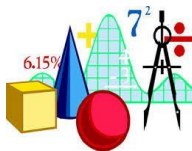


Our learning this half-term... – Year 7 (Autumn term 2)

Literacy	Maths	Other subjects
<p>This half-term, Year 7 will be introduced to William Shakespeare. The pupils will begin by finding out about the context and background to Shakespeare's writing, including his life and times. They will then be introduced to his language through a range of extracts, including famous quotes and speeches, and some of his more famous poems. The unit will then turn to focusing more on a particular play, where the pupils will be able to enjoy the story and characters through reading, writing and drama.</p> <p>Key words: context, Early Modern English, language change, theatre, idioms, speech, sonnet, soliloquy, monologue, figurative language, play script, comedy, tragedy</p> <p>Key reading skills: using existing knowledge to decode unfamiliar words and language, identifying specific techniques within Shakespeare's language, identifying words and phrases that can be emphasised in a performance, reading with bravery and confidence.</p> <p>Key writing skills: write using the rules of a specific form, write in a consistent role using the imagined 'voice' of a character, provide strong written responses to reading-related questions.</p> <p>How can I help at home? Discuss with your child what we are learning about: what have we found out about Shakespeare? About the Elizabethan era? What characters have we looked at, and what are they like? There is a wealth of information online; the RSC and BBC Bitesize websites are particularly useful.</p>	<p>This half term, we will be building on the skills and knowledge from the first half term.</p> <p>To begin, we will be applying addition and subtraction strategies by finding the perimeter of compound shapes, which will lead onto correct language and calculations of angles in 2D shapes.</p> <p>This will be followed by secure methods of multiplication, both whole numbers (integers) and decimals). These skills will then be applied by focusing on area of a range of 2D shapes.</p> <p>The final unit focuses on transformations – symmetry, rotation, reflection, translation and enlargement.</p> <p>Key vocabulary: Integer Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) Compound shapes Co-ordinates Quadrants Symmetry Rotation Reflection Translation Enlargement Scale factor</p> 	<p>Science - This half term will be studying about acids & alkalis and forces.</p> <p>History – The Battle of Hastings. This term we will be learning about the events leading up to the battle including who the three main claimants were, the struggles leading up to the battle and a re-enactment of the battle on the school field.</p> <p>Geography – This term we will be honing our geographic skills with a focus on Great Britain. Our big question is 'What makes Great Britain great?' with a focus on the physical and human geography as well as how they interact together.</p> <p>Computing– Pupils will be looking at online safety with content, propaganda and contact. They will also consider how to use Social Media appropriately. Later in the term they will focus on using Spreadsheets to sort data into information through filters and multiple search criteria, using conditional formatting and understanding how binary searches operate.</p> <p>PE - This half term: Girls will be doing Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Gymnastics. Boys in 7C and 7S – Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Rugby. Boys in 7H, 7N and 7O – Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Handball. The mixed group in 7H, 7N and 7O – Basketball and Hockey.</p> <p>MFL – Jobs, where we live and weather.</p> <p>Philosophy –Why do Christians believe Jesus was God on Earth?</p> <p>Ed for Life – Rights and responsibilities, peer pressure, resilience and types of bullying.</p> <p>Art – Memory Books, using different materials to express personal experiences visually which is combined into a book.</p> <p>Music – 12 Bar Blues, studying the origins of the style and the key artists associated with it, then composing their own 12 Bar Blues song.</p> <p>Design – Each term the pupils rotate round the three subject areas of: - Product Manufacture, Young entrepreneur and Up-cycling denim showcasing sewing machine work - Food Tech – Soups and Salads - STEM - Bridge construction and the 6 Rs of Refuse, Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle</p>