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ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is incredible that it is already time to write and tell you what we will be learning about this half-term in the run-up to Christmas. We have had a productive autumn first half term full of experiences and learning, including wonderful learning out of the classroom opportunities on trips to Gressenhall WW2 evacuee experience day, the Mosque and Cathedral, and the City of Norwich Aviation Museum. We all greatly enjoyed the parent's cafe where we were able to meet the families behind our wonderful class too.

If you would like to support your child's learning, our focus for the half term ahead is outlined below:

English:

Identifying persuasive writing techniques, writing persuasive letters and adverts. The students will visit a toy shop to review a selection of toys to create a persuasive advert from. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsvjkty#zpsng2p

SPAG:

Modal verbs, Perfect form, commas to clarify meaning

Maths:

Geometry
Time and money
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zb84382

Science:

Electricity - circuits - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs
Light - https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0011vdg/bitesize-daily-911-year-olds-science-1011-year-olds-3-light

Geography:

In a unit entitled "World Geography - North and South America", we will be focused on the diverse people and landscapes of the Americas. This unit extends and deepens pupils' understanding of physical and human geography and the comparative economic activities of the two continents. Useful link - https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/difference-between-south-america-and-north-america/

Computing:

Video production - This unit gives learners the opportunity to learn how to create short videos in groups. As they progress through this unit, they will be exposed to topic-based language and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video. Active learning is encouraged through guided questions and by working in small groups to investigate the use of devices and software. Learners are guided with step-by-step support to take their idea from conception to completion.

RE:

What does religion say when life gets hard?
We will be discussing different beliefs around death and afterlife.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zgqjgdm/revision/2

PSHE:

Mental health

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z7jyd6f
Drugs, alcohol and tobacco

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z6srqp3

Respecting yourself

Fine Motor Skills:

Tying shoe laces Fasten buttons Typing skills

https://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/fine-motor-skills-activities-for-older-kids.html

Handwriting:

Students will continue to practise letter formation and simple joins.

Spelling:

After several weeks of baseline setting, the students have been placed into their respective spelling groups, with words tailored to their spelling ability. Students will receive a new list of words each Wednesday for a test on the following Wednesday. Please encourage them to practise, as getting a positive score can give a huge boost to their confidence and of course has an impact on their overall standard of writing.

PE:

In PE this half term upper junior students will be participating in a range of activities including: throw tennis, gymnastics and end ball.

Art:

Landscapes

Music:

In music this half term Upper Juniors will be exploring the keyboards and continuing to develop their five-finger technique in both hands.

Drama:

This half term we will be exploring storytelling for an audience.

As always, please do contact Ms Wade or Mr Slater if you would like any information supporting your child at home with learning:

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