

The Den Curriculum Guide



Spring Term 2018

English

Language – Exhibitions

The students are going to be learning how to plan, write, edit and proof read a piece of informative writing. They will be taking part in group discussions, individual presentations and plan and ideally host an exhibition.

This topic will be linked to the Art topic for the term.

Literature – 'Wonder', AJ Palacio

Through the reading and studying of this book, the students will gain and demonstrate skills in independent reading and empathy. We will be studying the methods used by the writer to create a range of effects, investigate setting, plot, characterisation and language.

As part of this unit we hope to visit the cinema to see the new hit movie 'Wonder'.

Maths

This term we will be taking our first AQA exam based on Properties of number. We will then move onto the second unit, The Four Operations of Number with the aim of some of the students completing the exam for this before Easter.

Art

Wassily Kandinsky

Students will study Kandinsky and how his work was created. We will investigate the influence of music in his art and the development of his painting style to creating the first purely abstract work. The students will have the opportunity to create their own art through a variety of different media using geometric shapes, angles and colour. We will also create art as a response to different genre of music.

Drama

We will be looking at short scripts and learning how to develop character and scene setting from other people's writing.

As always we will keep refreshing skills through improvisation and other drama forms.

Philosophy

This term we will be following a programme of Philosophy using the stories of Odysseus as a springboard for discussion.

PHSE

Within the Den we continually work on life skills, social skills, communication and behaviour all are integral to the work undertaken. In addition we will be continuing to study how best to take care of ourselves. This will include physical, emotional, mental well being in addition to internet safety.

Choir

Choir will be focusing on rounds and movement based songs this half term. This is to encourage pupils to sing in parts and also to encourage them to enjoy being part of a group making music together in a new way. I would like pupils to benefit from the pleasure of singing together.

Unit Award Scheme

Individual units chosen in collaboration between staff and students focusing on their interests, life skills and future plans.

Students will also be able to use the work completed in the Exhibition topic within both English and Art towards this accreditation.



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