



Weekly Update

13th of September 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

It has been an exciting week already at Odyssey House as we settle into the academic year. As you are about to read, there has been much learning occurring already.

Your children have settled so well, and the staff are very proud of them. They have already connected with the staff and have started to speak openly about their interests, experiences and worries. That is the empowerment we wish them to feel.

We are strong believers that learning occurs best through fun experiences, simulated experiences and models that appeal to all senses.

If you are able to offer any interesting experiences from your profession, or connections you may have, we would welcome any chance to expand the children's world.

We have established and are developing further options for your child when they feel unable to access their timetabled lesson. We will of course encourage them to participate and build their resilience, however the occasional option for different learning or just their own time is always there.



Our academic curriculum and timetable is taking shape and we will update you soon on our curriculum schemes and objectives. We also teach Personal, Social and Emotional skills, plus organisation and study skills.

The Odyssey House Team

This Week

The children have been introduced to all their subject areas this week and we will be letting you know their learning for each subject in the coming weeks. We will also include samples of their great work.

In English with Dee, the GCSE pupils have begun to learn about Macbeth.

Key Stage 3 have started studying World War 1 in History with Dee.

All the children are beginning verbal and non-verbal reasoning with Ian who has many great games to make learning easier and fun, and get the children motivated.

On Monday Key Stage 2 visited the local Pizza shop to see and assist in pizza-making!



Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 all had a go at using the Oculus quest. Andrew had taught Key stage 2 about bird's-eye view maps and symbols as a representation of the real world. He then taught Key Stage 3 about cartography and its history. We visited a map on the Parkland walk showing the local area.

The following day, we jumped into Google Maps – Virtually!

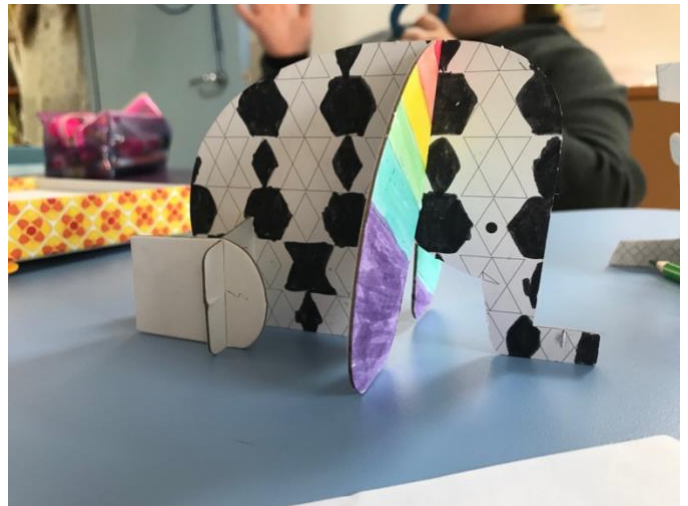
Here we experienced the ability to jump to any part of the world and see a 3-dimensional, surround view of France, London and Disneyland!

Key stage 3 and 4 also did a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) on Artificial Intelligence to get a sense of our present and future opportunities and concerns.

(We also played a VR game or two)



In Art and Design and Technology, the children began to create 3D models of animals with Abby!



Happy Birthday!



Barb has begun Food Technology and the smells coming from the kitchen are irresistible. We can't wait to invite you all in for lunch later in the year!



Olivia –in August

No birthdays this month

Term Dates for Pupils

Autumn

Half-term: October 19th to November 3rd

December Holidays

End of term: December 14th to January 5th

Spring

Half-term: February 15th to February 23rd

End of Term: March 28th to April 15th

Summer

Half-term: May 23rd to May 31st

End of term: July 10th to September 2nd

Back to School: September 3rd

