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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to a new school year. As a staff team we are really proud of how well Year 7 has settled as a new class. We are looking forward to the next half term!

English

Travel writing:

We are exploring a range of travel writing; brochures, books and websites to help us produce our own travel brochures. If you have any photos from your own holidays, please feel free to send them in so the students can share them within our lessons.

Russian literature- The Nutcracker:

We will be reading aloud from 'The Nutcracker' by E.T.A. Hoffmann to broaden our cultural horizons and watching selected parts of the ballet. This will provide a focus for fiction writing.

If you are keen to read with your child at home, they are able to 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.

Useful links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4grZGAN97ck&list=PL2PehFpf7rN8ho5Pikzzgicp_T19ijqA-
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/articles/z4y3rwx>

History

The Tudors:

This unit provides children with an introduction to the Tudor monarchs. The pupils will learn that powerful dynasties, where power was inherited and passed down through generations predominately through the male line, ruled over Britain. This unit focuses on the lives of Henry VIII and his three children: Mary I, Elizabeth I and Edward VI. Throughout the unit, the children will look at the Tudor family tree and learn about each monarch and look at how they sought to shape England during their reigns.

Useful links:

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Wars-of-the-Roses/353912>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zdn7h4j>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z2h3ydm>

PSHE

Drugs, Alcohol and tobacco - learning about substance use (focusing on tobacco, alcohol and caffeine) and the understanding and skills to manage influences young people experience.

Managing Risk and personal safety - peer pressure and strategies to manage this.

Useful links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zg982nb>

Drama

This half term we will be introducing and exploring new drama techniques and skills– using storytelling as a focus.

Interventions

Personal Development: including human rights, protected characteristics, wellbeing and celebrating World Science day.

Independent living: prepare a shopping list, visit a supermarket and pay for items with the correct money, prepare a simple meal, prepare a hot drink and use a washing machine.

Useful link:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/10_easy_recipes_for_kids

PE

In PE this half term year 7 students will be participating in a range of activities including: throw tennis, gymnastics and end ball.

Maths

During this half term, students will be learning about the following topics: Multiplication and Division, Geometry, Time and Money (Stages A-D) or Algebra (Stage E and F). 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).

Useful links:

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://sso.prodigygame.com/game/login>

Science

In Year 7 Science this half-term we will continue to be studying the topic Cells and Reproduction in Plants and Animals. This topic introduces the building blocks of life, cells, living things and life processes. We will also study the Particle Model topic, which introduces 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>

Computing

Programming Essentials in Scratch:

This unit is the first programming unit of KS3. The aim of this unit and a second programming unit to be delivered later in the year is to build students' confidence and knowledge of key programming constructs. such as sequencing, variables, selection, and count-controlled iteration <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOT7zuxElgw>

The Arts and PE

Art - In art lessons, year 7 students will be exploring the formal elements in art including colour, line, tone, proportion, scale and composition. The focus this half term will be on texture, pattern and mark making through exploring the work of Henri Rousseau.

Music - In music this half term year 7s will be exploring *steps and leaps* on the keyboards through popular performance pieces such as 'Eastenders' and 'In the Hall of the Mountain King'.

Practical PE- In PE this half term Year 7 students will be introduced to skills and knowledge in gymnastics at North Walsham Gymnastic Centre and basketball at Broadland Sports Centre.

Homework

In Year 7, Maths and English homework will be offered to all students but both are optional. Homework is based upon work carried out in the classroom. Please get in touch if your child is not receiving homework and you would like them to.

Getting in touch

We 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. We love to find out about achievements that have happened outside school. Your child will have a planner which they are expected to bring in and take home every day, so you can write any notes in here for us, as these are checked daily.

It is quickest to use email or, if urgent, to phone the school and ask that we phone back:

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