

Highfields Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural (SMSC) Curriculum

Themes of the Week 2020/2021

The theme and objective is introduced each Friday for the following week during assembly.
i.e. Week 2 Objective is set at Week 1 Friday Assembly

Week	w/b	Theme
1	31/8	~ No Theme, First Week Back ~
2	7/9	New Academic Year: New Year, New Faces → <i>Show people they're welcome (starting with your face!)</i>
3	14/9	New Academic Year: New Studies → <i>Set Yourself Achievable Goals</i>
4	21/9	End of British Summer Time / Autumn Equinox → <i>Make a commitment to a healthy pastime over the next 6 months</i>
5	28/9	World Vegetarian Day: 'Your Food, Your Choice' → <i>Consider your eating habits, try to make a positive change</i>
6	5/10	Mental Health Awareness → <i>Take responsibility for your 'triggers', recognise your strengths</i>
7	12/10	World Sight day → <i>Do something positive for the school which can be appreciated by others - but without the use of sight</i>
8	19/10	Fire Safety – 'Avoiding hurting others' → <i>Hold back on saying things that might hurt others, even when angry</i>
AUTUMN HALF TERM BREAK		
1	02/11	~ No Theme, First Week Back ~
2	09/11	Remembrance – The Role of Commonwealth Soldiers *New for 20/21* → <i>Thank somebody who quietly helps you in small but big ways</i>
3	16/11	Diwali – Festival of Lights *New for 20/21* → <i>To do something that gives pleasure ('light') to the rest of the school during the darker, colder days.</i>
4	23/11	National Adoption Day – 'Blood is thicker than water, love is thicker than blood' → <i>To recognise someone who has cared for you who isn't your biological mum or dad. *New for 20/21*</i>
5	30/11	AIDS Awareness / World AIDS Day – The Story of Gareth Thomas → <i>Make an effort to change the slang we use (i.e. gay, retard etc)</i>

6	7/12	Blue Christmas – Emergency Services at Christmas → <i>Say thank you to somebody who has gone the extra mile for you</i>
7	14/12	Walking in Another's Shoes – Bereaved at Christmas *New for 20/21* → <i>Think of way of positively remembering someone who has passed on</i>
8	21/12	Walking in Another's Shoes – Surviving Perfectionism at Christmas → <i>Listen with empathy to somebody or somebody's story</i> *New for 20/21*
CHRISTMAS BREAK		
1	4/1	~ No Theme, First Week Back ~
2	11/1	Resolutions – For the 'Common Good' → <i>To work to a group resolution, making things better for all</i>
3	18/1	International Holocaust Remembrance Day → <i>Reach out to somebody having a difficult time, especially somebody you don't know that well</i>
4	25/1	'LGBT History Week' / Story of Alan Turing → <i>Reach out to somebody who is different to you in age, religion, sexuality, experiences</i> *New for 20/21*
5	1/2	Time to Talk – Rethinking Mental Health → <i>Practise just listening in a conversation rather than focusing on a reply</i>
6	8/2	Celebrating Scientists Weeks – The Story of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson → <i>To consider breaking your own stereotypes – do something positive and 'that isn't usually you'</i> *New for 20/21*
SPRING HALF-TERM BREAK		
1	22/1	~ No Theme, First Week Back ~
2	1/3	World Book Day → <i>Make an extra effort to take part in reading – group or individual</i>
3	8/3	Eating Disorders Awareness Week → <i>Consider your own eating habits and try to improve them and/or help someone else to eat more healthily</i> *New for 20/21*
4	15/3	St Patrick's Day in England – One England, Many Roots → <i>Make an effort to trace your family tree, compare with somebody else</i>
5	22/3	Easter – The Ancient Idea of Rebirth ('The Phoenix') → <i>Make a commitment to a fresh start after a time of trouble</i>
EASTER		

1	12/4	~ No Theme, First Week Back ~
2	19/4	Ramadan → <i>Try to give up one thing as a way of making yourself healthier in mind or body</i>
3	26/4	Pablo Picasso 140 Years On – Neurodiversity & Creativity → <i>Produce a piece of amazing classwork - without words</i> *New for 20/21*
4	3/5	Deaf Awareness Week – ‘Actions speak louder than words’ → <i>Work on improving your non-verbal communication (gestures, facial expressions, posture etc.)</i> *New for 20/21*
5	10/5	International Nurses Day – Remembering Coronavirus 2020 *New for 20/21* → <i>Help someone move on from a time of great difficulty</i>
6	17/05	Foster Care Fortnight – Life in Care *New for 20/21* → <i>Show support for someone struggling with family life</i>
7	24/05	World No Tobacco Day → <i>Make a commitment to make one healthy change (not just smoking)</i>
SUMMER BREAK		
1	07/06	~ No Theme, First Week Back ~
2	14/06	World Blood Donor Day *New for 20/21* → <i>Make a small sacrifice for someone else</i>
3	21/06	National Insect Appreciation Week – It’s not how you look, it’s what you do! → <i>Help Highfields be more insect friendly</i> *New for 20/21*
4	28/06	Windrush Day – Institutional Racism *New for 20/21* → <i>Consider what changes we would like to see in our own institution (school) – and how we might fight for them changes</i>
5	05/07	Social Media – A World at our Fingertips, A War at our Fingertips → <i>To commit to a ‘diet’ around using social media more mindfully (not just how we use it, but the amount of time)</i> → <i>Review your social media activity, try to strip out any ‘risk zones’</i>
6	12/07	Nelson Mandela Day *New for 20/21* → <i>Spend 27 minutes helping someone else – just 1 minute for every year he spend as a political prisoner</i>
7	19/07	A Healthy Summer → <i>Make a plan for a healthier, constructive summer</i>
Final Day		~ End of Year Celebration ~