



St Martins School

SAFE • THOUGHTFUL • MOTIVATED

YEAR 8

AUTUMN TERM 2026

What Will I Be Learning?



ENGLISH

Theme

Epic Journeys,
Belonging or Growing Up

Texts you may study

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

Skills

- ✓ Making inferences
- ✓ Writing effective articles
- ✓ Comparing texts



MATHEMATICS

Topics

- Ratio
- Proportion and scale
- Algebraic manipulation
- Coordinates and graphs
- Multiply and divide fractions
- Symmetry and reflection



SCIENCE

Health and the Human Body

- Breathing and lungs
- Healthy diet
- Digestive system
- Effects of smoking and drugs

Earth and Atmosphere

- Rock cycle
- Carbon cycle
- Climate change

Space

- Planets and gravity
- Seasons
- Stars and galaxies



HUMANITIES

History

- Health and Medicine Through Time



1800 1900 2000

Geography

- Development



PSE / RE

- Hinduism
- Bullying and discrimination



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
- Learning what you use your phone for
- Giving opinions about music
- Talking about television



PERFORMING ARTS

Music

- Keyboard skills
- Form and structure
- Reggae music
- Ska music
- Soca and Salsa
- African drumming (Djembe)
- Composition
- Performance

Drama

- Characterisation
- Creating an island community
- Melodrama
- Brecht and Berkoff
- Bullying awareness performance
- Superheroes and stage combat



PE

Sports

- ✓ Football
- ✓ Rugby
- ✓ Netball



FACT

(Food, Art, Computing & Technology)

Food

- Macro and micro nutrients



Art

- Jim Dine Heart and Skull Project
- Composition
- Colour theory
- Warm and cool colours



Technology

- Acrylics and woodwork



Computing

- Digital technology and computing skills



SAFE

We look after ourselves and others.



THOUGHTFUL

We make good choices and show respect.



MOTIVATED

We aim high and achieve our best.