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Curriculum Overview for Year 9 Autumn 2

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. We have had a very productive start to the school year, with a real highlight being our trip to the Alpaca farm! As a staff team we have been so proud of what we have seen in the classroom, with everyone working hard, having fun and making some wonderful connections between different areas of the curriculum and real life, which has been superb. We have had some brilliant discussions and learned some useful new vocabulary. All the Year 9 team look forward to each new day and we hope the same is true for the students!

After Half Term, we will be learning the following:

English

African Literature - poetry, prose and stories.

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).

Science

In Year 9 Science this half term we will be studying the topic Respiration, Food and Digestion. This biology topic builds on prior learning about cells and organs and also aspects of healthy living, to look in detail at some of the major organ systems of the body.

Humanities

In History we will be continuing to learn about the Suffragettes. We will also spend some time focusing on some key women from History and considering how they are significant.

In Geography we are continuing to look at Global Issues (Climate and Human Activities) with a focus on coastal processes and management. We have a Geography field trip planned to visit Bacton Beach to look at Coastal Erosion and Sea Defences. This trip links to our Climate Change topic and also allows us to cover some 'Local Geography' alongside undertaking some practical fieldwork.

PSHE

We shall be exploring and discussing the following topics: Drugs, alcohol and tobacco; Managing Risk and Personal Safety; Puberty and Sexual Health.

Drama

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

Philosophy and Ethics

The Environment and Animal Rights including a debate on Animal Experimentation. We will be exploring differing religious viewpoints about the purpose of humans and our duty towards the planet.

PE

In practical PE this half term year 9 students will be further developing skills and knowledge previously gained in volleyball and badminton.

Art

In art lessons, year 9s will be continuing exploring the theme 'Perspective and Surrealism'. An understanding of 1- and 2-point perspectives will be taught in relation to the Art movement of Surrealism. Students will then combine the skills they've learnt across the term to develop a Surrealism inspired final piece.

Music

In music this half term year students will be continuing to build upon their knowledge of chords by developing their keyboard skills of broken chords and arpeggios. We will be working on performance pieces by Henry Purcell, Coldplay and John Lennon.

Computing

Films, television, computer games, advertising, and architecture have been revolutionised by computer-based 3D modelling and animation. In this unit, entitled Media: Animations, learners will discover how professionals create 3D animations using software. By completing this unit, learners will gain a greater understanding of how this important creative field is used to make the media products that we consume. Sessions will take learners through the basics of modelling, texturing and animating.

Interventions

Our focus is SEMH this half term and we will be looking at developing team skills, role play and thinking about opinions which vary from our own.

Useful links to support our curriculum:

BBC Bitesize KS3 Science: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p>

History - The Suffragettes - useful links : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqkbbqt>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh6nsk7>

We will of course also be celebrating Christmas and preparing for the Christmas Service.

Good fiction books to support our learning Are 'Warrior Boy' by Virginia Clay and 'Things a Bright Girl can Do' by Sally Nicholls. We have copies of both in the Library. It would also be great to watch the film 'Suffragettes'. The Sainsbury's Centre has some great African Art on show which would tie in with the African Culture theme.

As always, you can help your young people by talking about what we have been learning in lessons each evening and by continuing to encourage them to read as much as possible, both with books and via Reading Plus. Please do remember to mark this in their planner so they can access the reading rewards. We are delighted to hear that many members of Y9 have reading books they are enjoying at home and are always happy to hear about them.

Homework is shared via Google Classroom. This is optional but curriculum related. Well done to the people who have completed it last half term.

We look forward to meeting you at Parents Evening. I know lots of students are starting to think about Options - we launch the process in January so watch this space!

Any questions or concerns, please do get in touch sjones@Allsaintslessingham.co.uk

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