



Year 9 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2 2024

Mrs Goodgame, myself and the Year 9 Team are looking forward to this half term - which is very short but packed full of interesting learning!

We will finish off World War One learning about the signing of the Treaty of Versailles and students have requested that we learn about World War Two, which we are very happy to include. This will continue into the Summer Term and include some Local History. Our English lesson will explore some more War Poetry and we will continue to read Private Peaceful and draw connections between the fiction in the story and our understanding of WW1.

We have our trip to see Blood Brothers in Kings Lynn on 13th March and will spend some English time understanding a little bit of the play's context and themes. It is worth having a look at the theatre space via the online link - we will also do this in school.

<https://app.cloudpano.com/tours/qg58iNWSE>

Other subjects will cover:

Maths

Across all of the stages in Maths, the students will be learning about statistics and measure.

Science:

In Science this half-term Year 9 will be studying the topic Plants, Photosynthesis and Food and linking this to Ecosystems. This Biology topic develops students' prior knowledge of plant biology and explores how plants obtain water, make the food they need and produce oxygen for us to breathe. We will also consider the relationships between plants and animals.

Geography

Mountains and Earthquakes.

PSHE

Lessons will have a careers focus and explore: Choices and Pathways, Work and Career and Employment. We will have a trip to the Careers Festival on 6th March as a part of this learning.

Art

In art lessons this half term, we will be continuing with the same project 'Cubism', making connections between the art movement and 'Surrealism' as previously studied last term. We will then refine our ideas to design and create a final piece.

Drama

Characterisation - using the book *Private Peaceful* and WW1 as stimuli.

Music

In music, we will be learning about the origins of the ukulele and beginning to play simple chord patterns starting firstly with 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. Towards the end of the half term we will look at how to play simple melodies and learning the basics of ukulele tab.

PE

Year 9 students will be learning about table tennis and volleyball.

Computing

Data representation -how computers represent pictures, colours, images and binary code linking to bits and bytes.

Philosophy and Ethics

Human Rights.

Catering

We will continue with our Tuesday trips to Great Yarmouth and hope you enjoy sampling their creations in the evenings!

As always, to help your child at home, please talk to them about what they have learned during the day or week. Keep encouraging them to read and record this in their planners so they can access the reward scheme (I know lots of Y9s are reading a lot and are not always writing it down in planners.) We have a curriculum related book box in the classroom and they can visit the library regularly to choose books. You can also help with spelling by looking at the spelling pages in the planner and learning a few each week; some students will have specific spellings from Fresh Start too.

If you would like to support their History during a family day out, a trip to the Imperial War Museum would be excellent. More locally, the Muckleburgh collection Museum opens daily from 28th March.

We have had lots of conversations about kindness this term and are very keen to recognise and celebrate acts of kindness where they occur - if you have anything to add from home, please let us know!

If you have any questions or concerns, curriculum or otherwise, please do make contact. sjones@allsaintslessingham.co.uk or via the school office.