

## Me and My Relationships

Class 7 will be continuing their learning about personal care and self-help. We will be working on our personal care skills and learning to clean our teeth, wash our faces, spray deodorant and brush and style our hair. In our Independence lessons we will continue to work on our self-help skills and learning to cook. This term, we will be learning to make our snacks and drinks from a healthy choice of foods while focusing on portion control. During our cooking sessions we will be learning to make traditional British food as our class contribution to our school Summer Tea Party held towards the end of the term. For this, we will be making Victoria sponges, cucumber sandwiches and cream teas. In our Cleaning lessons we will continue to learn to sweep the floor, Hoover, wash up and put away equipment. We will be continuing to practise to use the washing machine and tumble dryer and fold and put away clothes. These are all excellent skills that can be practised at home.

## Me and My Communication

Pupils in Class 7 will continue to develop their own individual communication systems when making choices and requests. This learning will take place throughout the school day as well as in specific lessons. The aim for pupils is to start to generalise their communication skills in as many contexts as possible. When out in the community, pupils will be learning to interact with less familiar people in making requests e.g. when ordering in a café.

As part of our communication learning, pupils will use their communication methods during our peer interaction skills lessons in which pupils will select and negotiate with peers when taking part in peer games such as dancing games and board games.

Pupils will be taking part in lessons to create a PowerPoint to display some of their favourite pictures of themselves from the year. Pupils will present these to their peers and communicate about their favourite activities.

As part of our communication work, some pupils will take part in regular college sessions where they will communicate and interact with their peers.

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## Me and My Creativity

This term, pupils will be taking part in gardening and designing and creating outdoor spaces. As part of this, pupils will be creating individual hanging baskets and choosing a selection of plants and flowers. They will be designing and making Bug Hotels to place in the Dell as part of our outdoor learning activities. Pupils will be learning to use new equipment as part of the making process as well as making choices about which materials and colours they want to use.

We will be learning about British Values and pupils will be given the opportunity to design and prepare different types of traditional British food for a traditional British street party. We will be learning to make Victoria sponges, cucumber sandwiches and cream teas. Once pupils have taken part in learning to create these dishes, I will send the recipes home to enable pupils to practise at home if they wish.

## Me and My Maths

Class 7's mathematical development will take place in a number of different lessons this term.

Pupils will learn and demonstrate mathematical skills during our cooking sessions, during which they will learn to count, measure and weigh and follow a sequence to create a dish. Pupils will be learning to make traditional British dishes and will continue to work on their bread making skills.

During our work skills lessons pupils will be filling and selling sweet bags to staff at school. Pupils will learn, practise and start to generalise their skills of money exchange both within the classroom and within the community. This will take place during regular shopping trips, community skills lessons and college visits.

## Me and My Physical Development

This term, pupils are taking part in regular physical activity. During our PE lessons, we are focussing on dance and movement. Pupils are having the opportunity to try to follow dance sequences and also design their own sequence. For our outdoor activities, pupils are using the Fitness Gym and The Circuit and taking part in a range of activities designed to enhance mobility, balance and co-ordination. Some pupils are taking part in a deep water swim session at Astley Cooper School every Tuesday. Some pupils will attend Trampoline sessions, which will soon be starting again.

At lunch time, pupils have a range of physical activity clubs available to them. Pupils are expected to take part in at least one lunch time club a week. Physical activity clubs available to pupils are football and Boccia.

## How you can help at home

Many of the plans for this term remain the same as last term, in order that pupils are given the opportunity to take part in deep learning, and to practise, consolidate and generalise their skills. When pupils can demonstrate their skills in school, they may not have generalised their learning to other settings. Please may I ask that you provide as many opportunities as possible for your son or daughter to practise their new skills at home, especially their independence skills, such as setting the table, cooking, personal care routines, cleaning and using money. We have been learning to make a variety of hot drinks in class, e.g. tea, coffee (caffeine free) and hot chocolate. Please may I ask that pupils practise these skills at home.

Visit places - go to the park, the woods, go for walks (many of the things you do already.) Encourage your son/ daughter to be as active as possible as it will help keep them healthy and they will learn through these experiences as well. If possible, try to encourage healthy choices and healthy foods. We are focusing on healthy eating and portion control in school and making choices from healthy foods.

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Dear Parents / Carers,

If you have any queries, please contact Class 7 team.

Thank you for your continued support

Lucy, Sharon, Sarah Mairs, Sarah Montgomery, Chrissy, Shireen and Darren.

## Me and My Community

This term, pupils will continue to explore and learn about different cultures and take part in experiencing different aspects of these. We are very much looking forward to three RE focus weeks on Buddhism, Islam and Christianity.