aqua Aerobics

Out and about in the local community

Eco awareness ,Craft activities using recycled materials

Diet and exercise : learning about the importance of healthy eating and regular exercise.

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 fine motor, sensory, haptic massage and swimming interventions. The Speech and Language support team also work across the key stage with identified pupils.

Lunchtime Clubs

There is a wide variety of Lunchtime Clubs run by members of staff for key Stage 3, These include :

Arts and craft Club

Computer club

Karaoke 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, including bike riding

A picnic at Baggeridge

Swimming

Bowling

Educational Visits & Residentials

There are a number of educational visits each year for Nurture to participate in :

Stable Relationships—Telford Equestrian Centre 6 weekly sessions

Camping experience—Summer Term

Other curriculum visits will be arranged during the year to support their themes and topics.