

Autumn Term 1

Year 8

	Assessment	Home Learning
How should I plan my time?	Students think hard and answer lots of questions every lesson. Students practice and get feedback on their work. Exams: No formal exams this half term.	Once launched: Due every Thursday at 4pm: 1 hour Sparx Maths 1 hour Sparx English Due every Friday at 4pm: 1 hour Sparx Science

Subject	What are students learning in lessons?	What could students do to extend their learning and develop their character?
Art	Impressionism: study Monet's painting techniques, develop different brushstroke skills and colour mixing.	Be curious: find out more about Impressionism. There are Monet works in The National Gallery.
Computer Science	Computer Hardware and Software: computer components, types of software and how the operating system manages them.	Be curious: Research what components are contained in the first ever iMac.
Drama	Slapstick: exploration of comedy and mime and how we can use our bodies and facial expressions to communicate a funny scene.	Be curious: develop your understanding of slapstick by watching some original episodes of Mr Bean.
English	Much Ado About Nothing: Shakespearean play learning characterisation and what makes a comedy.	Be curious: research the life of Shakespeare and his legacy.
Food Technology	Food safety: key temperatures for storing and cooking food. Eatwell Guide: micronutrients, vegetarian curry.	Be creative: how could the curry recipe be adapted to cover all the requirements of the Eatwell guide?
French	Holidays: destinations, transport, accommodation and activities.	Be ambitious: plan a holiday to a French speaking country including, activities, accommodation and transport.

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Geography	Population: human and physical factors influencing population distribution, causes and impacts of migration.	Demonstrate respect: reflect on how we can show kindness and humility towards our peers who have or have family who have migrated to the UK.
History	Tudor England: the diversity of the Tudors as a result of migration. Tudor Religious crisis: criticisms of the Catholic Church and the break from Rome.	Be curious: research Diego and the Golden Hind.
Maths	Powers and roots. Prime factorisation. Rounding - significant figures. Fractions - multiplying and dividing.	Be determined: how many square, cube and prime numbers you can memorise?
Music	Blues: 12 bar Blues, walking bass lines, 7th chords.	Be curious: listen to some modern blues music. Do you have a favourite piece?
Physical Education	Each set will study one of the following sports: netball, rugby, table tennis, badminton, trampolining, football or handball. For each sport students learn: preparation, execution, follow through for skills, basic rules of the sport, competitive gameplay.	Be Curious: Watch or track live sport. On now: Womens Rugby World Cup, World Athletics Championships, Womens Cricket World Cup or the Ryder Golf Cup.
PSHCE	Mental health and wellbeing: signs and symptoms of mental illness, 5 ways to wellbeing, strategies to cope with anxiety, inclusion, safeguarding awareness.	Demonstrate 5 ways to wellbeing: connect, be active, take notice, keep learning, give.
Religious Studies	Islam: the life and significance of the Prophet Muhammad, and the core beliefs and practices of Muslims today.	Be curious: research the Five Pillars of Islam.
Science	Heating and Cooling: temperature and temperature changes, conduction and convection. Earth and the Atmosphere: structure of the earth, rock formation and the Earth's atmosphere.	Be creative: make your own model of the Earth's layers and structures.
Spanish	Holidays: destinations, transport, accommodation, activities.	Be ambitious: plan an holiday to a Spanish speaking country including, activities, accommodation and transport.