

Curriculum Update

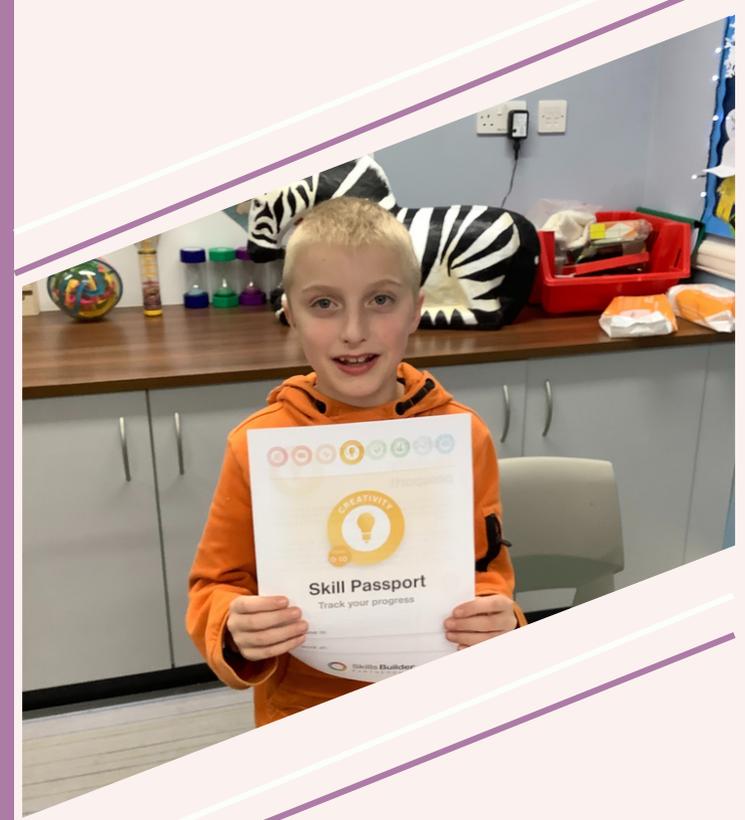
Spring Term 2022

"Happy new year to all of our parents and families. It was lovely to welcome the students back into school last week, and I am very keen to share with you what we are learning in the half term ahead."

Vic Walker, Acting Head of Education



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KEY STAGE 2



'WHO DUNNIT?'

Key Stage 2 have an exciting half term ahead of them as they find out 'Who Dunnit?'.

This experience will culminate with the children using all the skills they have learnt when we invite families into school to help them solve a crime!



IN DETAIL

English

In English they will be learning about and writing mystery stories, this will include some Sherlock Holmes and a brief look at the witches from Macbeth.

Humanities

Humanities will be a whistle-stop tour of crime and punishment through the ages, including the Smashing Saxons, Terrible Tudors and Vile Victorians - topped off with a visit to the Clink Prison Museum in London (<https://www.clink.co.uk/>).

Music and Art

They will be creating spooky, eerie sounds in Music and developing shade, tone and line techniques in Art to create individual Tudor Roses.

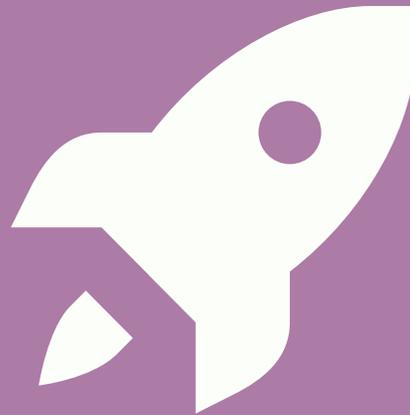
Maths & Science

In Maths, they will be learning written methods of multiplication, division and examining area. In Science, they will be investigating the forensic science used in crime scene investigations, including fingerprinting, chromatography and hair analysis.





YEAR 7



TO INFINITY... AND BEYOND!

In year 7, the project-based learning topic 'To infinity and beyond' (literally!) launched on Friday when students in year 7&8 built straw rockets. This project is the focus of science, art and computing lessons and we are already looking forward to sharing students' work with you at the end of this half term.



IN DETAIL

English and Maths

Students will be exploring poetry in English, learning about fractions, percentages, mode, median and range in maths

Media Studies

In media studies, Stephanie and the students will be looking at the impact of media reports on world events and society, and we are excited to introduce the students to Adobe software this term so that they can create their own original media responses using this fantastic software.

History

Students will be immersing themselves in discovering about the Norman Conquest.

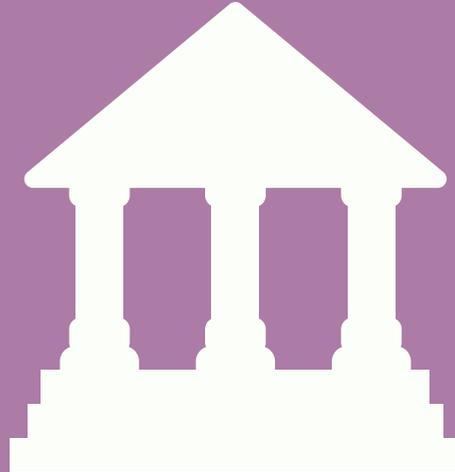
Drama and Music

Drama will be focusing on creating characters and in music, students will be learning how to play the range of multi-cultural musical styles.





YEAR 8



PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Year 8 students will also be following the Project Based Learning topic in science, computing and art.



IN DETAIL

English

In English, year 8 will be exploring autobiographic and biographic writing.



Humanities

Matt will be covering the Norman conquest with year 8 too, as they did not study this in-depth last year.



Music and Media Studies

In music, year 8s who did not learn the multi-cultural unit last half term will be doing this now with James, and Stephanie will be covering the 'In the News' topic with year 8 media studies students.

Maths & Science

Year 8 will be continuing to embed understanding and application of fractions, decimals and percentages.





YEAR 9



THINGS GET DARK AND REACTIVE

Year 9 students will be busy this half term as literature takes a dark turn, scientific experiments get heated, and they try their hand at an original musical composition.



IN DETAIL

English

Students are already excited about the Gothic and Suspense literature!

Maths & Science

Maths and computing will cover a range of topics including the introduction of single brackets, perimeter, and area, and using spreadsheets. Science has a chemistry focus this half term, looking particularly at reactions and heat transfer.

Drama, Art and Music

This half term, students will be devising original pieces in response to an image in drama. In art they will try monochrome mark-making techniques, and in music students will start to develop their song writing skills.

Humanities

In humanities, Matt will be sharing his extensive knowledge of World War 2.



For information about the topics being covered in Key Stage 4 and Post 16 for the GCSE and BTEC qualifications, please see our full curriculum overviews on the school website here:

[Curriculum overview KS4 Core](#)
[Curriculum overview KS4 Options](#)

We hope you have found this to be a useful overview of what we are learning this half-term, and we look forward to sharing our learning and outcomes with you.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss your child's curriculum in more detail, please email education@undershaw.education



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