

EMPOWER Curriculum - Parent Overview

Lower School - Autumn Term I 2020



English, Language and Communication

In our reading and writing work, we are going to look at the skills of debate, looking at if outside or inside play is better. The students will then be encouraged to explore the advantages and disadvantages of both through list writing before presenting their ideas.

Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

- Belonging: We will learn about what it means to belong to a community and find out about the food bank.
- We will be sequencing events in our lives and describing memories of key events.
- We will be looking at our own environment and that of others.

Mathematics, Science and DT

 In our maths we will be improving our counting and number skills. We will also use our number skills to measure lengths. We will learn about position and direction.

Amazing me!

- In Science, students will think carefully about what they were like as a baby and how their body has changed since then. They will investigate fruit and vegetables and plan a balanced picnic for guests.
- In DT we will use natural and man-made materials to make frames.

World of Work and Independent Living

 In food studies we will explore our likes and dislikes and cover some basic food skills: spreading and cutting.

Personal Development and Digital Literacy

- In PE our focus will be on basic core skills such as balance, jumping, Throwing and Catching, rolling, kicking. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their bike skills.
- Our ICT will focus on Computing Systems and Networks - Technology Around Us
- In PSHE we are developing our sense of self with the 'Who I am' topic. We will be learning about families and people who care for us, plus choices towards balancing mental health.

Engagement in the Arts

In music our song is: Hands, Feet, Heart. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise different styles of South African music.

- Our topic this half term is... ALL ABOUT ME!
- We will be doing lots of learning outside.
 - We are focusing on re-establishing our school routines and ensuring everyone feels safe and happy.

Real Life Contexts