



Music



This half term we have done 'rhythm and pulse.' We have clapped rhythms, composed rhythms and done basic keyboard ostinato.

Next half term we will be 'keeping time' and learning to play melodies

Humanities

Year 7 have completed 'personal geographies' and considered their own place in the UK and the World. We have studied what makes us northern.

In History they have been learning how to be 'Handy Historians' and been introduced to the Normans.'

Next half term they will be learning about Antarctica in Geography and the medieval times in History.



MFL

Bonjour!

This half term pupils have been introduced to French by covering the following: Meeting, greeting, ages, numbers and birthdays. They have developed skills in speaking about likes and dislikes and describing themselves

Next half term they will be learning all about school and all the necessary language associated with it.

Design Technology and art

In Art, year 7 are currently working on a graffiti project with an emphasis on colour blending. After half term, they begin a self portrait exploring tonal qualities and working with mixed media

In Design & Technology, year 7 work on a rotational basis. In Resistant Materials, pupils are currently producing pencil holders from wood and a fridge magnet produced using the CAD/CAM laser cutter. In Food Technology, pupils are exploring healthy eating and developing their practical skills by making fruit kebabs, pasta salad and vegetable topped pizzas. In Textiles, pupils are creating a cushion using a variety of techniques such as tie dye, applique and fabric pens whilst developing their skills on the sewing machine. Next half term, pupils will rotate on to a new area of Design & Technology.

PE

This half term boys have been introduced to cross country and football. Girls have also done cross country and netball. They have been setting personal bests and working together.

Next half term boys will be starting basketball and doing fitness sessions. Girls will be starting dance and football.



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Autumn 1 Year 7 Newsletter: Welcome

Note from the Head of Year:

This half term has been incredibly busy ensuring everyone has settled into year 7 successfully. The students have worked hard engaging in new subject areas with enthusiasm and a determination to succeed. The vast majority of students have made a very positive start in terms of achievement – striving to be the best possible version of themselves in all that they do. Myself and Mr Devine are very much looking forward to next half term. Mrs Wrigley

Supporting your child:

Discuss-what has been studied

Read- all year 7 now have a library book

Consolidate- encourage your children to practise skills at home

Word of the week- is a weekly initiative. Discuss the word with your child; see if they can use it. We've already had: succulent, secluded, conceited, audacious and optimistic.

Science is all around us! Ask your children to try and link the world around them to Science.

Attendance:

From Sept
95.93%

Working with the attendance diamond, your child should know their current attendance and band. It should be visible in their planner.

The target for all pupils and year groups is 97%

Religious Education

This half term year 7 have studied the topic Religion and Me. This topic is designed to enable the students to understand the importance of religion and belief on a personal level. The unit is designed to get them thinking about what they believe and how this shapes them as a person. They have also had the opportunity to take part in a Welcome Mass and retreat to begin their journey at St. Matthew's.

Next half term students will study a unit called Community and Faith which focuses on basic Catholic beliefs and teachings. This will enable them to understand the role they will play as part of our school community. As part of the unit they will also learn about St. Matthew and how he inspires us as a school community.



English:

Year 7 have studied Frankenstein this half term and developed skills in analysing language, inferring ideas and commenting on language. They have completed a reading assessment on this. We also discussed issues around science and artificial life.

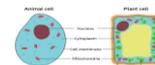
Next half term we will be focussing on creative writing. Learners will be working on improving their figurative language, sentence structure and punctuation.

Maths

Year 7 have studied types of number and expressing values as products of primes. They have also stepped back into the past by looking at pre-algebra subtraction method. This has further developed their understanding of place value.

Next half term we will be focussing further consolidating their knowledge in number by estimating by rounding to 1sf and ordering a variety of integers, decimals and fractions.

Pupils will also benefit from bringing a protractor and compasses as we will be constructing triangles.



Science:

Year 7 have studied the Biology topic 'Cells' and looked at plant and animal cells under a microscope. They have been finding out about the different parts of a cell and should be able to name them.

Next half term we will be finishing this term's work on Biology and then starting work on Forces, the first Physics topic of year 7. In this topic we will be looking for examples of forces all around us and doing an investigation into the effects of friction.