



Welcome to Summer Term 1 Curriculum Bulletin for Year 8

Subject	What we are learning
English	Students will be studying, performing and analysing Willy Russell's play, 'Blood Brothers'.
Maths	Calculating with fractions.
Science	Electricity and magnetism - understanding electrical safety and circuits
Geography	Foundations of Earth - rock, weathering and soil.
History	Study Britain's Second Empire and evaluate the transition to Commonwealth
French	Talking about your identity, likes and dislikes and where you live.
DT Rotation	Mechanisms - Using complex materials to manufacture a productive toy to engage young children.
Music	Music for video games - building sequence and development of musical material
Drama	Mugged - reading the full play, discussions around bullying, gang culture and violence.
PE	Practical activities covering striking and fielding and athletic events.
Computer Science	Python Fundamentals- learning to code
RS	War and peace - Students are considering contrasting religious views on war peace and examples of holy war
PHSE	Identity and relationships - LGBTQ+ explored

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>