

English

This half term we will be continuing studying the Novella, Animal Farm.

We will be looking at the historical significance and fallout from the book as well analysing key sections.

Symbolism will be looked at in greater detail and how this looked in Russia during this period.

Students will be learning SPAG skills alongside the Novel study with the ultimate goal of a book review for their extended write.

RE

This half term in RE we will be looking at the religion of Christianity in more detail. We will discuss the importance of places of worship and what that means to us, how we think God should be and the correct use of the bible. We will also spend some time learning more about Christmas!

Music

This half term we will be learning about Blues music. Pupils will explore the history and context of the Blues, listen to and analyse famous Blues songs and will learn to play a blues scale and simple I, IV, V chord progression.

Science

Pupils in Middle School will be learning about the periodic table, atoms, elements, compounds at mixtures. They will be investigating different chemical reactions and the properties of different materials. Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in experiments and use the lab equipment to build their working scientifically skills.

ICT

This half term students will continue studying the topic: Using Computers Safely, Effectively, and Responsibly. Following this module students will study a unit titled: 'Understanding Computers'. In this unit students will learn about the components that make up a computer (hardware & software), explore a range of storage devices and their function, learn about binary code, perform simple binary arithmetic in addition to investigating convergence in IT whilst exploring new technologies.

Humanities

In History this half-term we will be entering the Stuart era. We will learn about the lead up, events, and consequences of the English Civil War.

In Geography we will be exploring weather. We will cover topics such as the causes of different weather around the UK, types of extreme weather, and why Manchester is wetter than most places in the UK.

Art

Creating and illustrating our own anthropomorphic characters in the style of Ryan Berkley and Beatrix Potter. We will be exploring collage, painting, drawing, transferring, and illustrating narratives.

Health and Wellbeing

This half term the focus will be Invasion Games, with the main activity being Basketball. Students will focus on a range of catching and throwing skills as well as different principles of attack and defence. This will include being able receive, dribble, and stop a ball successfully as well as being able to manipulate the ball to travel towards a target. Students will have the opportunity to learn the different terminology and rules used in basketball as well as play small sides games.

Maths

This half-term we will continue our work on addition and subtraction.

We will then be moving on to explore multiplication and division. Depending on the appropriate level this will range from being able to recognise and make equal groups, to dividing and multiplying by different numbers and working with prime, squared and cubed numbers.

PHSE

This half-term our topic is 'Developing Respect for Beliefs.' This will encompass discrimination, prejudice and stereotypes and exploring how we can develop equality and diversity in school and other places.