



9P Class Newsletter

Spring Term



cinema

Our Theme

Our theme for Spring Term is "Let's Go to the Movies".

Have a look below at how we will be learning about cinema and animation across our curriculum!



My Communication

In My Communication we will be studying film reviews and what is needed to write an effective review. We will then have a go at writing our own film review templates and we will use these to review a short film. We will learn about the features of information texts and we will carry out research to help us write our own information texts about Astley Park School. We will also be studying playscripts and working on our performance skills. We will continue to write about real life events each week as we focus on our Weekend News, and we will share what we have written with our friends in class. We will continue to focus on developing our expressive and receptive language skills using board games, lego therapy and chatter mats to support us.

We will be working on reading, writing and communication and interaction ALI's across the timetable.



My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving we will be learning about animation and 'moving pictures'. In Design Technology we will explore different types of movement mechanisms to animate our pictures. We will also be looking at stop motion animation and using our iPads to explore some animation apps and websites.

In Maths we will continue to focus on money every day through our breakfast cafe in class. We will also focus on number and time, solving real life problems within our cinema theme.

We will also be working on My Thinking and Problem Solving ALI's across the curriculum.



The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be learning about light and sound. We will explore the use of special effects in films and how this has developed over time.

We will continue to carry out our weekly community visits to build independence and safety skills. We will be focusing on staying safe in the community, including recognising safe strangers and how to take proactive steps to keep ourselves safe in the community.



Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activity across the timetable. We will focus on net and wall games and dance in our PE lessons.

We will be thinking about our mental health and we will talk often about how we are feeling. We will explore a variety of regulation activities so that our young people can learn which activities are most effective for them to use. We will also be learning about how our bodies change as we grow up into adults.



My Community

In My Community, we will be growing our independence in travel around the school and local community. We will



My Creativity

In My Creativity, we will be focusing on music this term. We will be studying the film score composer John

be learning to walk safely with adults in Asda and to order our own food at the café. We will rehearse shopping routines including writing a list and visiting both the service checkout and self-checkouts.

In school, we will be developing our social skills and learning to play with each other and to resolve conflicts with friends.

Williams and we will explore some of his famous character motifs from his most popular film scores. We will also explore a variety of music from 20th and 21st century films, reflecting on how the music makes us feel and how it enhances key scenes from each film.



Things to remember

- ✓ We have PE on a Thursday. Please send learners into school wearing their PE kits on Thursdays.
- ✓ We will be going on visits to the café on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Please send in some spending money each week for this.
- ✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning on a weekly basis to see your child's learning across the curriculum.
- ✓ Sharing Our Learning will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 21st March – please save the date!



Key Vocabulary

Cinema
Movie
Frame
Photo
Light
Sound
Effect
Film
Camera
Character
Plot
Acting



How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
- ✓ Talk to your child about a movie they have seen. What star rating would they give it? What was their favourite part?
- ✓ Taking your child to the shops where possible, to practice exchanging coins for items.



Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at chaloners@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions