



Welcome to Spring Term 1 Curriculum Bulletin for Year 9

Subject	What we are learning
English	Students will be studying war literature of the early 20th century, covering poetry, prose and drama texts, as well as learning about the rise of Modernism through the unit - Clashes and Collisions.
Maths	Students will study sequences, inequalities, equations, proportion, circles, Pythagoras' Theorem, prisms and constructions.
Science	Students will be studying physics fundamentals; energy and electricity
Geography	Focusing on the challenge of natural hazards.
History	Exploring how World War 2 impacted on the world then, and how its legacy has continued to impact on the world today
French	Studying language related to plans for the future and embedding the use of three tenses (Past, present, future)
DT Rotation	Art: Exploring Islamic Rngoli patterns, an introduction to Tom Heatherwick, Architecture and Interior Design Textiles: Designing and making face coverings incorporating varying stitch types. Engineering: Design and making of structurally sound paper straw bridges.
Music	Continuing to deepen knowledge and understanding of core music theory concepts. Students will also be practically exploring keyboard skills through performance and composition activities.
Drama	Exploring the genre/style of TiE (Theatre In Education). Developing students access to a range of stimulus and how to respond in a creative and thought provoking way. Building knowledge required at GCSE and A level.
PE	Students will be taking part in football lessons to continue their development in this sport
Computer Science	Students will be starting the planning stage of producing programs- algorithms including flowcharts and pseudocode, this will lead onto to the introduction to Python before half term
Health and Fitness	In the New Year, students will learn about 'training methods' and how these can be used to improve particular components of fitness. This content builds upon their work before Christmas and provides a wider understanding on how people can improve their fitness levels.
PSHE	Legal and Illegal drugs: Drugs alcohol and tobacco
Citizenship	Combatting extremism and terrorism: Conspiracies and extremist narratives. Extremism in all its forms. What is terrorism? Proud to be British. The radicalisation process. Counter terrorism. Anti-semitism

Please: discuss these topics at home, explore them in more depth through reading/watching relevant TV programmes; try new things at home or carry out some research. This will support your child's learning in the classroom.

For more information about these topics see our curriculum webpage:

<https://www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/ks3-curriculum>