

## Aspire Curriculum

At Aspire Academy we teach all areas of the National Curriculum. Topics are taught on a half termly basis.

Curriculum newsletters will be sent home each term so that parents/guardians can be kept up to date with their child's learning.



## Green and yellow class

This term our topic is The Rainforest, during which we will be looking where the rainforest is in the world, the types of animals that live there, the people that live there and why it is important to protect the rainforest for future generations.

To fit in with our Geography topic we will be designing and making our own poison dart frogs in our DT lessons. The pupils will get the chance to practice different sewing techniques before using these to make their own cuddly frog to bring home.

Our Science topic this term is living things and their habitats. This will teach the pupils about animals that live in different habitats and why animals are suitable for different habitats. The pupils will get the chance to explore the school grounds and look for different animals that live in our habitat.

The R.E. focus is reading and discussing different parables from the bible. This will include talking about the meaning behind the parables and why Jesus told them.

## Purple Class

This term Purple class will be learning about the countries and regions of the UK. We will be learning the names of the countries and cities and the main seas and rivers. We will be looking at and making our own maps.

In DT we will be designing and making our own playground equipment. Hopefully we will be able to have a visit to the park to do some research! And have a play of course!!

In Literacy we will be working on securing our phonic knowledge so that we can feel more confident when reading and completing writing tasks. I will be reading a range of books with and to the children. Currently we are reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl and intend to read some more of his amazing stories over the coming weeks.

Most importantly we will be learning through play and practical activities, learning how to learn and get along together. We will be focussing on developing strategies to deal with difficult situations.

We will continue to be fully involved with whole school activities happening at 'Big Aspire' and will be spending every Friday there where we will be having PE with the PE Coach and of course enjoying Golden Time as a reward for our hard work and positive behaviour throughout the week!!

# Computing

To begin the year all pupils will be focusing on e-safety and how to keep themselves safe whilst using the internet. We will be discussing not sharing personal information with others, not talking to strangers online and why it is important to stick to age certificates when playing games and watching films.

There has been a more detailed letter sent home about the unit of work we will be covering.



# Spanish

At Aspire all pupils learn Spanish as our chosen Modern Foreign Language. This is taught through an interactive programme called language angels which allows pupils to learn Spanish vocabulary for a range of topics and practice speaking Spanish in the classroom. For some pupils this will be carrying on from last year and our younger pupils will be beginning this for the first time this year. Topics covered include, numbers, food, animals as well as teaching the pupils basic phrases such as saying hello and goodbye.

# Golden Time

At Aspire pupils earn minutes during the week for Golden Time on a Friday afternoon.

This term's activities are: Sport, Gymnastics, Gardening, Art, Film and Computer coding.

# Red, orange and blue class

This half term in our classes will be learning a range of exciting and interesting topics. For our history unit we will be focusing on Crime and Punishment and looking closely at Crime and punishment from the Roman times to the present day and how this has changed. Pupils especially like looking at different periods where forms of torture were used. The lessons will consist of a range of art, research and practical activities to fully immerse the children in the topic.

During DT we are going to be learning all about fairgrounds and the different types of rides you would expect to see and the mechanisms that make these work. The children will be investigating different mechanisms and the range of movements they make, how to improve and strengthen structures and finally the children will be able to design and create their own fairground model.

Our science unit this half term is electricity. There will be lots of practical work that involves making of circuits, investigating why different circuits don't work and also being able to add switches and buzzers into circuits.

The first religion studied in RE this year will be Christianity. Pupils will re-cap on what they already know about the Christian religion and then explore further different parts of the bible and key stories that are written.



# PE

This year our PE coach is called Mr Carter and each class will be taught by him once a week.

Thursday - yellow, green and blue classes

Friday – purple, orange and red classes.

The curriculum will change throughout the year to ensure all aspects of the PE curriculum are covered.

There are many interschool competitions booked in for this term including tag rugby, tri golf and athletics. Mrs Harrington will be speaking to parents of any pupils selected to represent the school at any of these events.

## PE Kits

it is essential that pupils have a PE kit in school at all times.

- Shorts and T-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers.
- Jumper/tracksuit bottoms (optional)



PE kits can be purchased from the school office for £10.

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

## Swimming

Orange and red class will be swimming this term every Thursday. Pupils without a swimming kit will not be allowed to attend the lesson.



## School Council

At Aspire all classes have a representative who sits on the school council and this year meetings will be held weekly. This gives all pupils in the school a chance to have their voices and ideas heard. Items discussed cover all aspects of school life such as golden time choices, sanctions for inappropriate behaviour, days out and chances for pupils to meet with key staff

## Music



Aspire has opted not to continue using Bird college this year to teach our music lessons and currently music will be taught by the class teachers. We are hoping to find a new music provider to come in at a later date to work with the pupils. The curriculum will carry on covering all aspects of the National Curriculum that is required and will include: playing a range of instruments, develop pupils listening skills, performing as part of an ensemble, and composing their own pieces of music.

All children are invited to attend Choir which takes place weekly. There will be opportunities to learn songs from a wide variety of genres and perform in several concerts throughout the year.

