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Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic Summer break and are looking forward to the start of a new year.

English

This term, Year 9 pupils will study *Blood Brothers*, exploring themes including family, friendship, class, superstition and social inequality. They will analyse characters, language and dramatic techniques, developing their reading, discussion and analytical writing skills while considering how context shapes the play's powerful messages. Pupils will also explore the playwright's intentions, support their ideas with evidence from the text and build confidence in expressing thoughtful, well-structured interpretations.

Maths

In Maths, we are going to continue delivering the White Rose scheme, in accordance with the national curriculum. As a school, we understand one of our core targets is to best prepare pupils for transitioning back into a mainstream setting. As such, we maintain high standards of our pupils, aiming to deliver as close to age-related expectations as possible. Our Maths emphasis is on fluency and practice, and depth over breadth, in order to give our pupils the best chance of success. We will focus on 'Place Value & Proportion' and 'Applications of Number.'

Science

This term, pupils will explore how living things release energy through respiration before investigating heating and cooling. They will carry out practical investigations, explain how heat transfers through different materials, and develop their scientific thinking through experiments and real-life applications.

PSHE

This half term, pupils will explore a range of PSHE topics linked to wellbeing, relationships and living in the wider world. They will discuss how the media and social media can influence thoughts, feelings and relationships, as well as the impact of drugs, alcohol and mental health on wellbeing. Pupils will also learn about responsible finances, the workplace and future careers, alongside the importance of community, volunteering and positive behaviour. These topics aim to build confidence, resilience and the skills needed for everyday life and future success.

Personal Development Programme

This term, pupils will explore how positive classroom cultures are built through respect, teamwork and responsibility. Each session will link directly to our school values of being Ready, Respectful and Resilient while developing communication, resilience, problem-solving and reflection skills. Through practical activities and collaborative challenges, pupils will help create a positive, supportive learning environment where everyone feels valued, safe and able to succeed.

POL-ED



This half term, pupils will explore topics linked to relationships and wellbeing. They will discuss how the media and social media can influence thoughts, feelings and relationships, alongside the effects of drugs, alcohol and harmful online content on mental health. Pupils will also learn about different mental health conditions and consider how relationships and life changes can impact wellbeing. These topics aim to support pupils in developing resilience, self-awareness and positive decision-making skills.

Extra-Curricular

- ◆ Doe Park
- ◆ Character Curriculum
- ◆ Cooking
- ◆ Reward Trips

How you could support your child:

- Show an interest in what your child is learning about
- Ensure they come to school in the right uniform
- Keep in contact with school regarding any relevant issues