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Year 9 Curriculum Newsletter

A **Happy New Year** to all the Year 9 families! Mrs Goodgame, the Year 9 team and myself are very much looking forward to a new term of teaching our class. Thank you for all the lovely messages and gifts you sent at the end of last term, we were both very touched and enjoyed opening them on Christmas morning!

This term, we will start to look at **Options** ready for Key Stage Four and help students to make choices that they will find interesting and purposeful for their futures.

In Humanities we will be studying **World War One**, focusing on the causes and tensions that built up to it, life in the trenches and how war impacted on the Home Front. As you know, we like to draw links across the curriculum and our English focus will be the study of a novel called **Private Peaceful** by Michael Morpurgo and exploring some of the **War Poets**. This is also good preparation for GCSE English Literature.

Our trip to see the **baby seals** at Horsey on 10th January will complete our study of the Norfolk coastline and provide some awe and wonder about the natural world.

Other subjects will cover:

Maths: Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Students will continue to work on Maths in the groups that provide them with the right amount of challenge and support.

Science: In Science this half-term Year 9 will be studying the topic Electricity and Magnetism. This Physics topic gives students an opportunity to make electric circuits and compare the differences between voltage and current. Students will also work with magnets, magnetic fields and identify uses for these in everyday life.

PSHE: We will develop an understanding of what makes healthy relationships and where to find help if relationships become difficult.

Art: In art lessons we will be starting our project on 'Cubism', making connections between the art movement and 'Surrealism' as previously studied last term. We will explore the key artists Picasso and Braque whilst developing skills using colour, line and tone.

Drama: Characterisation and script writing. This term we will be looking at creating characters and scenes using the book *Private Peaceful*, which they are studying in English, as the stimuli.

Music: In year 9 music this term we will be looking at Blues music and learning to improvise over a chord structure. We will use a variety of instruments such as keyboards and ukuleles as well as using musical software and developing our listening skills.

PE: Year 9 Practical PE - this half term year 9 students will be learning about football and dodgeball. In football they will work on skills such as passing, shooting and dribbling. In dodgeball they will work on skills such as throwing, dodging, catching and blocking.

Computing: The focus this half term will move to data Science

Philosophy and Ethics: We will give an introduction to Human Rights and draw links across the curriculum.

To help your child at home, please keep encouraging them to read and record this in their planners so they can access the reward scheme.

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.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do make contact. sjones@allsaintslessingham.co.uk or via the school office.

Ms Jones and Mrs Goodgame.