

YEAR 7 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW - HALF TERM 5

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 study a unit on literature and the natural world where they will explore a range of different narrative perspectives linked to nature and the environment, including the novel 'October, October' by Katya Balen and the writing of James Herriot.
Maths	Students will develop their understanding of angles and using problem solving skills to be able to find unknown angles. They will then spend time handling data and understanding statistical diagrams, develop their understanding of averages and start to collect/analyse data and use tables and charts such to represent this. Students will then be working on problem solving proportion word problems with the aim of developing their deciphering skills.
Science	Students will be completing their work on Atoms, Elements, Acids and Alkalis and will be moving on to learn about Waves and Ecology.

Art	Students will be analysing a painting and revisiting colour theory through studying the work of Van Gogh. They will be developing their drawing techniques – to show emotions and also completing digital drawing tasks looking at David Hockney's iPad work.
Citizenship	Students will be developing their leadership and teamwork skills whilst learning how to manage conflict and de-escalate situations. They will also look at how they and their school can play a positive role in the local community.
Computing	Students will commence working on a Programming Unit where they will be shown how to use Python to carry out programming tasks. This unit will introduce and develop basic programming skills in preparation for the year 9 and also KS4 Computer Science.
Drama	Students will be exploring the world of Superheroes, the conventions of the genre, costume design and creating new and exciting characters. Students will be introduced to the basics of stage combat as well as effective use of camera and editing to create short superhero movie trailers.
DT	Students will continue to develop their skills working with basic machinery and hand tools through their earphone wrap project which requires them to also use of their design and research skills.
French	Students will learn vocabulary for food and be able to give opinions on it. They will also be completing a cultural project on French food.
Food	Students will be looking at Health and safety, knife skills and basic practical's allowing them to grow in confidence when working in food technology.
Geography	Students will learn how rivers shape the landscape and about the causes of flooding and how it can be managed.
History	Students will be looking at the Silk Road and how this enabled the spread of trade and ideas. There will be a focus on the expansion of the Mongol Empire and Mansa Musa.
Music	Students will start to explore protest songs. They will also look at graphical scores and The Blues.
PE	In their Games lesson, students will be taking part in either Cricket/softball, Tennis or Rounders whilst in PE lessons, students will be taking part in Athletics. Students will be developing core skills and techniques in each of these activities in both skill-based practices and conditioned/competitive games. Students will be introduced to some of the basic rules involved in these activities and as well as demonstrating basic movement skills, start to analyse others' performances.
RE	Students will be looking at what it means to be spiritual and how this can be expressed through music and art.

Homework Club	Staff are available to support students within homework club which operates in Room 11 (West Wing) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.15pm to 5.00pm.
Literacy	Students are now used to using the Accelerated Reader programme in lessons and through their independent reading. To support your child with this programme, please have a look at: https://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Parents-Guide-to-Renaissance.pdf
Numeracy	Students work 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:

Half Term 5 starts Monday 8th April
School photos Tuesday 9th April
Parent's evening Wednesday 10th April
Bank holiday Monday 6th May
End of term Friday 24th May

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