

YEAR 7 WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN THIS TERM?

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ART

This term your child will be focusing on developing skills linked to the formal elements. This will consist of colour, line, tone, texture, pattern, shape and form. We will be exploring these within landscape and portraiture where students will begin to work in artists styles and developing their own responses to them.

COMMUNITY & PERSONAL

Students in Year 7 have already started the Risks and Safety topic last term. The topic focuses on keeping safe online and begin with lessons on online safety and online grooming. Students will also discuss the risks associated with online challenges e.g. viral TikTok trends and how to keep safe. Finally, lessons will also discuss gambling and how common it is to gamble online, as well as how they can avoid online fraud and identity theft.

After this topic, students will look at how to look after their mental health and well-being. Lessons will include puberty and hygiene, ways to keep good mental health, anxiety, peer pressure and managing emotions.

If time, students will complete a short politics at the end of the year.

COMPUTING

This term your child will be completing their interface unit by designing an interface in PowerPoint for a holiday company. They will then move onto looking at the fundamentals of Computer Science in the form of hardware, software and data representation. Pupils will learn how to convert between denary and binary, as well as complete binary additions.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

In Design and Technology students rotate each term of the year to a different specialist area and this term will study one of the following:

Rotation 1 (Design and Technology)

Students will learn about the properties and uses of metals and polymers in the world of Design and Technology and will safely use a range of tools and pieces of equipment to manufacture a range of functional prototypes including a tea light holder and a mobile phone stand.

Rotation 2 (Design and Technology)

Students will learn about the sources, properties and uses of different fibres and fabrics and will use a range of different pieces of equipment such as a sewing machine to manufacture a draw string bag.

In addition to this students will learn a range of 3D drawing and communication techniques including single point perspective and shading and rendering skills.

Rotation 3 (Food Preparation and Nutrition)

Students will develop their knowledge of food groups, healthy choices and basic food preparation skills, to develop an understanding of nutrition and health through healthy eating guidance and the role of the Eatwell Guide.

Students learn how about safe working routines, high risk foods and how to prevent cross-contamination. They apply this knowledge to their practical work, learning how to use an oven and a hob safely, develop knife skills and begin to combine skills and techniques to make a range of dishes including potato wedges, pasta salad and fruit crumble.

DRAMA

Year 7 are exploring the theatrical style employed by the theatre company Kneehigh. Students will learn the key conventions used within this style and develop an understanding of its aims and intentions, before applying the style to their own performance work.

ENGLISH

Students in Year 7 will begin the summer term by completing their reading of Orwell's 'Animal Farm' and will use the protest novel to create their own allegories. After the half-term they will then explore nature poetry and use these as a springboard to create their own poems and creative pieces.

GEOGRAPHY

Pupils will be studying Weather and Climate, looking specifically at why we have a variation of climates around the world and variations on a local scale such as Microclimates. They will also be looking at different weather hazards and events, such as tornadoes and Hurricanes, and the impacts these can have on people. Pupils will then be studying one ecosystem, which is deserts, looking at the climate, adaptations and sustainable management.

HISTORY

Students will complete their study of Medieval Life by examining the impact of the Black Death on society, including its social, economic, and religious consequences. They will then begin their study of the Tudor period by exploring the reigns of the different Tudor monarchs and the significant religious changes that took place. Students will investigate the effects of the English Reformation, including events such as the Pilgrimage of Grace in Yorkshire, and will engage in historical debates by evaluating different interpretations of Mary I's reign.

MATHS

Pupils in Year 7 will start the Summer term by finishing the work they have done on Ratio and Percentages. They will then move on to studying Geometry of 2D shapes, where they will learn how to calculate the area and perimeter of different two-dimensional shapes. They will also learn how to perform and describe different transformations of shapes including reflection, rotation, translation and enlargement. Later in the term, pupils will study the Handling Data unit, where they will learn how to draw and interpret various statistical diagrams and calculate averages and the range for data sets.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

In languages, students will learn vocabulary and structures about what they do in their free time. They will use the present and future tenses.

MUSIC

In Year 7 music curriculum, students will continue to study the basics of music theory and practical keyboard skills, as well as how to play the ukulele and guitar. Ensemble performances and exposure to a range of musical genres will help students to develop their appreciation for music and build confidence in their own abilities as musicians. As part of the ensemble component of the curriculum, students will have the opportunity to participate in group performances.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students in year 7 will take part in several PE/Games rotations in an extremely varied and diverse curriculum during the academic year. PE activities such as Badminton, Dance, Gymnastics, Fitness, Athletics and Tennis will be participated in during the academic year. In addition, there are several games activities that students will take part in such as Rugby, Football, Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders and Softball. Students will also get the opportunity to take part in an extremely successful extra-curricular timetable. Also, all students will take part in respective interform competitions throughout the year, competing against other form groups to win points for their house. Finally, students will get the opportunity in May time to attend the annual Wales residential to Glan-llyn, developing their communication, teamwork, and organisational skills.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Students in Year 7 will be continuing with lessons about what it means to be a Christian. This will be explored by looking at key Christian beliefs, the history of early Christianity, the role of Jesus, parables taught in the Bible and discussing traditions and beliefs around Jesus through the Easter story.

Next students will be exploring Islam and what it means to be Muslim. Within this topic we will look at the Muslim understanding of God and the life and teachings of Muhammad as well as understanding the main cause for the Sunni / Shi'a split and some differences between the two groups. Students will be able to identify the 5 pillars of Islam, how each pillar affects Muslim's lives. We will also study the Hajj Pilgrimage and the importance of this, consider what is found in the Qur'an and why it is important for Muslims.

SCIENCE

This term pupils will be learning about Forces and Motion and the relationship between speed, distance and time. In a Chemistry topic, pupils will be learning about Atoms, Elements and Compounds and looking at the reactions of metals with oxygen. In a Biology topic this term, pupils will be learning about Relationships in Ecosystems.