



Curriculum Bulletin - Y7 EPS4

What Will I Be Learning About This Half Term?

English	We are learning about Shakespeare's 'Oliver Twist'. 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. We will be continuing developing our writing skills by learning how to write a transactional piece. Assessment will be fortnightly quizzes to assess ongoing understanding.
Maths	We are learning about fractions and percentages, operations with directed numbers and addition and subtraction of fractions. 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 fairy tales and myths. The work explores the concept of storytelling and how we can use characterisation and dramatic techniques to tell a story. They explore narrative and the use of narration in creating drama. Pupils will consider moral dilemmas and situations within the stories we explore using techniques to develop their own version of the stories.
Geography	We will be learning about the UK. We will look at all aspects of the UK from population patterns to physical features. Pupils will then study Coasts, looking at how the UK's coast plays a vital role in our economy to the physical processes that happen to shape them. Pupils will complete a key piece at the end of this topic.
History	We are learning about Late Medieval society and then following this the Reformation and changes in religion. 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 changes in society in Elizabethan England.
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 about 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 a knowledge quiz.
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 Orchestral instruments and their use in Programme Music. We will look at a range of Great composers who create music which is linked to a theme/Programme. We will explore this through performance, composition and listening tasks.
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.