

What will I learn during the Autumn Term?

Tutor Time	- Settle into secondary school, build routines and strengthen tutor-group relationships. - Develop reading fluency through daily tutor-led reading. - Complete early Personal Development Passport tasks focused on confidence, respect and wellbeing. - Key assembly themes this term: Belonging and Looking After Our Environment.	English	- Study <i>October, October</i> to build reading for meaning, inference and language analysis. - Explore how writers use description, structure and narrative techniques. - Learn how to select evidence and express interpretations clearly. - Develop creative and narrative writing inspired by the text. - Explore nature poetry and how poets use imagery and structure.
Maths	- Learn to calculate the three averages and the range using different data sets. - Build confidence using laws of arithmetic and the correct order of operations. - Develop skills with decimals, negative numbers and core number fluency. - Begin early algebra: simplifying expressions and expanding brackets. - Apply number skills to real-life and problem-solving contexts.	Science	- Learn essential lab safety and how to use scientific equipment accurately. - Study particles, states of matter and simple chemical changes. - Investigate variables, predictions and how to record data systematically. - Explore organ systems including circulation, breathing and digestion. - Learn how energy is stored, transferred and conserved.
Geography	- Learn to describe features of your local area using maps and geographical evidence. - Develop map skills including symbols, scale and grid references. - Explore how climate creates different biomes around the world. - Understand how plants and animals adapt to different environments. - Interpret climate graphs and global distribution patterns.	History	- Study life in Britain before 1066, including Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. - Learn about the causes and events of the Battle of Hastings. - Explore how the Normans changed England through castles and the feudal system. - Investigate castles, the Domesday Book and medieval society. - Deepen understanding of invasion, conquest and power.
Spanish	- Learn key phonics to support accurate pronunciation. - Describe yourself, your family and your pets using high-frequency vocabulary. - Learn essential irregular verbs (tener, ser) and simple present tense forms. - Practise daily routines and telling the time. - Develop confidence using classroom language and basic conversational phrases	Computing	- Learn safe and responsible use of technology, including e-safety and secure passwords. - Develop digital literacy through file organisation and professional document creation. - Produce well-formatted work using word processing, presentations and spreadsheets. - Begin early understanding of AI tools and digital responsibility. - Build strong foundational skills needed for programming later in the year.
RE	- Explore the origins of Judaism through stories of key figures such as Abraham and Moses. - Learn about the covenant, monotheism and the importance of Torah and prophecy. - Examine how beliefs are expressed through festivals, Shabbat, laws and prayer. - Understand diversity within Jewish communities and modern practices. - Develop skills in interpreting religious texts and expressing viewpoints respectfully.	PSHE	- Settle into secondary school and build positive friendships - Understand rules, expectations and how to manage conflict - Learn about equality, protected characteristics and respecting others - Explore how social media affects you and how to behave safely online - Develop awareness of how your actions impact your community
PE	- Develop core skills in rugby, football and handball, including passing, movement and defending. - Learn basic attacking strategies and tactics in small-sided games. - Improve teamwork, communication and decision-making. - Build confidence in physical activity and apply rules and tactics effectively. - Begin work on fitness, balance and coordination through gym/dance (if timetabled this term).	Art	- Develop key drawing skills: shading, tone, texture and mark-making. - Practise observational drawing and accurate recording of form. - Explore materials such as pencil, pen, paint and pastel with growing confidence. - Study artists like Van Gogh and Yellena James to understand expressive mark-making. - Learn how to make intentional creative choices when working with media.
Drama	- Learn foundational drama skills: voice, movement, still image, freeze frame and thought-tracking. - Explore the theme of "Evacuees" to understand how drama conveys emotion and perspective. - Develop early rehearsal routines, focus and collaboration. - Build confidence performing in front of others and giving feedback. - Begin using key drama vocabulary to describe techniques and choices.	Music	- Explore the musical elements and understand how they shape sound. - Perform simple melodies and chords using keyboards, voice and classroom instruments. - Begin composing short motifs and patterns using the inter-related dimensions. - Develop rehearsal routines including accuracy, timing and basic peer feedback. - Build musical vocabulary to describe and analyse sound.
Design Technology	- Learn core drawing and communication skills, including perspective and idea generation. - Analyse existing products and develop designs linked to a project brief. - Learn how pewter casting works and safely produce a pewter key fob. - Evaluate the finished product and identify improvements.	Food & Nutrition	- Learn key safety and hygiene rules needed for practical food lessons. - Develop core preparation skills such as weighing, chopping and safe knife use. - Explore the Eatwell Guide and understand balanced diets and food groups. - Begin simple practical dishes, understanding the role of ingredients. - Build confidence organising equipment and working safely in the kitchen.