



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.

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



In Sport, students will rotate between different sports during the course of the year. During term 1, students will develop knowledge, skills and understanding in the following: Group 3: Cricket, netball and rugby. Group 1: Athletics (endurance training), basketball and table tennis. Group 2: Ultimate frisbee, fitness and volleyball. Extending Learning: Develop your understanding of the rules for each sport.

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 explore the art of characterisation by examining how performers create believable and engaging characters. Through practical drama activities, improvisation, and scripted work, they will develop their ability to portray a range of characters with confidence and creativity.

Extended Learning: Observe a character in a film, television programme, or theatre performance and identify three choices that make them memorable and believable.

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

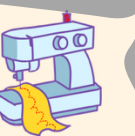


Students will learn how to work safely and accurately in the workshop.

- 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.

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