

Secondary 3 2020/2021 Topic overview

Autumn Term 2020 Ash Class Ash class will be working hard this academic year. We will develop our thoughts and opinions on the world around us and will develop our communication and curiosity through a range of exciting topics, voicing these using our hi-tech devices (eye gaze/iPads) and our low-tech communication aids (eTran, PODD books, Yes/No symbols etc).

Our Autumn Term topic is Recycling and we will be finding or sourcing discarded items and using them to create amazing and wonderful things to explore, play with and use in everyday life. We will explore pollution and its impact on the environment and we will identify ways in which we can protect our local community and the world we live in.

Hawthorn Class Autumn Term 2020 - Recycling We will learn to make materials from old items into new objects such as: musical instruments. Our recycling topic will help us to learn all about reducing waste, recycling and reusing. We will learn to sort materials into categories and how to make new things from old things.

Willow Class Autumn Term 2020 - Recycling This coming year Willow class will be learning a range of skills, developing the existing skills and embedding our knowledge in each of the curriculum areas through three topics: 'Recycling', 'Planet Organic' and 'Waterworks'.

The learners have the opportunity to build their independence skills by; making choices and expressing themselves through their communication aids such as: PODD book, Eye Gaze, and Objects of Reference .

All learners have the opportunity to develop their physical skills through the use of their equipment (standers, walkers, bench sitting) They will also work on their whole body coordination, hand/ eye coordination, fine and gross motor skills, in PE , swimming and Physiotherapy.

Ash Class Spring Term 2021 - Agriculture Spring Term will lead us to the exploration of organic agriculture. We will explore healthy eating and the health benefits of eating organic fruit and vegetables and we will attempt to grow our own food. We will then explore ways in which we can prepare and eat the food that we grow. We will also attempt to make our own body butter to use for hand/foot massages, we will have a class competition to see which one smells the best and leaves our skin feeling soft and smooth. We may even produce and sell our body butters, watch this space! We will also use natural ingredients to make some shampoo, shower gel and candles to send home for our families to enjoy.

Hawthorn Class Spring term 2021 - Planet Organic This term we will be learning all about healthy eating, what we need to be healthy and what plants and animals need in order to grow. We will also learn how to grow food organically and we will be learning about categories such as animals and plants.

Willow Class Spring term 2021 - Planet Organic Spring term topic is Planet Organic: We will be learning how to grow food by planting our own tomatoes and strawberries. We will be learning what all life needs such as: food, water and sunlight.

Ash Class Summer Term 2021 - Waterworks Our Summer Term is Waterworks. We will explore sources of water and the things we use water for (drinking, washing, swimming etc). We will explore capacity (full/empty) and buoyancy (floating/sinking). We will also explore how water flows (sticks in a river etc) and the range of ways we can stop the flow of water in day to day life (using a lid on a bottle) and in the wider community (locks of a canal). Finally, we will identify different bodies of water and how to keep ourselves safe when near open water.

Hawthorn Class Summer Term 2021 - Health Care This topic will be about the importance of water for our health and self care. We will also be learning about all aspects of water in the environment from rain and collecting rain, to rivers, lakes and the sea.

Willow Class Summer Term 2021 - Water cycle Summer term topic is waterworks: we will be learning about the water cycle and how important water is to us from drinking to cleaning.