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Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome to you and your child as they start Year 7 at All Saints.

If you would like to support your child's learning at home, this is an overview of what Year 7 will be covering this half term.

English

Key Questions:

- What is a non-fiction text?
- What are the features of a non-fiction text?
- Can I write a non-fiction text?

We will be looking at the structure of non-fiction texts and presenting information in different ways: posters, recipes and presentations.

You can help by watching Newsround / reading newspapers with your child and discussing any climate change related articles.

We provide a book rich environment so every child has 2 reading books in school: a fiction and a non-fiction book, chosen from the library, with guidance. Every student takes part in either a Fresh Start session or a group reading session four times a week.

Our 'read aloud' book is 'The Folk of the Faraway Tree' by Enid Blyton which you may remember from your own childhoods!

If you are keen to read with your child at home, they can 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 (especially as they can earn rewards for this!)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zty8xfr#zjyk239>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4qvn9q#z2nxfdm>

Geography

Spatial Sense- Eastern Europe

Russia, including:

- mapwork (transcontinental country)
- Physical and Human geography
- Glaciers and the process of glaciation
- Arctic polar desert

Big question: How do Eastern Europe's geographical features compare to the UK?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4tg4xs#z9hr96f>

PSHE

We shall be exploring and discussing the following topics; Self-concept, Mental Health and Wellbeing. We will be using zones of regulation and vocabulary around emotions.

<https://zonesofregulation.com/how-it-works/>

Drama

This term year 7 will be developing their drama skills to explore social skills and communication with a focus on narration and storytelling.

Interventions

We will be exploring many different areas of Personal Development, building on our speech and language skills and our fine motor skills.

Within the first couple of weeks, we will be setting personal targets and recording them in planners - please have a look and let us know if you see anything at home which supports the target.

Maths

Students work in maths groups but all students will be working on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplying and dividing over the half term. In the coming weeks, look out for an email explaining how students can be supported at home with the learning and development of their times tables.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Science

In Year 7 Science for this whole term we will be studying the topic Cells and Reproduction in Plants and Animals. This topic gives an introduction to the building blocks of life, cells, living things and life processes. We will also study the Particle Model topic, which gives an introduction to the thinking about atoms being the things that make up everything. While we will focus on keywords and knowledge required to understand the topics, there will also be a focus on scientific thinking and investigation skills, learned through taking part in practicals.

Useful link: BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p>

Computer Science

This term's Computer Science topic requires learners to use a range of different skills across several pieces of software. Learners will work between different applications to create a poster and slides on a given theme, to deliver a clear message using different media.

The Arts and PE

Art

In art lessons, year 7 students will be exploring the theme 'Mark Making', understanding the importance of mark making on the page. Looking at the pen and ink drawings of Van Gogh then developing into tonal gradation and paint mixing looking at the work of Henri Rousseau.

Music

In music this term, year 7 will be exploring performance through Boomwhackers, using the pentatonic scale. We will also spend time working together as an ensemble to create music.

Practical PE

In PE this half term lower junior students will be completing a range of challenges to improve their fundamental movement skills (balancing, catching, throwing, jumping, running and hopping). They will also be participating in dodgeball.

Homework

In Year 7, Maths and English homework is offered to all students. Homework is based upon work carried out in the classroom and can be completed on paper or on Google Classroom. Students engaging in Reading Plus can complete extra work at home by signing into their account.

Getting in touch

It is important to us that your child's time in Year 7 is as positive as it can be so please get in touch if you have any worries or concerns as we have found that we are usually able to sort issues 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 email the school or, if urgent, to phone the school and ask for a phone call back: 01692 582083

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 staff to see.

Miss Cossey and Mrs Goodgame.