



Pioneers – Curriculum Outline

Term 1 2026 – 27

Dear Parents and Carers,

All of the children have settled well into the Pioneers this new academic year. We are really enjoying getting to know each of the children and seeing their personalities and interactions with one another and the staff. If there is anything you need to know, please do not hesitate to contact us through Learning Journals.

Mrs Rowan and Mrs Boyd



Health and Wellbeing

In Pioneers this term we are focusing on cleanliness, hygiene and how to look after our bodies. We will brush our teeth daily and the children will begin to become more independent with this task. We will also look at hand washing and why this is important at certain times, for example, before eating and after using the toilet.



Numeracy

In Term 1, we will use games and play based learning in order to show our skills in Numeracy and Maths. We will cover number recognition, place value and addition and subtraction calculations. We will also look at pattern, shape and time. During this term we will observe and assess the children to inform their new targets.



Literacy

In Literacy, the children will have opportunities to show their skills in reading, writing, communication and phonological awareness. We will learn through games, play, class stories and activities relating to the class story. For some children we will work on name recognition in a variety of settings. We will observe the children and complete ongoing assessment through this period to set new individual targets for term 2.

Science

In term 1, The Pioneers will discover 'What makes it go?'. We will explore a range of toys and appliances, developing an understanding of what they do and how they work. The Pioneers will explore push and pull, wind-up, electronic, remote-control toys, to name a few. We will discover how different toys are operated and categorise them by their properties. The Pioneers will experiment with forces and how they affect the movement of balls, cars and other moving toys. We will also investigate household and school appliances, what they do and how they work.

Outdoor Learning

The Pioneers will be developing their understanding and practice of personal safety through practice of fire safety routines, travelling to muster points and emergency responses. We will also be practicing safe behaviours in a range of indoor and outdoor environments, including travelling to and from areas inside and outside the school. We will explore risk awareness and road safety through games, activities, and practical, real-life experiences.

Arts

In term 1, The Pioneers will explore the glockenspiel through the exploration of rhythm and beat. They will learn how to hold and use a beater safely, explore the different sounds of the keys and copy a simple rhythm and beat. We will also be listening to music and responding to this by moving our bodies in different ways. The Pioneers will create artwork based on the class topic and class stories. We will use a range of textiles and materials to create these as well as experiencing different techniques, such as painting, printing and drawing.

PE

Our PE days this year will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has an appropriate gym kit in school. This term, The Pioneers will be using the gymnastics equipment to get back into the practice of listening to and following instructions after the long summer break. Alongside this, we will be working on ball skills including rugby.