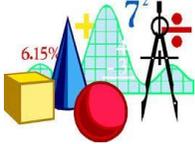


Our learning this half-term... – Year 8

Literacy	Maths	Other subjects
<p>Year 8 will begin the year with a focused study of the novel, <i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins. As well as enjoying the story, they will learn about the array of language and structural techniques used by the writer that makes the text so effective, as well as linking the text to wider themes and contexts. At various points, they will produce their own written responses to the text, as well as their own creative writing pieces.</p> <p>Key words: style, structure, perspective, tone, mood, interpretation, portrayal, dystopia, tension, figurative language, essay, character roles, themes, symbols, context.</p> <p>Key reading skills: identifying increasingly advanced language and structural features; exploring a writer's purpose and intention; describing the effects on the reader succinctly and effectively; recognising how the overall effect of a whole text is created and managed; linking reading to wider themes and contexts.</p> <p>Key writing skills: taking account of context when writing in a role, using advanced figurative language in a controlled manner, managing the flow of information to the reader, structuring a wide range of texts effectively, including essays.</p> <p>How can I help at home? Discuss the text with your child and what has been covered at school; read with your child at home, seeing if links can be made with the text we are studying; encourage your child to be interested in the world around them, including in what is happening in the news; support your child with home learning - including spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>	<p>Negative numbers - comparing and ordering, used in the context of word problems.</p> <p>Order of operations - understand and use BIDMAS</p> <p>Multiplication and Division - using secure written and mental methods.</p> <p>Power and roots - understanding and use of prime factors, finding powers and roots, using simple laws of indices.</p> <p>To support at home, please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encourage mental strategies for multiplication and division - look for and discuss everyday use of negative numbers 	<p>Science - This half term we are covering the key areas of Classifying materials and Respiration.</p> <p>History - This term we will be learning about Britain's role in the settlement of modern day USA with a focus on what happened to the Native Americans</p> <p>Geography - A trip around Asia - this unit focuses on the physical and human geography of Asia including the different climates, land forms and a population study of China, the affect of the one child policy and contrasting with a study of Dharavi, one of the largest slums in India.</p> <p>Computing - Creating a book using Publisher, then using binary and hexadecimal.</p> <p>PE - This half term: Girls will be doing Netball and Health Related Fitness Boys will be doing Rugby and Health Related Fitness The mixed group in 8B, 8C and 8R will be doing Lacrosse and Health Related Fitness</p> <p>MFL - Questions and answers about ourselves and out family in the present tense.</p> <p>Philosophy - Looking at what difference does it make to be an atheist or agnostic in Britain today.</p> <p>Ed for Life - Tackling racism and religious discrimination, promoting human rights. Online relationships.</p> <p>Art - The figure</p> <p>Music - Songs of war, studying music and poetry connected with war, composing and performing of music inspired by war poetry.</p> <p>Design - Each term the pupils rotate round the three subject areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product Manufacture, emergency kits • Food Tech - Advanced skills in family meals • STEM - F1 cars