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The Year 8 team and myself are very much looking forward to a new term of teaching our class. This is a short term but packed with lots of fun and interesting learning!

English

In English this term, the students will be learning about Charles Dickens and the book Oliver Twist. Students will read Oliver Twist as well as watch an adaptation. Students will produce fact files about Charles Dickens and explain why he was so important to Britain, improve their knowledge of descriptive and figurative language to describe and analyse characteristics of the main characters of Oliver Twist.

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.

Important resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4j32sg>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52669132>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zrpw47h>

RSHE

We will be exploring and discussing the following topics: Learning Skills, Choices and Pathways, Work and Career and Employment.

Philosophy and Ethics

During this term, students will be learning about Buddhism.

Maths

In Maths we will be looking at the topic of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. 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)

<https://trockstars.com/>

Humanities

Humanities will have a **History** focus for the rest of the spring term. We will be focusing on an exciting topic - The Industrial Revolution. This includes cotton production, steam engines, iron, coal and looking at children in the workplace.

Through this topic we will be recapping some of our geographical ideas of urbanisation and industrialisation.

Once again we will be putting our Historian hats on and looking at sources and evidence to consider continuity and change!

Useful link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm7qtfr/articles/z6kg3j6#zsqk4xs>

Science

In Science this half-term Year 8 will be finishing off the Waves topic, then studying Inheritance and Selection. This Biology topic introduces ideas about how species are formed and how they are different. Students will also be introduced to DNA, genetics and genetic diseases.

Computer Science

In Computer Science this half term, students will be developing their skills on vector graphics. For Vector graphics students will be using **Google Drawings**. To familiarise students with Google Drawing, here is a link for them to practice out using the program -

<https://support.google.com/docs/answer/179740?hl=en-GB&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop>

Art

In art lessons, year 8 students will continue to explore landscape art, while considering the work of artists, including Turner and Goldsworthy. Students will combine what they have learnt about line, shape and perspective to create a landscape final piece.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrnb9ty#z24n3qt>

PE

In practical PE this half term year 8 students will be learning about volleyball and table tennis.

Music

We will be learning to play the Ukulele and working towards a performance.

Drama

This half term, using a classroom set text (Romeo and Juliet), we will be developing our social and communication skills through characterisation and role-play focussing on conflict.

Homework

In Year 8, homework will be encouraged but optional. 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!

All homework assignments will be placed within Google Classroom.

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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