



Year 7 Curriculum - Spring Term

In order to support your child with their studies, we have put together a brief summary of the topics/themes which they will be studying this term in Year 7.

How could I use this to support my child?

- Start a conversation about one of the topics and see what they know
- If you have time, and it is possible, visit somewhere relating to the topic
- Choose a book which has similar themes or topics which your child could read.

Personal Development Time



- **How do people identify with themselves and others?**
Students will explore equality and diversity themes.
- **How do our bodies change during puberty?**
Students will learn about how hormones change and how they need to adapt their lifestyles during puberty.
- **What does it mean to be a Christian?**
Students will investigate the fundamentals of Christianity

English



Students will explore the theme of childhood through a range of texts and performances.

- Oliver Twist (play)
- William Blake poetry – The Chimney Sweeper
- Different views of childhood across time

Extending Learning : Read the novel Oliver Twist together and discuss characters and themes.

Mathematics



Students will develop confidence and accuracy in core mathematical skills.

- Solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Using operations and equations with directed numbers
- Solving problems involving fractions

Extending Learning : Encourage regular practice using mental maths or real-life problems

Science



Students will investigate key scientific ideas through practical work and discussion.

- Energy (including thermal energy)
- Particle theory (properties of matter)
- Cells and microscopes (cells and organisation)
- Forces (mechanics and materials)

Extending Learning : Discuss how science applies to everyday life, such as energy use at home.

Geography



Students will explore global development and environmental challenges.

- How the world is developing
- Weather and climate challenges
- Africa as an example of a diverse continent

Extending Learning : Watch the Michael Palin documentary on Nigeria (Channel 5) and discuss what your child learns.

History



Students will learn about key events and beliefs in medieval England.

- The Norman Conquest and why William was known as “the Conqueror”
- Medieval religion and the power of the Church

Extending learning: Visit Bolton Abbey or Fountains Abbey to explore medieval history first-hand.

Art



Students will continue to build their drawing and creative skills.

- Developing drawing techniques using the alphabet approach:
 - D – Depth
 - E – Expressive drawing
 - F – Freehand drawing & Form
 - G – Grid drawing

Extending Learning : Encourage sketching at home using everyday objects.

Sport



Students will develop physical skills, teamwork, and fitness.

- Table tennis: forehand and backhand strokes
- Gymnastics: creating routines to music
- Fitness training: the 11 components of fitness

Extending Learning : Try simple fitness activities, research table tennis rules, or watch a gymnastics performance together.

French



Students will continue to develop confidence & accuracy in core language skills.

- **Vocabulary:** feelings, dates, more numbers
- **Phonics:** a, r, eu, ai, è
- **Grammar:** concept of present/past tenses, adjective agreement, the verb *être* (to be)

Extending Learning : Watch Inside Out in French (Vice Versa) to hear familiar language used in context.

Spanish



Students will continue to develop confidence & accuracy in core language skills.

- **Vocabulary:** feelings, dates, more numbers
- **Phonics:** y, -r/-r-, a
- **Grammar:** concept of tenses, adjective agreement, the verbs *estar/ser* (to be)

Extending Learning : Watch Inside Out in Spanish (Del Revés) to hear familiar language used in context.

Computing



Students will develop problem-solving and basic programming skills.

- Using flowcharts to plan solutions
- Understanding sequence and decision making
- Writing simple programs using commands, variables, and text output

Extending learning: Encourage logical thinking through puzzles or coding games.

Music



Students will continue to develop their musical understanding and performance skills.

- Vocal skills and understanding the importance of voice in music
- Keyboard skills, which will be developed throughout Key Stage 3

Extending Learning : Encourage listening to a range of music styles and discussing what they hear.

Drama



Students will build confidence and performance skills.

- Developing basic drama techniques
- Superheroes: characterisation and drama devices
- Shakespeare’s The Tempest (script and ensemble work)

Extending Learning : Watch a live or recorded performance and discuss characters and storytelling.

Food and Nutrition



Students will learn basic cooking skills with a focus on food hygiene and safety.

- Preparing simple dishes, including:
 - Fruit salad
 - Pizza toast
 - Rainbow salad
 - Breakfast burrito
 - Oaty cookies

Extending Learning : Encourage your child to help prepare meals safely at home.

Design Technology

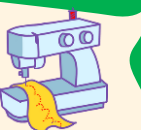


Students will learn how to work safely and accurately in the workshop.

- Students will be making their own model “Blockhead”
- Designing and making a wooden souvenir
- Inspired by British designer Morag Myerscough

Extending Learning : Talk about design choices in everyday objects.

Textiles



Students will explore fabric skills and simple electronics.

- Health and safety in textiles
- Basic embroidery and appliqué techniques
- Incorporating simple electronics into a product
- Designing and making their own “e” cuff light up wristband

Extending Learning : Practise simple stitching at home or look at textile products together.