



7A Class Summer Newsletter

Our Theme

Our theme for the Summer term is **“Welcome to Hogwarts”**.



Have a look below at how we will be learning all about this across our curriculum!

My Communication



Our focus areas for My Communication are ‘Fantasy Texts’ and ‘Creative Writing’.

In Summer 1, our focus will be ‘Fantasy Texts’ where we will be reading a variety of fantasy texts from significant authors – looking closely at the style of writing and techniques used.

In Summer 2, we will be applying the knowledge and skills gained in Summer 1 to write our own fantasy story based around Hogwarts, witches and wizards!

We will be practising our communication skills when out on weekly community visits.

We will continue to access phonic, reading and writing interventions every day in our focus time sessions.

My Thinking and Problem Solving



Our focus areas for My Thinking and Problem Solving are ‘Number’, ‘Length’ and ‘Design Technology’.

In our Functional Maths lessons we will be alternating individualised tasks surrounding our number and measurement skills and levels.

We will have opportunities across the term to access the community, using money in real-life situations including buying a snack at the café!

In Design Technology we will be having our very own ‘Wizard Workshop’ designing and creating our own wands and our own witch or wizard (who will hopefully influence our creative writing in Summer 2!)



The World About Me

Our focus areas for The World About Me are 'Science' and 'My Independence'.

In Summer 1, we will be focussing on Science, learning about different materials in our 'Potions Class'. We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and looking at grouping and classifying materials.

In Summer 2, we will be looking at cooking and food preparation and increasing pupils independence within the kitchen. We will also be working on creating healthy meals.

We will have opportunities across the term to access the community, going shopping and following shopping lists.



Me and My Body

In Me and My Body we will continue participating in a range of physical activities across our daily timetable; including sensory regulation, games, sports and playing on equipment.

In PE, our focus is 'Striking and Fielding', 'Athletics' and 'Invasion Games'. In Summer 1, we will be practicing and developing our throwing, catching and batting skills to support us playing games of rounders. In Summer 2, we will be focusing on our skills playing hockey.

We will be learning more about our bodies and how to care for them effectively. In Summer 1, we will be developing pupils understanding of 'healthy choices' to keep bodies fit and strong. In Summer 2, we will be focussing on how our bodies change – focussing on pupils understanding of puberty and ways to take care of themselves physically and emotionally.



My Community

In My Community, we will be learning about being part of a happy and healthy community.

This will include helping others out, being respectful, understanding different relationships and working on ways we can look after school. We will also be learning about information online and being responsible when using technology.

We we have further opportunities to develop our functional life skills in the local community. We will be widening our use of local facilities and widening our safe travelling skills.



My Creativity

In My Creativity this term our focus areas are 'Music' and 'British Art'.

In Summer 1, Mrs Lane will be teaching Music, following the Charanga scheme. We will be learning a rap called 'Stop!' all about stopping bullying.

In Summer 2, Mrs Lane will be teaching us Art. We will be looking at different types of British Art and creating a range of art work.

Things to Remember



- ✓ We have PE on a Thursday. Please send your child in sports clothes with their PE t-shirt and trainers.
- ✓ We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week for snack – this can be sent as a full amount if easier (Summer 1 - £6 & Summer 2 - £7)
- ✓ We will be going on visits to the shops and cafe in a few weeks; more details to follow.
- ✓ We will be swimming in Summer 2.
- ✓ Sharing Our Learning will take place in Summer 2. More information to follow.
- ✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning to see your child's learning across the curriculum.

Key Vocabulary



Author	Community
Character	Independent
Composer	Length
Spells	Width
Potions	Height
Hogwarts	Big
Wizards	Small
Witches	Health
Gryffindor	Respect
Slytherin	Material
Ravenclaw	Solid
Hufflepuff	Liquid
Magic	Gas
Wand	



How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
- ✓ Showing your child how to turn take and have a two way conversation.
- ✓ Taking your child to the shops where possible, to practice exchanging coins for items.



Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at crossr@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts