



# Year 8 Autumn Term 2024: September – December. What will I be learning?

**English** – This term you will be covering **one** of these three themes – epic journeys, belonging and growing up. This will be explored through **one** of the following books.

**Which texts might I read?**

- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- Holes
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief
- Frankenstein and the Gothic Genre

**What skills will I learn?**

- Recognise what inferences are and how to make them.
- Understand what an article is and how to write one successfully.
- Know how to compare two texts.

**Mathematics**

**What will I be learning?**

Depending on which class you are in you will be focusing on the following topics at different stages of the term:

- Factors and powers
- Powers
- 2D/3D shapes
- Real life graphs
- Number
- Area/volume
- 3D shape
- Statistics
- Expressions and equations

**Science**

**What will I be learning about?**

- The Human Body
- Periodic table
- Health and disease
- Reactions and reactivity
- Exploring space

**PE What will be learning?**

In PE you will be learning and developing your skills in:

- Football
- Rugby
- Netball



**Humanities**

**What will I be learning?**

This term you will be focusing

**History:** Health and Medicine through time. You will about the main causes of disease and illness and the ways treatment and care for patients has changed over the centuries

**Geography:** Development

**PSE/RE:** Hinduism and bullying and discrimination

**Performing Arts**

**Music – Keyboard skills and form & structure**

**What will I be learning?**

Learn about how to perform off beats and syncopated rhythms, reggae music and how to play chords and the bass clef.

Learn about Ska music, semiquavers and perform a part from 3 little birds

Learn about Soca and Salsa.

You will then study African music with specific reference to the Africa Djembe drum. You will then compose your own piece of African music and perform it.

**Drama –**

• You will be looking creating and revisiting characterisation. You will develop your own island community

• Learning how to create melodrama using exaggeration

• Devising, studying Brecht and Berkoff styles of drama, using physical theatre, poetry and a story, direct audience address, multi role playing and statistics to educate and audience about bullying

• Superheroes – creation of, stage fighting, planning and improvising a scene

**French: What will I be learning?**

You will continue to develop your skills about reading, writing, listening and speaking in French through:

- Talking about weather and seasons
- Free time and talking about sports you play
- Discovering sports in French speaking countries
- Talking about what you like to do on the internet
- Talking about television, films, reading and wat you do in different weather

**Spanish What will I be learning?**

You will continue to develop your skills about reading, writing, listening and speaking in Spanish through:

- Talking about a past holiday
- Saying what you did on holiday
- Describing the last day of holiday
- Saying what your holiday was like
- You will learn to say what you use your phone for
- You will develop skills to say which music you like and give a range of opinions
- Talking about television

**Art and Technology**

**Art: In Art you will focus on:**

Jim Dine Heart and Skull Project

This project covers the concept of composition and the golden knowledge of colour theory, focusing on warm and cool colours.

**Technology:**

Food - revisiting macro and micro nutrients

D&T - Workshop – acrylics and wood

Computing -