

# Curriculum Leaflet - Spring – Term 3: Mexia - Year 9



## PSHE- Choices and influences

Our PSHE lessons this term focus on understanding emotional wellbeing, looking at healthy and unhealthy coping strategies. We will discuss how to maintain good mental health, developing empathy and compassion for others and strategies in dealing with loss and bereavement.

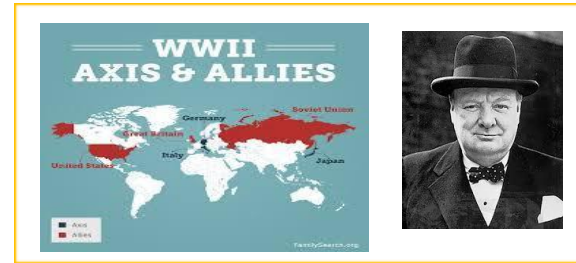


## Science – Chemistry - Acids and Alkalis

This term we are studying chemistry and the reactions of acids and alkalis -two groups of compounds with distinct properties. We will look at the hazards of these chemicals, the pH scale and experiment with finding the neutralisation point.



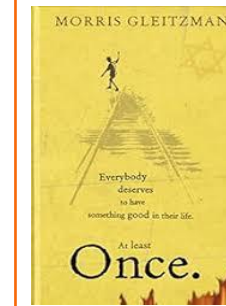
## Humanities (History or Geography) – Conflict and Resolution



Our subject this term is History, learning about the causes of the war, major events, and key figures like Churchill and Roosevelt. Researching The Blitz, Germany’s bombing campaign against Britain, highlighting the resilience of civilians under adversity. Through analysing wartime propaganda, personal accounts, and evacuation efforts, pupils will gain insights into the human impact of war. These lessons emphasize themes of perseverance, unity, and the importance of remembering history to understand the consequences of conflict and promote peace.

## English

This Half Term our Reading for Pleasure Book is:



Our focus this term is:

**Historical Fiction** – This unit enables pupils to deepen their knowledge of character development, genre and theme. They will analyse the way the writer uses language to create effect. Writing skills are developed by producing non-fiction texts linked to key themes from the novel.

**Writing for a purpose** – This unit focuses on considering different perspectives. It will include opportunities to debate, looking at the power of persuasion.

## PE – Alternative Sports

Students will be participating in sports and activities to ensure they are able to be active and confident in a varied range of physical activities.

## Skills Builder -

Skills Builder is a newly added lesson to our Flagship Curriculum. This programme supports our children in developing Career-Related Skills and Employability Traits, preparing them to enter the World of Work and / or Post 16-Education.



## Cooking

*In cooking this term, pupils will acquire and demonstrate food preparation and cooking techniques. They will look at allergies understanding the importance of food preparation and allergic reactions. They will follow recipes and cook a range of dishes in the oven and on the hob Eg Macaroni Cheese with a roux.*



This term, students in Mexia class will be participating in forest-based activities with Buzz Active. These activities are: Archery, climbing wall, air rifle range, crate stacking challenge, fire lighting and much more. This takes place at Bushy Wood, where we always have the most fun, building on teamworking skills and healthy competition!

## ART - Sculpture and Abstraction

This term, we are looking at the work of Barbara Hepworth; she was one of the most important artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We will discuss her abstract art and links to nature. Through the term we will be looking at the use of texture, size, building up to planning a final piece.



## Social

Social Lessons will be taught weekly to our students, discussion-led activities that allow our learners to develop their social and inter-personal skills with each other and often relate to situations or scenarios in recent news or topics.

Inclusive and relatable topics for our young people will be discussed to further develop and prepare them for the wider world of work and Post-16 Education.



At the Flagship School, we have included designated sessions within our Timetable that are specifically tailored to the individual needs of our students, delivering a holistic education.

Referencing our learner’s EHCPs and their SSP (Student Support Plans), our teaching staff support our children in developing different areas of their lives, ranging from:

- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Academic Standards
- Physical
- Sensory



## Maths – Reasoning with Algebra

The Maths topics covered this term are:

- Unit 5: Constructions and Congruency
- Unit 6: Reasoning with number
- Unit 7: Reasoning with geometry

