



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the holiday! Here is summary of the Year 7 Curriculum for this half term:

English

Diary writing, using the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series as our main focus.

History

Following on from our Tudors unit, we will be learning about The Stuarts including:

- significant events that took place during this time, such as the English Civil War, the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London.
- how historians use a range of sources to interpret what happened in the past, and use evidence to discuss possible causes, and consequences, of significant events
- the lives of the monarchs and leaders during this period
- Oliver Cromwell, looking at different historical perspectives of him and his time in power
- the political and religious impact that each person had on Britain

PSHE

Economic Wellbeing: Thinking about careers, options and pathways to careers.

Drama

Communication and Teamwork.

Interventions

English / Fine motor skills - letter formation, handwriting, touch typing

Speech and Language - 'Theft at Cipher Mansion' - using visual clues, logic and deduction to solve a mystery

SPAG - punctuation; commas and inverted commas

Independent living - Household tasks - using a washing machine, sorting clothes and the difference between a credit and a debit card (and how to use them)

Maths

Fractions, decimals and percentages

Science

In Science this half-term Year 7 will be studying the topic Environment, Ecology and Classification. This Biology topic gives an introduction to how plants and animals interact in ecosystems.

Computing

Students will be studying a unit entitled 'Networks from semaphores to the Internet'. This unit begins by defining a network and addressing the benefits of networking, before covering how data is transmitted across networks using protocols.

The Arts and PE

Art - In art lessons this half term, we will be continuing with the same project on 'Still-Life'. We will explore how Cubist artists, like Picasso, created abstract still-life whilst developing our digital skills. We will then refine our ideas to design and create a final piece.

Music- In music this half term we are looking at the ukulele, starting first with it's history and origins then moving onto practical lessons learning basic chords and strumming patterns. Through this unit we will be learning music from the popular, reggae and folk genres.

Practical PE- Students will be learning about target and striking and fielding games. These include throlf (throwing golf) and football cricket.

Homework

Maths and English homework continues to 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.