

Year 8 Half Term 6 Topics

ENGLISH

Students will be studying 'Tales of the Unexpected', a range of short stories and poems with various plot twists! They will be analysing how characters are presented, how tension is created and also experimenting with some creative writing of their own.

MATHS

Block 8- Ratio, proportional reasoning, speed, distance, time, pressure, constructing pie charts, rounding to significant figures, estimation

SCIENCE

Unit 10 - Waves (looking at what a wave is and the different types of wave in our Universe).

GEOGRAPHY

Students will complete the 'wild weather' unit, exploring wild weather around the world including hurricanes and tornadoes in the USA, monsoon rains in Asia and then back to the USA for wildfires. Throughout the unit they will look at causes, effects and management.

LIFE

Media and the Law; what fake news and free press are, the role and power of the police and the purpose of laws

Art

Pop art portraits - facial proportion, facial features

P.E

In P.E. students will build on the skills taught in Athletics (track & field), Cricket (batting & bowling) and Tennis (groundstrokes, volleys & serve)

HISTORY

Completing their work on World War One and whether World War One was the war to end all wars. Students will then move on to question whether World War One ended democracy in Europe. This will include a study of some of the different European leaders and their ideologies during the interwar years.

MUSIC

Popular music - song structure - What's in the lyrics- 4 chord trick - Students will write a song in groups to complete this project

Computer Science

Students are to use Python to write code to solve a range of problems and answer decisions. These will focus on IF Statements.

MFL

Students in Y8 will be describing school and then apply the knowledge of the grammar and structures of this topic to talk about town. At end the school term we will study food and drink, including comparing the eating and drinking habits of Francophone and Hispanic countries and students will enjoy a French or Spanish breakfast in our school canteen.

D.T

Students are doing one of the following projects:
- Y8 food using a range of intermediate food skills
- designing and building an electronic speaker and investigating a design brief
- using CAD/CAM to design and build an acrylic case for a USB drive

DRAMA

Conflict and resolution -
Gangs/stage combat - explores tension, conflict, resolution and the skills of stage combat in creation of a devised piece.

After roll over - Group dynamics and improvisational skills