



Curriculum Bulletin - Y7 EPS4



What Will I Be Learning About This Half Term?

English	We are learning about Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. We will be continuing developing our skills of Literature analysis that we began in last half term's work. It will prepare us for future study of any Literature text including other Shakespeare plays. We will be continuing developing our writing skills by learning how to write a transactional piece. Assessment will be weekly quizzes to assess ongoing understanding and also a longer assessed piece on Shakespeare's use of language.
Maths	We are learning a variety of shape and number topics that will be taught in sets. These will include: perimeter, area and volume as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. Pupils will complete an assessment every few weeks based on the topics covered.
Science	We are learning about Particles and the Periodic table in one unit and Reproduction in the other unit. These topics link back to the Matter and Cells units taught earlier in the year. There will be an assessment in March on the work covered this year.
Art & Design	We are learning how to create low relief masks and apply surface decoration inspired by the artist Kimmy Cantrell and Primitive Art. Pupils will then evaluate their experience and findings of this project.
Design Technology	We are learning about Health and Safety rules and procedures in a workshop that we have learnt in the previous term. All pupils will be continuing to make an acrylic keyring, using a wide range of hand tools and machines to produce this high quality product. Pupils will then be completing their first practical skills log in their booklets; this is how pupils can keep track of all the practical skills they have used on each project.
Drama	We are learning about Urban Legends. This work explores the origin, function and meaning. Pupils will learn about what the stories tell us about our society or ourselves.
Geography	We are learning about Coasts, looking at how the UK's coast plays a vital role in our economy to the physical processes that happen to shape them. We will then focus on Ecosystems, looking at major biomes around the world and the impacts humans have on them. Pupils will complete a key piece based on this topic.
History	We are learning about Medieval monarchs, the Crusades and Late Medieval society. This builds on learning on Anglo-Saxon society and the Norman Conquest. Pupils will complete an assessment on the topics studied so far in Year 7. Pupils will then learn about Henry VIII and the Reformation.
Reading	We are learning about Love and Family through short stories and extracts from fiction and non-fiction as well as the novel – Jane Eyre - A Retelling by Tanya Landman. The focus is to improve pupils' independent skills to clarify vocabulary, skimming and scanning and discussing authors' viewpoints and purpose. This supports the whole school curriculum, supporting pupils in independent reading. Summative assessments of reading skills will take place each term as well as formative assessments during lessons.



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Computer Science	We are learning about “ How Computers Work”. This will build on the previous unit Computational thinking. There will be end of topic assessment.
Religious Studies	We are learning to study Christian Beliefs, following the Faith and You - Christianity unit. We will be investigating how Christian beliefs impact on the world we live in and are world views.
Languages	We are learning how to describe ourselves and people in your family. To do so, the students will recall prior knowledge such as opinions and the use of adjectives in descriptive writing. Pupils progress and engagement will be monitored through the use of weekly homework set on Teams and progress will also be evaluated with an assessment at the end of the half-term.
Food Technology	We are learning about the Eatwell guide, balanced diets and food groups. All pupils will then cook and make pizza and Quorn fajitas. Pupils will be using of skills and equipment including knife skills, use of a hob. Pupils will build their knowledge of Health and safety, Hygiene and Mise en place.
Music	We are learning about elements of music. Pupils will explore the elements of music and create their own original compositions using the elements of music.
Physical Education	We are learning to improve our football performance by improving our passing, dribbling, shooting, tackling, and attacking and defending skills in both isolated and conditioned practices. Pupils will have the opportunity to learn the correct technique of each individual skill and apply it in small-sided game situations. Pupils will be assessed individually against set football criteria and provided with feedback on their performance.
Personal Development— Learning For Life	We are learning to understand health, both in terms of physical and mental health, whilst studying the Healthy Me topic. We will be discussing topics such as stress and anxiety, managing mental health, physical activity and mental health, nutrition, the importance of sleep, vaccinations and immunisations. The main focus this term will be on the importance of information when making health choices.
Personal Development— Form	We are learning to understand and celebrate differences, with a particular focus on recognising the challenges faced by individuals in terms of prejudice, discrimination, injustice, inequality and bullying. We will look at how people have in the past, and how we can in the future, make a positive change to challenge the issues raised.