

## Me and My Personal Development

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 Quiche. In our Cleaning lessons we will continue to learn to sweep the floor, Hoover, wash up and put away equipment. We will be learning 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.

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## 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 reading lessons. They will make choices about which book to explore and who (staff and peers) they would like to share with. They will be encouraged to comment on what they can see in the pictures and to describe the events of the story.

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

## Me and My Creativity

This term, pupils will be taking part in specifically designed art lessons in which they will learn and practise new art techniques and aim to create different images. They will design a range of items to give to others as presents on special occasions.

Pupils will be taking part in photography lessons to learn to use and create images of themselves and others and of the world around them. Pupils will be viewing the images created by themselves and their peers and will select preferred photographs that they have taken to form part of a display and a special photo album for themselves.

Pupils are all offered the option of attending Choir as part of a lunch time club, giving the opportunity to perform and sing in some assemblies.

## Me and My Mathematical Development

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.

This term, pupils will be learning to make quiche independently, and select from a choice of different fillings each week (although the recipe will remain the same). They will continue to learn to weigh and measure the ingredients and to sequence the order of the recipe. They will be learning to set the oven temperature correctly and to use a timer to indicate when their dish is cooked.

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 coordination. Some pupils are taking part in a deep water swim session at Astley Cooper School every Tuesday. Some pupils will attend trampolining 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. However, 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.

Give your child opportunities to help with tasks around the home, for example making a simple snack or drink, making cakes or biscuits, putting clothes away, washing up, putting the washing in, and pairing socks. Practice will help develop their independence skills.

As them to help with simple cleaning tasks e.g. wiping and setting the table for dinner, washing up, sweeping the floor, using the Hoover.

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Dear Parents / Carers, We are spending quite a long time filling in diaries at the end of the day in order to tell you what your child has done. This is taking away important time spent on learning for the children. To enable us to have more teaching and learning time, and still communicate what we have been learning, we have decided to only write one extra 'wow' thing your child has learnt that day. We will still write any other important information you will need or have requested. We have provided what we are learning this term for you and a timetable of what we do each day, so you know what your child has been learning at school. Any queries please contact class 7 team.

Thank you for your continued support

Lucy, Sharon, Shireen and Darren.

## Me and My Understanding of the World.

This term pupils will continue to explore and learn about different cultures and take part in experiencing some of these. We are very much looking forward to two RE focus weeks on Sikhism and Christianity. Pupils will be learning to use SKYPE to take part in conversations with pupils from our partner school in Romania.