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ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is incredible that it is already time to write and tell you what we will be learning about this half-term in the run-up to Christmas. We have had a productive autumn first half term full of experiences and learning, including wonderful learning out of the classroom opportunities; trips to Gressenhall WW2 evacuee experience day, the Mosque and Cathedral, and the City of Norwich Aviation Museum. We all greatly enjoyed the parent's cafe where we were able to meet the families behind our wonderful class too.

If you would like to support your child's learning, our focus for the half term ahead is outlined below:

English

Identifying persuasive writing techniques, writing persuasive letters and adverts. The students will visit a toy shop to review a selection of toys to create a persuasive advert from.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsvjky#zpsng2p>

SPAG

Modal verbs, Perfect form, commas to clarify meaning.

Maths

During this half term, students will be learning about the following topics: Multiplication and Division, Geometry, and Money. Students will also continue to focus on the learning and recall of times tables. Students can be supported at home with times tables learning through working on TT Rockstars and/or recall practice with parents/carers at home (please see your child's planner for details of which times table they are focusing on and TT Rockstars login).

Science

Electricity - circuits - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>

Light - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0011vdq/bitesize-daily-911-year-olds-science-1011-yearolds-3-light>

Geography

In a unit entitled "World Geography - North and South America", we will be focused on the diverse people and landscapes of the Americas. This unit extends and deepens pupils' understanding of physical and human geography and the comparative economic activities of the two continents.

Useful link - <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/difference-between-south-america-and-north-america/>

Computing

Audio Production - Learners will identify the input device (microphone) and output devices (speaker or headphones) required to work with sound digitally. Learners will discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others. In order to record audio themselves, learners will use software to

produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving the audio files. Finally, learners will evaluate their work and give feedback to their peers.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zyb72hv#zgfmjmbk>

RE

Students will be looking into 'What does religion say when life gets hard'?

We will be discussing different beliefs around death and afterlife.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zgqjgdm/revision/2>

PSHE

In PSHE we will cover the following topics:

Mental health

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z7jyd6f>

Drugs, alcohol and tobacco

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z6srqp3>

Respecting yourself

Fine Motor Skills

Tying shoe laces

Fastening buttons

Typing skills

<https://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/fine-motor-skills-activities-for-older-kids.html>

Handwriting

Students will continue to practise letter formation and simple joins.

Spelling:

After several weeks of baseline setting, the students have been placed into their respective spelling groups, with words tailored to their spelling ability. Students will receive a new list of words each Wednesday for a test on the following Wednesday. Please encourage them to practise, as getting a positive score can give a huge boost to their confidence and of course has an impact on their overall standard of writing.

PE

In PE this half term upper junior students will be learning about dance and end ball.

Art

In art lessons, Upper Juniors will continue focusing on the formal elements of colour and shape. Students will discover this half term how these formal elements of art combine to create a design, through studying Matisse's collages.

Music

In music this half term upper juniors will be exploring the keyboards and developing our 'five finger technique'. We will be beginning to look at the basics of standard notation and how pitch and rhythm can be represented on the stave.

Drama

This half term the focus will be on creating and performing drama for an audience.

As always, please do contact Ms Wade if you would like any information supporting your child at home with learning:

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