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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to a new school year. As a staff team we are really proud of how well Year 7 responded to the absence of Miss Cossey at the start of term and how quickly they settled on her return. We are looking forward to the next half term!

### **English**

Russian Literature: The Nutcracker, Travel writing.

We will be reading aloud 'The Nutcracker' by E.T.A. Hoffmann to broaden our cultural horizons and watching selected parts of the ballet. This will provide a focus for fiction writing.

We are also exploring a range of travel writing; brochures, books, websites to help us produce our own travel brochures.

If you are keen to read with your child at home, they are able to 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.

Useful links:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4grZGAN97ck&list=PL2PehFpf7rN8ho5Pikzzgicp\\_T19ijqA-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4grZGAN97ck&list=PL2PehFpf7rN8ho5Pikzzgicp_T19ijqA-)  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/articles/z4y3rwx>

### **History**

The Tudors:

This unit provides children with an introduction to the Tudor monarchs. The pupils will learn that powerful dynasties, where power was inherited and passed down through generations predominately through the male line, ruled over Britain. This unit focuses on the lives of Henry VIII and his three children: Mary I, Elizabeth I and Edward VI. Throughout the unit, the children will look at the Tudor family tree and learn about each monarch and look at how they sought to shape England during their reigns.

Useful links:

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Wars-of-the-Roses/353912>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zdn7h4j>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z2h3ydm>

## **PSHE**

Drugs, Alcohol and tobacco - learning about substance use (focusing on tobacco, alcohol and caffeine) and the understanding and skills to manage influences young people experience.

Managing Risk and personal safety - peer pressure and strategies to manage this.

Useful links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zg982nb>

## **Drama**

We will be exploring ways in which we can communicate, with the emphasis on teamwork. This will include building trust as a class.

## **Interventions**

Personal Development; including human rights, protected characteristics, wellbeing and celebrating World Science day.

Independent living; prepare a shopping list, visit a supermarket and pay for items with the correct money, prepare a simple meal, prepare a hot drink and use a washing machine.

Useful link:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/10\\_easy\\_recipes\\_for\\_kids](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/10_easy_recipes_for_kids)

## **PE**

In PE this half term year 7 students will be participating in a range of activities including: throw tennis, gymnastics and end ball.

## **Maths**

Across the stages, this term focuses on Geometry, Time and Money (Stages A-D) or Algebra (Stage E and F).

Underpinning this is our aim to develop each student's confidence, fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Useful links:

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://sso.prodigygame.com/game/login>

## **Science**

In Year 7 Science this half-term we will be studying the topic Particles, Models and Solutions. This topic gives an introduction to the thinking about atoms being the things that make up everything. 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.

Useful link: BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p>

## **Computing**

Programming Essentials in Scratch:

This unit is the first programming unit of KS3. The aim of this unit and a second programming unit to be delivered later in the year is to build students' confidence and knowledge of key programming constructs. such as sequencing, variables, selection, and count-controlled iteration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOT7zuxElgw>

## **The Arts and PE**

**Art** - Still Life (Mondrian)

**Music** - In music this half term year 7's will be exploring *steps and leaps* on the keyboards through popular performance pieces such as 'Eastenders' and 'In the Hall of the Mountain King'.

**Practical PE**- Throw Tennis, Gymnastics, End Ball, and Seated Volleyball

## **Homework**

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

## **Getting in touch**

We want to make sure that your child's time in Year 7 is as positive as it can be so please get in touch with us if you have any worries or concerns. We love to find out about achievements that have happened outside school. Your child will have a planner which they are expected to bring in and take home every day, so you can write any notes in here for us, as these are checked daily.

It is quickest to use email or, if urgent, to phone the school and ask that we phone back:

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