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Students will be producing their own personal character shield's to display in school as part of the 'Ourselves' topic. They will decide on and be encouraged to communicate what they wish their shield to depict. We will focus on Autumnal colours and use these with pastels to create effective leaf prints and collages.

Students will use the washing machine and we will recap on changing a duvet set. We will introduce how to use an iron safely.

Enterprise & Vocational Skills

Students will be focusing on and helping to complete some jobs around school such as re-organising the Cookery Room to ensure all workstations have the correct equipment and labelling the cupboards with photos to help maintain the organisation. We will also attempt to tidy and organise our main outside Sixth Form area. Students will help to tidy and re-plan to improve the area.

We aim to deliver a themed food day for staff to try and raise funds such as a Bacon Roll Day and Soup Day. Students will be active in supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning.



Recreation, Health & Leisure

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Students will be attending OXSRAD Leisure Centre on Thursday's where they will have the opportunity to engage in the Centre's facilities including a spinning class lead by an instructor and if preferred, the Gym (having completed an induction on how to use the equipment safely). They will have the opportunity to purchase an item from the café.

On Friday's Students will alternate to access the Wheels4All venue where they can engage in cycling or take advantage of the track.



Swimming

Students will be swimming first thing Monday morning's as part of their fitness and well-being routine. Swimming sessions will be lead by our swimming teacher Angela who is accompanied by our Life Saver Dawn. Boys and Girls will swim in separate groups and this term we are introducing Swim England Awards – stages 1-7 and students will be assessed.

Independent Living Skills

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Students will be engaging on a rota basis for daily class jobs as well as taking turns to plan for, shop and cook the Friday lunch for all. Students will engage in the clearing up process and rotate to complete a number of home chores and life skills such as washing/drying up, clearing surfaces, vacuuming, emptying recycling and food waste, using the washing machine.

Computing & Internet Safety

This term we will be recapping the importance of keeping safe when using a computer and the internet. We will recap the importance of keeping passwords secure and asking an adult when unsure or we need help.

Students will be involved in interactive games and using the internet to search for topics of interest. Some students will use the laptop to complete work and construct emails.

PSHE & Relationship and Sex Education

We will be introducing a new PSHE scheme this term based on an ASDAN short course, hopefully resulting in some of our students eventually achieving an Award. Siobhan will be leading this. The first topic for this term is all about 'respectful relationships' including relationships with family, friends and others. We will also consider what is appropriate behaviour in public and private places.

Core Subjects

Communication and Language

Students are encouraged to communicate at every opportunity throughout the day using various strategies to support them if necessary in a wide context.

Students are encouraged to independently deliver messages around school and communicate for themselves when out in the community.

Functional Literacy Skills

Students will divide into their ability groups for Read, Write Inc sessions and individual Phonic and Literacy work. Students will rotate for a Reading session on Friday morning and will have the opportunity to visit the Library and change books if they wish.

Students will practice writing skills for a range of purposes, completing timetables, shopping lists, filling forms etc. Some students will use symbols to support their literacy in most areas.

Functional Math Skills

Students will divide into their ability groups to focus on maths. Some students will be joining sessions in Gold Class. Students will focus on their individual math targets in group game sessions, online interactive whiteboard work and through 1:1 support sessions.

Students will have opportunity to practice their functional skills via cooking sessions, shopping and via everyday life skills.

Over-arching topic Ourselves

Human Life Cycle/Growing up
Term 1

Purple Class



Topic

Our topic for the term is 'Ourselves' including human growth and life cycles. We will focus on ourselves including communicating our personal details such as where we live, date of birth and star signs! We will look more closely at the stages of human life cycle and how we grow and think of how we have each all changed over the years. We are hoping to make some mini personal timelines for a class display. We will share information about ourselves and our family and start to consider what our interests are and what we are good at in order to try and match these to a vocational area. Some students will start to construct a simple CV plan which they can adapt and improve over the year.

Knowledge and Experience of the World

Special Events - RE and British Values

We will be focussing this term on some important events including the Macmillan Coffee morning in hope of raising some money for a very worthy cause. Purple Class will take responsibility for collecting donations for the Harvest Festival and deliver the donations to a local church. Students will engage in sessions focussing on important days such as Roald Dahl Day, National Poetry Day and Black History. We will recap and remember the significant events of 9/11. We hope to end the term with Some Purple Class students organising Halloween Celebration events for both the Primary and Secondary students.

Careers

We will be thinking about our interests and the skills we have as part of the 'Ourselves' topic in an attempt to establish a possible job area interest. Students will be working around school engaging in different areas such as cooking, gardening, office jobs, helping in other classes and general maintenance. We are hoping to visit the church to find out more about the role of the Vicar and look more closely at the jobs our family members do. Michael will be leading a session on home maintenance.

Community Access

We will be resuming our shopping outings this term. Students will rotate in small groups to shop for the Friday lunch ingredients. Students will focus on their individual targets with the aim of improving their independence in the shopping process. We are hoping to visit Millets Farm later in the term to collect some pumpkins to carve as part of the early Halloween celebrations.