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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and your child as they start Year 7 at All Saints.

If you would like to support your child's learning at home, this is an overview of what Year 7 will be covering this half term.

English

Key Questions :

What is a non-fiction text?

What are the features of a non - fiction text?

Can I write a non-fiction text?

Our English work is connected with our Geography work which is based upon climate change and information texts. We will be looking at the structure of non-fiction texts and presenting information in different ways; posters, recipes and presentations.

Our grammar focus is plurals and the correct use of the possessive 's'.

You can help by watching Newsround / reading newspapers with your child and discussing any climate change related articles.

We do not operate a reading scheme at All Saints; instead, we provide a book rich environment so every child has 2 reading books in school: a fiction and a non-fiction book, chosen from the library, with guidance. Every student takes part in either a daily Fresh Start session or a group reading session.

Our 'read aloud' book is 'Song for a Whale' by Lynne Kelly, which has been chosen to fit in with the current protected characteristic focus: Disability.

If you are keen to read with your child at home, they can bring their library books home with them to share with you or we are happy for them to read books from home / the library / comics – anything which nurtures a love of reading. Please record any reading done at home in their planner (especially as they can earn rewards for this!)

Geography

Key questions:

- What is physical geography?
- Has the world changed physically from the Ice Age to the present?
- Are we currently living in an ice age?

In this topic, we explore the physical changes to the Earth from the Pleistocene Ice Age until the current day, learning about plate tectonics, glaciers, climate change and weathering.

A good series to watch at home is BBC Earth which clearly explains how Earth has changed from its creation.

PSHE

We shall be exploring and discussing the following topics: Self-concept, Mental Health, and well-being. We will be using zones of regulation and vocabulary around emotions.

Drama

This term year 7 will be developing their Drama skills to explore social skills and communication with a focus on Narration and Storytelling.

Interventions

We will be exploring many different areas of Personal Development, building on our Speech and Language skills and our fine motor skills.

Within the first couple of weeks, we will be setting personal targets and recording them in planners - please have a look and let us know if you see anything at home which supports the target.

Maths

Students work in maths groups but all students will be working on place value, addition and subtraction and multiplying and dividing over the half term.

Science

In Year 7 Science this half-term we will be studying the topic Cells and Reproduction in Plants and Animals. This topic gives an introduction to the building blocks of life, Cells, living things and life processes. While we will focus on keywords and knowledge required to understand the topic, there will also be a focus on scientific thinking and investigation skills, learned through taking part in practicals.

Computer Science

This term's Computer Science topic requires learners to use a range of different skills across several pieces of software. Learners will work between different applications to create a poster and slides on a given theme, to deliver a clear message using different media.

The Arts and PE

Art - In art lessons, year 7 students will be exploring the theme 'Mark Making', understanding the importance of mark making on the page. Looking at the pen and ink drawings of Van Gogh then developing into tonal gradation and paint mixing looking at the work of Henri Rousseau.

Music - In music this term, year 7 will be exploring performance through Boomwhackers, using the pentatonic scale. We will also spend time working together as an ensemble to create music.

Practical PE- In PE this half term lower junior students will be completing a range of challenges to improve their fundamental movement skills (balancing, catching, throwing, jumping, running and hopping). They will also be participating in dodgeball.

Homework

In Year 7, Maths and English homework is offered to all students but both are optional. Homework is based upon work carried out in the classroom.

Getting in touch

It is important to us that your child's time in Year 7 is as positive as it can be so please get in touch if you have any worries or concerns as we have found that we are usually able to sort issues more effectively if we know about them in the early stages. We also love to find out about achievements that have happened outside school, so please let us know!

It is quickest to email the school or, if urgent, to phone the school and ask for a phonecall back: 01692 582083

Your child will also have a planner which they are expected to bring in and take home every day. You can write any notes here for staff to see.

We of course will miss Miss Cossey, but know that she will be back with us soon and in the meantime Year 7 are well supported by Mr Slater, Mrs Austin and Mr Boughton. Mrs Goodgame will be with them all the time as planned and has already reported how well the students are settling into learning which is wonderful.