

Adams class Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome back — we hope you had a lovely break! This overview gives you a snapshot of what your child will be learning this term, along with key information and ways you can support at home.

What your child will be learning

English

For half of the class This half term, Year 7 students will explore an Introduction to Shakespeare, developing an understanding of Shakespeare's influence on the English language and literature.

Students will investigate the development of the English language and explore the many words and phrases that Shakespeare introduced or helped to popularise. They will also gain an overview of Shakespeare's plays, learning about when and where he wrote and performed them.

Students will explore the history and development of the Globe Theatre, including its structure, design and significance to Elizabethan theatre. They will consider what it was like to watch a play at the Globe and how the theatre influenced Shakespeare's writing and performances.

The module will culminate in students reading an accessible version of Twelfth Night together as a class. Through the play, students will explore the key features of Shakespearean comedy, including mistaken identity, disguise, misunderstandings, relationships and comic characters, while developing their confidence in reading and understanding Shakespeare's language.

For half of the class

This first half term, students will explore the Roman era through the novel Roman Rescue. The story follows two children who travel back in time to Ancient Rome, where they experience a series of exciting adventures and challenges.

Through the novel, students will develop their knowledge of Roman history and life in Ancient Rome, while using the story as a context for developing their English skills. They will work on grammar, spelling and punctuation, completing weekly spelling and language activities linked to their learning.

Students will also have opportunities to develop their creative writing skills, using the characters, settings and events from the novel as inspiration for their own writing. This will allow them to develop their vocabulary, sentence construction and ability to create engaging stories while building their understanding of the Roman period.

Maths

Half of Adams class will be learning about place value and properties of numbers in the Autumn term. They will learn how to find factors and multiples, identify prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers and practice long multiplication and division.

The other half of Adams class will develop their mathematical knowledge and confidence through practical activities, games, quizzes and real-life challenges. They will look at number, place value, the four operations, fractions, decimals, money, measures, shape and problem-solving, while developing their ability to apply maths in everyday situations.

Science

This half-term, students are stepping into secondary science as they explore two fundamental topics: B1 Cells and Chemistry 1 Particles. In biology, they will discover the hidden microscopic world of living organisms, learning how plant and animal cells function as the building blocks of life. In chemistry, they will investigate how everything around us is made of tiny particles, using hands-on activities, structured visual aids, and clear models to explore how these particles behave in solids, liquids, and gases. We are focusing on building confidence, developing practical laboratory skills, and making key scientific concepts clear, accessible, and engaging for every learner.

PSHE

- Bullying, prejudice & discrimination (positive and negative) Equality Act, bystanders, stereotyping, challenging influences, negative behaviour and attitudes, assertiveness. Students will explore healthy relationships, consent, emotions, personal boundaries, assertiveness and child-on-child abuse. They will also develop an understanding of rights, responsibilities and online safety.

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Enrichment opportunities

We will bring learning to life through:

- Outdoor learning and exploration such as Animal care, Horticulture and Forest school.

Supporting learning at home

If you're keen to support your child's learning at home, the best way to do this is to read to or with your child regularly. The children are welcome to borrow books from our library at any point in the year.

Should you wish to do some more with your child at home, please contact the class teacher.

We're here to help

Your child's class teacher is: Molly Bales and Daniel Bridge

Your child's support staff are: Joseph Baker, Dawn Taylor, Lynn Chamberlain and Dylan Shaw

We're always happy to talk, please call the school if you want to arrange a time to meet or discuss anything

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