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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to a new school year. As a staff team we are really happy and proud of how well 7A and 7B have settled as new classes. We are looking forward to the next half term!

English

Russian Literature: The Nutcracker, Travel writing.

We are continuing to read aloud the book 'Song for a Whale' by Lynne Kelly, which fits in with the current protected characteristic focus: Disability.

We are exploring a range of travel writing: brochures, books, websites to help us produce our own travel brochures.

To broaden our cultural horizons, we will be reading 'The Nutcracker' and watching selected parts of the ballet. This will provide a focus for fiction writing.

If you are keen to read with your child at home, they are able to bring their library books home with them to share with you or we are happy for them to read books from home / the library / comics – anything which nurtures a love of reading. Please record any reading done at home in their planner.

Geography

Key end points of this unit, Spatial Sense, are:

- To read and understand how to use a range of maps
- To know maps can help us to understand data about people, places and the environment
- To understand that within a time zone, people observe the same time as it is convenient for business, trade and communications
- To understand that the quality of life and standards of living differ across the globe

This unit allows students to learn about longitude, latitude, the Prime Meridian, the tropics and the Antarctic and Arctic circle. They will explore the movement of the sun and how at the poles, polar night occurs.

PSHE

Drugs, Alcohol and tobacco - learning about substance use (focusing on tobacco, alcohol and caffeine) and the understanding and skills to manage influences young people experience.

Managing Risk and personal safety - peer pressure and strategies to manage this.

Drama

We will be exploring ways in which we can communicate, with the emphasis on teamwork. This will include building trust as a class.

Interventions

Personal Development; including human rights, protected characteristics and celebrating World Science day.
Independent living; common risks in the home, contacting emergency services, GP, dentist and also knowing key information; full name and address
We will also practice Speech and Language skills and fine motor skills.

Maths

Across the stages, this term focuses on the core concepts of multiplication and division, Geometry and Time and Money. Underpinning this is our aim to develop each student's confidence, fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Science

Particles, Models and Solutions.

Computer Science

Programming Essentials in Scratch:

This unit is the first programming unit of KS3. The aim of this unit and a second programming unit to be delivered later in the year is to build students' confidence and knowledge of key programming constructs. such as sequencing, variables, selection, and count-controlled iteration.

The Arts and PE

Art - Still Life (Mondrian)

Music - Keyboard Skills – Steps and Leaps

Practical PE- Throw Tennis, Gymnastics, End Ball, and Seated Volleyball

Homework

In Year 7, Maths and English homework will be offered to all students but both are optional. Homework is based upon work carried out in the classroom.

Getting in touch

We all want to make sure that your child's time in Year 7 is as positive as it can be so please get in touch with us if you have any worries or concerns as we have found that we are usually able to sort them more effectively if we know about them in the early stages. We also love to find out about achievements that have happened outside school, so please let us know!

It is quickest to use email or, if urgent, to phone the school and ask that we phone back:

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Your child will also have a planner which they are expected to bring in and take home every day. You can write any notes here for us.