

A big hello and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful Christmas break! I am very excited for the new year with form 3 and the rest of the 6th form!

Terms 3 and 4's timetable is very exciting, and I look forward to supporting the students in all of their endeavours, both known favourites and encouraging the trying of new things to expand their knowledge and interests. Terms 3 and 4's options offer the new session of Media! In this new option, students will have the opportunity to choose a project and then be part of it's creation, from conception to presentation! The students will learn how to use equipment to capture relevant footage, then go on to learn how to edit and enhance this to create a slick project they can be truly proud of!

I continue to encourage the students to become even more involved in shaping their own experiences, and in their last week before Christmas they chose their options, voted on the stories we will look at in literacy, choose the recipes they would like to cook so I have got all of that prepared and ready to get stuck in when returning!

In literacy, the students have chosen to look at the story of Moana. With Moana being set in islands of Oceania this will give the students excellent chance to learn about some different geographical locations. Our literacy lessons provide plenty of opportunities for even more cross-curricular activities that should capture the magic stories can bring!

In numeracy the students will continue developing their number skills, working with whole numbers up to 100. They will also be learning how to add, subtract and multiply small numbers to begin to deepen their skills with money management and looking at different ways they might need to manage their own money. This will lay a good foundation for the coming year where they will

get the opportunity to run a tuck shop and put these skills into function use out in the community.

The students have selected their cookery recipes for the terms, and are always excited to get in the kitchen! They have chosen to make Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread and Chocolate Cream Pie, Burgers and Chips with white chocolate cheesecake, Chicken Pie with mash and vegetables and Chocolate Fudge Cake, Pasta with tomato sauce and garlic bread with Chocolate Brownie Muffins, Pizza with Cupcakes, Toad in The Hole with Victoria Sponge and Sausage Roll with Trifle!

For PE activities the class will be taking part in a daily walk and also going cycling along the riverside in Toddler's Cove as part of an exciting accessible cycling offer.

PSHE these terms will continue to expand upon helping the students to make the most of leisure time and following daily routines. The students will be looking at how they can safely navigate unfamiliar areas and will be accessing the community to facilitate this. The students will be choosing a local community facility, such as a café, library or museum to access regularly as part of their community engagement. There is always a focus on emotional wellbeing too, to make sure the whole student is well supported.

ICT continues to form a part of all the student's lessons and the students themselves will learn how to conduct research for their topics themselves, designing posters of their findings and understand and follow online safety rules and advice. The students will be focussing on understanding how to use ICT functionally and will be able to input and edit text. They will of course be having fun with ICT too – by taking part in some comprehension interactive quizzes and programming and using the karaoke system! The students last term used ICT to great

effect to help advertise and organise the Mini-Enterprise Project over Christmas!

Makaton to Music will say goodbye to the Christmas songs these terms and the songs studied will be chosen by the students taking part. It is wonderful to be able to help the students expand their communication skills through these sessions, and to see all the students across the 6th form come together and have fun whilst learning those all-important communication and social skills that will serve the students for life.

LEGO therapy sessions will continue to run, where students can learn social skills, language and communication skills in a different way.

The sixth form continues to offer many work experience placements as part of the timetable and students will get to choose to take part in these throughout the year. They can have the opportunity to work outside with plants at Muddy Wellies, do some wood work at Construction, serve customers at the Food With Friends Café and take part in a variety of activities during their community days which can help them learn more about opportunities they can explore for their future.

I look forward to seeing and sharing with you once again all the amazing things the students get up to!

Charlotte