

YEAR 7 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW - HALF TERM 1

Please find below a summary of the curriculum being covered in each subject this half term. The curriculum pages on our website also have further information: <https://www.maltonschool.org/essential-information/statutory-information/curriculum/>

English	Students will be exploring the topic of 'School Life'. Using persuasive techniques to engage the reader, they will produce a prospectus for the Malton School Website which they will present in class.
Maths	Students will focus on Number Sense which will include basic arithmetic, understanding Fractions, Decimals and also Percentages in building on and consolidating the work completed at KS2.
Science	Students will learn how to work safely in the lab, including how to light a Bunsen Burner and make use of safety equipment. Students then follow a rotation of units starting with learning about cells and how these are organised into tissues and organ systems and also looking at the effects of forces acting between objects.
Art	Students will learn how to gather research on the botanical artist Maria Sibylla Merian within 'The Bug Project'. Their initial research will be produced using a range of different media.
Citizenship	Students will learn about the importance of a growth mindset. They will look at the importance of respecting other people's beliefs and culture and also about how to deal positively with authority. They will learn about how to identify and manage bullying including cyberbullying and the importance of the bystander.
Computing	Students will complete an Introduction to Computing unit which develops basic skills such as file management, downloading files from the internet and using email on a desktop pc. It will also involve developing skills in MS PowerPoint, Publisher and Word.
Drama	Students will be exploring the topic of 'Creating Drama'. They will be introduced to the three tools of the Actor: Voice, Body Language and Facial Expressions as well as mask work and creating short performances.
DT	Students will be looking at health and safety in the workshop as well as getting used to working with basic machinery and hand tools. Students will then complete an earphone wrap project and begin to develop their designing and research skills.
French	Students will focus on phonics and pronunciation, whilst consolidating their previous language knowledge by learning areas such as greetings, numbers, days and months, animals and colours.
Food	Students will be looking at Health and safety and knife skills as well as completing basic practicals. Self-evaluation forms will be being set for homework.
Geography	Students will be introduced to Geographical terms and develop an understanding of how Malton is connected to the wider world. They will also complete a homework project called a 'Passport to Geography', practicing their skills independently.
History	Students will be introduced to the study of History and the key skills involved. They will be looking at prehistoric Yorkshire and exploring the evidence that we can use to find out what it was like.
Music	Students will be on the Circle of Fifths. This involves understanding musical intentions behind a variety of genres of music. Students will learn to be able to write and perform a basic melody within a key.
PE	Within Games lessons students will be taking part in either Badminton or Hockey, whilst in PE lessons students will be taking part in either Dance, Rugby or Netball. Students will be developing core skills and techniques in both skill-based practices and conditioned/competitive games.
RE	Students will be looking at the difference between facts, beliefs and opinions. They will then be looking at whether we need to prove God's existence.
Homework Club	Staff are available to support students within homework club which will be operating in Room 11 (West Wing) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.15pm to 5.00pm.
Literacy	Students will begin work on the Accelerated Reader programme by taking the Star Reader test. This will then determine their reading level so that they can start reading, quizzing and achieving rewards.
Numeracy	Students will be working on Sparx Maths in form time one day a week and are also encouraged to use the Independent Learning section in Sparx to work on their Maths skills within their own time. Students collect XP points across the year and may receive rewards if they are in the top 20 students within the year group.
Extra-Curricular	Updates are posted on the school website.

Important Dates this half term:	Yr6 Open Evening Thursday 28 th September - Early school finish at 2pm Yr7 team building day Friday 29 th September Yr7 Transition Event with tutors Wednesday 25 th October
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