

## **Primary Curriculum Overview and Information**

**In the Primary Phase students are taught Maths and English daily, alongside EYFS areas of learning in Willow, Acorn and Ash classes and themes in Elm and Oak. These support students with accessing foundation subjects and key skills for developing understanding, knowledge and ensuring progress as they move through the primary phase. The themes across the primary phase have been updated and can be found in the Curriculum section of the website.**

### **English**

All English lessons focus on the three main areas of English: reading, writing, speaking, listening and communication. We endeavour to provide our children with firm foundations in these areas that can then be built upon as they move through the school.

Pupils are taught daily Phonics, following the Read, Write Inc programme, from the moment they join our school until they are independent readers who have a repertoire of reading skills to assist them throughout their lives.

Reading in the classroom and beyond is a key part of the students' educational journey and pupils have access to books and stories shared by the teacher or using an individual reading programme.

We work through a structured handwriting programme which leads to pupils being able to use cursive handwriting, if and when, they are able. Pupils' opportunities to develop their writing skills are built into the school day from simple mark making in our early years through to extended pieces of writing in Oak class. Students also practice spelling key high frequency words when they are able to.

### **Maths**

At Penn Fields we believe that mathematical skills are an essential part of pupils learning. Maths helps provide pupils with important independence and decision making skills. Maths is taught across the school at a level that is appropriate to pupils learning styles and needs, following the Maths Mastery programme and aims to motivate pupils to achieve their best. Students across all key stages follow a rich mathematical curriculum with strong emphasis on number skills. Throughout the year pupils in KS1 and 2 will have experience of a range of real life activities, from role play and stories to using weights and measures, in practical situations as a contextual basis for their learning.

## **Science**

Recently updated, the science curriculum or understanding of the world is designed to introduce and develop student's skills and knowledge across the four areas of physics, chemistry, enquiry and biology. Each class follows a specific scheme of work that again, builds on their skills to ensure progress over time.

## **SOLAR**

We have now introduced a new recording, assessment and target setting tool across school called SOLAR. It is used by more than 500 special schools and offers the opportunity for moderation and comparison with other special schools across the country and locally. Children will be baselined using SOLAR and then termly targets set for progress and monitored by senior leaders and relevant subject leads. Further information can be found on the assessment tab on our website.

## **School Website**

The school website has up to date information and weekly news from our Headteacher. You can also follow us on Twitter.

<https://www.pennfields.com>

## **Swimming**

Swimming takes place weekly for all primary phase students. You will be informed of the day your child's class takes part in swimming.

## **Interventions**

Some students may receive weekly interventions, depending on their EHCP areas of need. These include:

- SALT
- OT
- RWI
- Haptic Massage
- Sensory Circuits & Sensory Snacks
- Fine Motor
- Physiotherapy
- Deep Pressure Massage

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