



Autumn Term Newsletter

Base 4 Bishopsdale

Welcome back, what a great start we have made to our new term. It is lovely to see all our young people establishing new routines and developing positive relationships with new faces.

Our team this year is: Heather and Lucy H base leads, supported by Lucy B, Sarah, Sandra, Phil, Tanya, and Julia.

Our timetable in Bishopsdale offers challenge in supporting our young people to access learning through the curriculum areas of: My Thinking Skills [Maths, Science and Technology]; My Communication [English/Literacy]; My Physical [PE, swimming, MATP, dance]; My Care & Independence [PSHE, including specific weekly mindfulness sessions, cookery]; My Creativity [Art and Music].

Monday	my communication	break	my world	lunch	my physical	break	reflection	home
Tuesday	forest school	break	forest school	lunch	my creativity	break	reflection	home
Wednesday	my cognition	break	my world	lunch	mapp	break	reflection	home
Thursday	my communication	break	my cognition	lunch	my care and independence	break	reflection	home
Friday	my cognition	break	my physical	lunch	my care and independence	break	reflection	home

Our themes are: 'Time to Celebrate & Party' and 'Fiesta!'

Our principal English focus books are, 'Alice in Wonderland the Mad Hatters Tea Party' which will link into lots of different STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths] activities such as building a house of cards or creating heart towers. We will then move onto following 'Paddington Bear' as he finds himself at a carnival on the hunt for anything beginning with the letter 'B'. At Christmas we will find out all about the 'Stinky Sprouts'.

Students will work in alternating small literacy and numeracy groups. In numeracy, we will develop our number sequencing, bonds and counting from different start points. My World will focus on a particular celebration each week from around the world. Starting with the Venice regatta we will travel the world and look at lots of festivals including Holi, Las Fallas, Halloween and the German Lantern festival. My Cognition STEAM lessons link to the

celebration of the week. For example, the Venice regatta will link to sinking and floating, Holi week we will work with colour science to create exciting patterns.

Secondary students will follow the John Muir scheme in forest school [supported by Myra our trained Forest School lead] which will link to the seasons and our key celebrations like Halloween, Bonfire and Christmas.

Creative art lessons will also link to our main celebration. We plan to cook each week supporting our fine motor skills and thinking & independence skills, sequencing recipes and preparing/organising utensils and ingredients.

PE sessions will include tennis, bike riding and volleyball and personalised to our students' physical needs.

Watch out for an exciting new curriculum development: ASDAN My Independence. This programme will support our secondary young people in their preparation for adulthood [PfA] and link many areas from the EHCP in making the transition to sixth form years.

We hope to visit the school library on a weekly basis and the pupils will be able to bring home their chosen book.

The Home-School planners will continue as usual and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with you to support our young people to continue to flourish and grow.

Heather and the Base 4 team.