## Newsletter

**Summer 2024** 



## 14-19



As we move onto the Summer term, we continue to focus on promoting independence, improving communication and developing the skills we need for the future. Our different lessons of focus are: 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 'Old Park Presents' where we will be working together to put on a Summer performance of Oliver . For our Health and well-being sessions we have welcomed back Open Theatre group, HYPA dance, Team games and some students will be swimming. On Fridays we will continue to take part in Work Experience in a variety of onsite and offsite groups. We will engage with Enterprise work at school and some students will continue with their Hydrotherapy will also take place on Friday mornings.

Literacy - During this term we will be looking at 'The Hobbit', with some groups also reading 'Leo and the Lightning Dragons'. When focussing on these texts we will be exploring the characters, settings, sequence of events. Students will communicate their reactions and opinions on different as pects of the stories and show their understanding through comprehension questions.

Numeracy - During our numeracy lessons 14-19 phase will be developing skills that will help us in our everyday life, including developing our understanding of time. We will also be looking at developing our use of number.

ICT – Every week we will have an opportunity to use our computer suite. We are looking at film and making movies. We will continue to develop our basic ICT skills.

Form 2 will be exploring new ways we can use the Magic carpet and the Eve-gaze.

















## Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies –

The activities taking place during creative options (Pupil choice) on a Monday afternoon will be Art to create the scenery, prop Making, Performance, including Dance, acting and a choir.





**Sports and leisure** – Keeping fit and healthy is important. Every Wednesday we will continue to benefit form a Sports and leisure morning. We have the Hypa-Dance group and the Open Theatre company joining us. We also will do team games, following personalised physiotherapy programmes and Sherborne Movement Therapy.. Could you please make sure your child comes to school in their trainers and suitable sports clothing on a Wednesday or sendin a swimming kit if required.





Science – During this term we will be looking at different Materials and their uses. We will also be carrying little experiments connected to materials and their properties.

Community Inclusion – This term Class 1 will be going out in the local community using public transport. We might need a little money to support this.

If you, please could send some money or a bus pass on a Tuesday.

**PSHE** This term we will be looking at the different types of relationships that we might have as we become young Adults, such as friendship and romantic relationships. We will also be looking at permission and why this is needed.

**Independent living**—This term Form 4 will be concentrating on Home Management and keeping a home clean. This term Form 3 will be concentrating on Cooking and simple skills needed in the kitchen.

**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** 14-19