

Year 8
Overview of
Learning

This term we are learning about
"What's around the corner?"



Our Change Maker principle, this
term is 'Positivity'



English	Maths	Science	Computing & Careers	PSHE/RSE
<p>In English lessons this term, Year 8 young people will continue their study of Lemony Snicket's <i>A Bad Beginning</i>, focusing on developing both their reading and writing skills through this engaging and thought-provoking text. The novel provides opportunities to explore descriptive language techniques, such as similes, metaphors, and pathetic fallacy. Allowing young people to understand how these elements create atmosphere, develop characterisation, and engage readers. Building on this, they will practise analytical writing using the PEEZLE structure (Point, Evidence, Explanation, Zoom-in, Link, Effect), which helps them organise their ideas and express their interpretations clearly and effectively. In addition to analytical skills, young people will also develop their creative writing by composing their own</p>	<p>Group B - Maths ELC 1</p> <p>Students will learn to be able to: know the days of the week and their order. know the months of the year and their order. know the seasons of the year and their order.</p> <p>Using common measures, shape and space Describe and make comparisons in words between measures of items including size, length, width, height Identify and recognise common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including circle, cube, rectangle (including square) and triangle Use every day positional vocabulary to describe position and direction, including left, right, in front, behind, under and above Handling information and data</p>	<p>This half term young people will be exploring chemical reactions.</p> <p>They will carefully carry out and observe a wide variety of different chemical reactions, learning how to differentiate between a chemical reaction and a physical change and recognise the signs that a chemical reaction has taken place.</p> <p>We will look more deeply into exothermic and endothermic reactions, oxidation, displacement and thermal decomposition reactions, using knowledge to make predictions about reactivity and investigate how to reduce rusting.</p> <p>Learners will also delve into the reactivity series of metals and apply their</p>	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p>Students will learn some of the basics of programming through the Scratch block editor</p> <p>They will learn how to use loops, variables and conditional statements.</p> <p>In doing this they will develop a simple game that they can play online</p> <p><u>Careers</u></p> <p>Students will explore a range of topics around "the workplace". They will explore strategies for resolving conflict and try to apply these to some real-life scenarios they are likely to encounter. They will also explore some local Job Market Information to gain an understanding of</p>	<p>Students will learn about: Community and careers, Equality of opportunity in careers and life choices, and different types and patterns of work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. about equality of opportunity in life and work 2. how to challenge stereotypes and discrimination in relation to work and pay 3. about employment, self-employment and voluntary work 4. how to set aspirational goals for future careers and challenge expectations that limit choices <p><u>Personal Development</u></p> <p>We are planning exciting trips to the Royal Armouries enriching experiences that combine fun and learning. Additionally, we are hosting a School Sleepover, which</p>

<p>descriptive paragraphs. They will apply the techniques studied in the novel to create their own descriptive pieces. The term will also place an emphasis on reading for pleasure, encouraging young people to engage with texts independently, and on improving reading skills such as inference, summarising, and analysing a writer's intent.</p>	<p>Read numerical information from lists Sort and classify objects using a single criterion Read and draw simple charts and diagrams, including a tally chart, block diagram/graph</p>	<p>knowledge and understanding to explain why tin cans are the choice for coca cola manufactures.</p>	<p>the types of work more commonly available in the local area</p>	<p>promises to be a fun and memorable experience for all involved.</p> <p>During Parliament Week, our Pupil Parliament members will have the unique opportunity to connect with MPs and members of the House of Lords, learning first-hand about democracy and government processes.</p> <p>Special events</p> <p>Remembrance Day Air Ambulance Assembly Visual Impairment Awareness Workshop</p>
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Geography & History	Art and DT	PE & Music	MFL & RE
<p><u>Geography</u></p> <p>This half term students will learn about different biomes. This will cover the differences between weather and climate and the different global climate zones. Students will study climate graphs to identify the average rainfall and temperatures of each zone.</p> <p>From here students will move on to look at the 8 different land biomes and the various plants and animals that have adapted to life in those habitats</p> <p><u>History</u></p> <p>This half term students will start by learning about the development of different modes of travel during the Industrial Revolution, starting with the development of turnpike road and then moving onto canals and railways.</p> <p>From here students will move onto crime in Industrial London at the turn of the last century. Students will look at the development of the first organised police force and developments in forensic science and then complete a case study on Jack the Ripper</p>	<p><u>DT - Woodwork</u></p> <p>Students will spend this term creating a set of Christmas themed decorations for sale in the upcoming Christmas Fayre. This will include various opportunities to further develop their skills in using a range of hand and power tools</p> <p><u>Art</u></p> <p>Introduction to Michael Wilford and his significant architectural contributions. Students explore several major projects such as the Lowry Centre in Manchester, discussing the unique aspects of his designs like the use of colour and geometric forms. They will have the opportunity to create their own architectural creations during the half term.</p>	<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>Students will learn about the origins of rock n' roll, jazz and blues from its African roots. They will play a variety of instruments while learning songs from these genres and experiment with improvisation and composition.</p> <p><u>PE</u></p> <p>In this term of Dance, pupils will learn to create and remember short pieces of choreography and be able to demonstrate proper dance techniques with a range of different styles. They will also be able to tell a story with their dancing movements and improve their synchronization movements by doing a grouped dance.</p>	<p><u>MFL</u></p> <p>Students will be learning all about ordering food and drink from a cafe, and having conversations linked to this process.</p>