

CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



We are learning

English

We are reading *Song of the Dolphin Boy* and asking: How can we help dolphins and keep our oceans clean? Students will build their reading, writing, and speaking skills by finding information, writing fact sheets and debate scripts, and using descriptive language to share ideas clearly.

Maths

We will be exploring proportional change, ratio and scale, and multiplicative change. The children will also be developing their confidence with multiplying and dividing fractions, applying these skills to solve problems in different contexts.

Science

We will be exploring the fascinating world of organisms and matter. Children will investigate how the gas exchange and digestive systems keep living things alive and healthy, and they will also begin their journey into chemistry by discovering elements and the periodic table – the building blocks that make up everything around us.

Food Tech

We will be learning about the 'Eat Well Guide' and its principles, focusing on how to make balanced and nutritious choices. Alongside this, pupils will develop their practical cooking skills by preparing a variety of simple, healthy recipes that encourage confidence in the kitchen and an enjoyment of food.

PE

We will focus on developing teamwork and communication skills. Pupils will practise using verbal and non-verbal communication, active listening, and asking questions. They will also learn how to give and receive feedback and resolve conflicts positively while working together.

Art

Pupils will develop their understanding of colour by learning how to use it to change a picture and create a sense of season. They will apply colour theory in their own work, study the artist Monet, and experience art through visits or virtual tours. To finish, they will share their skills by teaching others how to show a season using colour.

Computing

Learners will explore how the internet works as a network of networks, understand that the World Wide Web is part of it, and practise using it safely. They will learn who owns online content, what they can create, and how to judge whether information is accurate and reliable.

Humanities

In Humanities this term, we are exploring What is life like in Africa? Pupils will learn about Africa's countries and major landforms, compare life in deserts, shanty towns, and big cities, and build a model shanty town to bring their learning to life.

Knowledge for Life

Pupils are focusing on personal safety and emergency life skills. They will develop practical skills for staying safe in the community and responding to emergencies through the ASDAN Life Skills Challenge.

Y8 – Henderson

Reminders

Mondays – Food Tech. Please ensure students bring a container to bring food home.

Tuesdays – Independence Skills. We will hopefully start going off-site very soon, so please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Wednesday and Friday – PE. Please ensure students bring a PE kit. They can leave this at school if they'd like, and we will send home regularly for washes.

Upcoming Events

13th October 2025 – Expressive arts drop down day
Date TBC (letter to be sent home) – Parents evening

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