



Spring 2024. during this term we will focus on promoting independence, improving communication and we will be developing our young people's skills for the future in the following areas: **Literacy, Numeracy, Communication, PSHE, Fitness and Leisure, ICT, Daily living skills, Community Inclusion, Sports and Leisure, Work related learning and Healthy bodies Healthy minds.**

Our overall topic focus for this term is 'Scrapheap Challenge'. For our Health and well-being sessions we have welcomed back Open Theatre group, yoga, team games, Hypa dance and some students will be swimming. On a Friday some pupils across the phase will take part in work experience at the Emily Jordan Foundation and classes will be visiting different providers to help with choices for transition.

Literacy – During this term will be focusing on following instructions in various contexts, some examples of this will be playing games, construction and following recipes. In the second half of the term, we will be exploring Ted Hughes Iron man, which will support our young people to develop their reading, writing and comprehension skills.

Numeracy – During our numeracy lessons 14-19 phase will be developing their understanding of measurement and volume. They will also be looking at the use of phones as part of their life skills development.

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ICT – Every week we will have an opportunity to use our computer suite. Our theme this term is logos and design. We are using different interactive software for design and using Microsoft teams for our communication. We will also be developing our basic computer skills.



Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies –

The activities taking place during creative options (Pupil choice) on a Monday afternoon will be Junkyard Art, Coding, Young Promoters, Musical Theatre and Music.

Those pupils with physical needs will continue to enjoy a weekly Hydrotherapy session on **Friday**, alongside massage and other personalised therapy programmes.

Sports and leisure – Keeping fit and healthy is important. **Every Wednesday** we will continue to benefit from a Sports and leisure morning. We have the Hypa-Dance group and the Open Theatre company joining us. We will also take part in Yoga, trying lots of new mindfulness techniques, team games, physiotherapy and Sherborne Movement Therapy sessions. Could you please make sure your child comes to school in their trainers and suitable sports clothing on a Wednesday or send in a swimming kit if required.



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Science – During this term we will be looking at animals including their characteristics, physical features, habitats and food sources. We will also be exploring the effects of human action on ecosystems.

Community Inclusion – This term the phase are going out to different providers and having visitors from the different providers in order to support their future and to help them make choices for their future. The phase is also looking at keeping ourselves safe in different scenarios such as learning some basic first aid.

PSHE - This term we will be learning about what we can do to create a healthy lifestyle – focusing on a balanced diet, regular exercise, a good sleep routine and visiting health professionals.



Work related learning– This term pupils in Group 1 will be taking part in virtual sessions to design a product which will be made and sold. Group 2 are working at the Emily Jordan centre making bug boxes and working in the bike workshop. Group 3 will be exploring and practising skills connected to trades and construction such as a painter and decorator.

Time to Share– We all benefit from a focussed communication session in pairs with a different peer or staff member. We share any news, explore the timetable and any changes, and practise communicating our own choices. We are also doing SMILE activities each morning.

Thank you for your support

Best wishes

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