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A Happy New Year to all the Year 8 families! The Year 8 team and myself are very much looking forward to a new term of teaching our class. Thank you for all the lovely messages and gifts you sent at the end of last term, we were both very touched and enjoyed opening them on Christmas morning!

English

In English this term, we will be looking at Shakespeare and Romeo and Juliet. We will be learning about who Shakespeare was and themes of Romeo and Juliet. Students will have the opportunity to either perform or/and direct an extract from Romeo and Juliet to perform in front of the class.

You can always help by reading together, either aloud or just encouraging them to make time to read at home. We will be using the school library regularly and will also have a book box that relates to our learning in the classroom. The best homework is to read regularly and this will have the greatest impact on progress, regardless of how fluently they are able to read.

Useful Links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrxwy9q>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfdj6sg/articles/zwdybqt#z6fc8p3>

RSHE

We will be exploring and discussing the following topics: Positive Relationships, Relationship Values, Forming and maintaining respectful relationships

Philosophy and Ethics

During this term, students will be learning about Pressure Groups, Media and Censorship

Maths

In Maths we will be looking at the topics of Addition and Subtraction as well as Multiplication and Division. Students will continue to work on Maths in the groups that provide them with the right

amount of challenge and support. Students are able to practice their times tables using TTRockstars (the link is included below)

Science

In Science this half-term Year 8 will be studying the topic Waves, Light and Sound. This Physics topic gives an introduction to Waves, compares the differences between light and sound and identifies uses of both.

Art

In Art lessons, year 8 students will be exploring landscape art, while considering the work of artists, including Turner and Goldsworthy. The artists chosen reflect a gentler and more sensitive approach to the land and ask questions about sustainability and climate change. Students will develop skills in line, shape and perspective while working with a variety of materials to create realistic and imagined landscapes.

P.E

In practical PE this half term year 8 students will be learning about Badminton and Fun Fitness.

Music

In music this term, students will be looking at the history of British Folk music and learning to arrange their own folk cover. We will explore a variety of traditional folk instruments including the fiddle, bodhran and penny whistle. We will be listening to artists such as Mumford and Sons, Kate Rusby and the Pogues.

Drama

This half term, using a classroom set text, we will be developing our social and communication skills through characterisation and role-play.

Homework

In Year 8, homework for core subjects will be encouraged. It has the most impact when it is relevant and curriculum related and whenever possible, we will seek to ensure it relates to some aspect of our classroom learning. Please speak to me if you think your child could manage more or needs less!

If you have any questions or want to let us know about anything your young person is achieving or concerned about outside of school or at home, please do let me know. We will be delighted to work together and it is very important to us to see your whole child, not just their school bit!

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