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My Communication

Communication and Comprehension

This term we are reading poems about Conflict and War.

While reading, we will complete a range of activities and tasks to improve our comprehension and understanding of topics words.

Students will also complete different writing tasks based on the poems we are reading including writing their own poems.

To develop our functional reading and writing, students will also be practicing reading and writing for different purposes including reading in the community and sharing personal information to access job opportunities and services in the future.

Some students will also learn about the language techniques used bin the poems we will be reading such as rhyming, similes and metaphors.

Ways you can help your child:

- Encourage students to read books of their choice at home to promote a pleasure for reading
- When reading, engage in discussions about what you have read such as what has happened already?
 What is your favourite part and why? What might happen next? Can you describe a character in the book in your own words?

My Body

Physical Education

In PE this term, students will taking part in yoga sessions

These sports will support students to improve their core strength, balance and stability.

Students will learn about the importance of stretches, relaxation and mindfulness as part of yoga.

Students will also have opportunities to learn about the effects of exercise of their bodies and how to maintain healthy lifestyles.

Duke of Edinburgh

This term in Duke of Edinburgh lessons, we are working towards the physical and skills modules. Students have chosen to take part in weekly running or table tennis sessions to develop their fitness. We are all taking part in an upcycling project this term.

Ways you can help your child:

- Discuss rules in different sports such as football or cricket if watching at home.
- Encourage students to explore different ways to keep fit and healthy outside of school

My Independence

Skills for Life and Food Technology

All students will have weekly practical cooking sessions this term. Within these lessons, students will be following recipes, measuring ingredients and using a range of kitchen equipment to create both savoury and sweet dishes and snacks.

Students will also have theory lessons to learn about food safety and hygiene, planning nutritious meals and shopping for ingredients.

Work Related Learning and Enterprise

All students are taking part in an enterprise project this term, these will be directed by the students and they will have opportunities to choose their own projects to raise money.

We part of these lessons, we will also be learning about careers and the world of work. This will include learning about different careers and jobs, what is expected of us at work and applying these skills during our enterprise projects to ensure we are all working to a good standard ready to share our products to sell.

Ways you can help your child:

- Discuss different careers or jobs that interest your child.
- Encourage students to cook at home. This could be making their own drinks and snacks or supporting cooking larger meals.

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My Cognition My Creativity My Community Religious Education and Cultural Development Art and Design Maths We are learning about the role of religion in peace and In the first half term, we will be taking part in an Our topic this term in Maths is timetables. This includes Enterprise project. Students will be creating their own conflict and our school value 'innovate' our Cultural developing an understanding of the concept of time, and Development lessons this term. applying their learning to reading a range of timetables in photo frames using deco page to present portraits from their setting, at home and in the community. the Autumn term. We will be looking at different beliefs and looking at whether religion is a power for peace or if it causes Students will also be developing other maths skills After half term, out topic is Mexican Art. Students will be including place value, using the 4 operations and learning about art in Mexico, their celebrations and conflict. We will also be looking at our school values and how we applying these skills through worded problems. creating pieces of artwork to celebrate the Mexican strive to achieve them. culture. Science, History and Geography As part of the 'innovate' topic, students will be taking part in a LEGO project alongside the whole school. Alongside our weekly Duke of Edinburgh lessons, we will Ways you can help your child: have sessions to focus on horticulture; maintaining our Choose a country to research at home. Learn about Our topics this term for PSHE include consent, allotment area at the Hive. their culture, the artwork and celebrations for your contraception and parenthood. chosen country. Computing Students will learn about the importance of seeking consent and how to withdraw their consent and In Computing, our key focusses this term will be E-Safety respecting other peoples' feelings and decisions. and the world of work. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe when using the internet; including Students will learn about different types of contraception when using computer, phones and gaming consoles. We and how to keep healthy during a pregnancy. will also explore our online presence and how to maintain a positive online presence as we grow older. We will look at online banking and shopping and the use of digital Ways you can help your child: money. Encourage students and the family to discuss Ways you can help your child: events in the news and how we can support each other. Support children to manage times throughout their Offer support and guidance during social times day. with familiar and unfamiliar people Discuss how to stay safe online including using Incorporate opportunities to discuss consent at phones, laptops and gaming consoles. home and in the community and what this might Encourage children to spend time outdoors and help look like for your young person.

with any gardening projects, litter picking in their local

community or other ways to improve their local	
environment.	

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