

Year 7

Spring Term 2



Falcon



Eagle



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Subject	Focus
English	This half term the students will be studying Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare exploring the themes of rivalry, love and destiny. The students will be exposed to Shakespearian language and compose poems, journalistic accounts and longer writing pieces.
Mathematics	In maths we will use negative numbers in a variety of different representations, including real-life contexts and more abstractly with concrete manipulatives and written notation. We will also build upon our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. Providing more experience of equivalence of fractions with any denominators, and to introduce the addition and subtraction of fractions.
Science	In our Science lessons, we will be focusing upon forces around us and how they effect motion. This will include using force meters to measure resistance and friction, making parachutes to test air resistance and also looking at aerodynamics and streamlining.
R.E.	Using the book of Job we will explore the question of what do people do when thing get hard. We will ponder the question of suffering and how faith can be a source of comfort to those in difficult times.
Art / DT	We will continue with our use of clay and 3D materials to build sculptures before moving on to collage work.
Theme	We are focusing upon the changes that happened in England because of the Norman conquest in 1066 and how this affected the monarchy. We will examine the Battle of Hastings and ask what can we find out from the Bayeux Tapestry about the actual events.
I.C.T.	This half term we will be using Excel spreadsheets to create calculation for real life events such as party planning. The students will learn to use formulas within cells to perform those calculations and then have the opportunity to see it printed out in various graphing models.
P.E.	As the weather is getting nicer both out P.E. sessions will be outdoors. We will be learning how to play handball and . Remember that you will need to bring in your using PE kit both outdoor and indoor (if the weather is bad).
Music	We will be using SoundTrap to create a track for the Capulet's ball from 'Romeo and Juliet'.
French	Continuing our topic on daily routines and looking at ordering food in readiness for our French trip.
Forest School	This half term year 7 will be involved with forest school on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Everyone will get the chance to light a fire and build camp structures from natural materials. We are also creating clay from soil and slip; from this we hop to create our own structures.

Inspire, Discover, Achieve

Homework

As you know, all students are given homework on a weekly basis. This consists of Maths, Spelling and English along with fortnightly Reading. This will be set on a Friday on Google Classroom and must be 'handed in' on the following Wednesday. This half term the children will get a three-week extended 'Showcase' piece – based on our topic of 'Romeo and Juliet'. Though they will have the full three-weeks we would like to see work submitted as and when it is completed.

Trips

Think Tank

We are looking forward to extending our knowledge and skills in science buy visiting the Think Tank in Birmingham on the **31 March 2022**. Please make sure that permission forms and payment have been completed online.

French Trip

Thinking ahead to our very exciting Year 7 residential trip to Paris, which will take place from **Tuesday 7th June to Friday 10th June 2022**. Please ensure passports, GHIC/EHIC and Covid vaccinations are up to date.

Reading

We ask that the children regularly at home, at least 3 times a week, and that parents/carers talk to the children about what they have read.

Reading at home can include anything that interests your child. This could include magazines, newspapers or a book that they have read even if it isn't their school book.