

Year 8 Parent Planner

Half Term 1

How you can support your child at home: Encourage them to read – anything and everything! Look at Google
Classroom
regularly; the
expectation is
that all students
complete
home-learning

Make sure your child has the right equipment with them everyday (pen, pencil, ruler etc.)

Art:

Aboriginal Art: students will investigate and respond to the art, craft and design ofaboriginal art

Computer Science:

Students will study computing systems and data representation

Drama:

Berthold Brecht: Students will learn about the German theatre maker's techniques and how he used theatre to encourage political change

English:

Sherlock Holmes: Students will learn about scientific developments in the Victorian era, class, society and duality.

Geography:

Extreme environments: students will look at contrasting extreme environments focusing on the Middle East

History:

What can we learn from the kingdoms of Benin and Asante about medieval
African histories?: students will identify themes such as power, trade and kingship and
look at how monarchs across history have tried to expand empires

Mandarin:

The Chinese journey begins. Students will be introduced to the basics of Mandarin including pronouncing the four simple tones, writing Chinese using the correct stroke order and understanding the origins of the language.

Maths:

Percentages the pupils will learn how to calculate with percentages including percentage changes; Money problems including multiplying and dividing with decimals and proportional reasoning; the rules of indices.

Music:

Students are introduced to the Baroque, Classical, and Romantic periods. Performance focus includes Pachelbel's Canon in D (Baroque) and 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' (Romantic). Students compare styles and explore historical context.

Personal Development:

Being me in my world - my family, family factors, power of first impressions, faith and beliefs.

PE:

Students will complete a range of activities in games and PE such as rugby, football, netball, trampoline, fitness and badminton

RE:

Are Buddhists right to say that we need to change to become more compassionate people?: students will study the life of Buddha and the role truth played on his journey to enlightenment

Science:

Pupils will study the core concepts of breathing, digestion, the Periodic Table of Elements, heating & cooling, and the basics of electricity and building circuits.

Technology:

Students will rotate through 3 subject areas: Food: students will continue to develop their practical skills while learning about cultural eating, Graphics: students will create a book sleeve and Wood: students will create a working automata