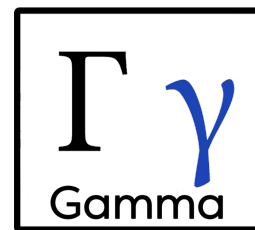


What's on this term...

Gamma Class



Writing:

We've started exploring the text *"100 Things to Do to Become a Superhero...or Evil Genius."* So far, students have made predictions about the book and formulated questions based on the introduction. Eventually, they will create their own guide for a character they design themselves. Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Year 9's creative minds at work!

Reading:

Our current class reading text is *"Holes."* We're analysing how different characters contribute to the story and how descriptive language sets the scene. The students have already noted the pitfalls of Camp Greenlake, and we're excited to see what insights they'll uncover next!

Maths:

Year 9G has kicked off the year in Maths by diving into sequences. The students have been working diligently to understand diagram sequences, continuing number sequences, term-to-term rules, generating sequences, and distinguishing between linear and non-linear sequences. In the coming weeks, we'll be transitioning to Algebraic Notation, followed by a focus on equality and equivalence. We're fortunate to have such talented mathematicians eager to tackle these upcoming challenges!



Project Based Learning:

Our Project-Based Learning this term is centered on Landforms. We've begun by examining UK landforms and comparing urban and rural areas, exploring how these differences affect businesses and daily life. Moving forward, we'll be studying volcanoes, mountains, and rivers, with an opportunity for students to go offsite to enhance their learning in this area.

Science:

We've been studying rock formation and the rock cycle. Next, we will explore the importance of fossils and how they are formed, along with an in-depth look at environmental topics, particularly coastal erosion.

Enrichment:

Our year 9 students will be working towards AQA unit awards in areas that they are interested in. They have expressed an interest in working towards awards in topics such as sports coaching, goal keeping, first aid, Music, languages & computer game programming.

Computing: this year we will work towards AQA unit awards, beginning with Word Processing. Students will learn key features to support their use of Microsoft Word.

Forest School: In weekly Friday sessions, children will continue to develop their own abilities to cook, play & explore safely around the site. Each week there will be food included, as well as chances to develop their teamwork, risk assessment and safety skills. There will be some sessions when Forest School will be offsite, such as a Scavenger Hunt or exploring other outdoor locations. We'll ensure parents are aware of when this will happen and if extra clothing may be required. Do please ensure that children are sent in with coats and suitable footwear on Fridays as Forest School will happen in (almost) all weathers!

Food Tech & Nutrition:

We'll begin with basic skills, exploring different ways of making bread and different types of bread, such as dinner rolls, sourdough bread, garlic bread & different flatbreads. We'll experiment with fillings & dips to accompany the fresh baked goodies!

RE:

Our focus this term is on Christianity. We've studied the creation story and are looking forward to delving deeper into the religion. We'll be exploring why the Bible is such a significant book and discovering how its stories influence life today.

PSHE: we've been exploring our strengths and weaknesses and how they compare to others. We're having meaningful conversations about self-appreciation, the way others perceive us, and the impact of social media on our thoughts and actions. We're also setting both short-term and long-term goals for ourselves!

Preparation for Adulthood: we are exploring how our interests might link to future career opportunities. We'll be considering potential pathways after school and evaluating whether working independently or as part of a team suits us best. We will also learn about various job roles and the skill sets required for them.