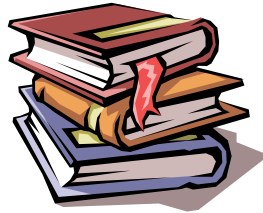


Stag Lane Middle School Parents' Overview Summer Term Year 7



Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 7. As this is your child's last term at Stag Lane Middle School, we hope that they will take with them good memories and experiences when they move on to High School.

Some of the pupils in Year 7 have just returned from a trip to Yorkshire where an excellent time was had and many new challenges were undertaken by the children. Their behaviour was a credit to them, their families and the school. The rest of the children undertook an enjoyable week of activities and challenges at school and they also displayed good behaviour and a mature attitude.

This term pupils will begin preparing their Records of Achievement. This is an important document which they will take with them to their new schools. It is the children's opportunity to take pride in the work they have been doing in school and to celebrate their many achievements, both academic and non-academic. We will undertake dedicated Record of Achievement sessions in school and children will be given guidance and time for the preparation of these documents. We will be holding a special evening for pupils and parents for Record of Achievement and details of this will follow in due course.

We hope to reward the children's good behaviour and bid them farewell by organising a farewell trip at the end of term. We will be sending more details about this shortly.

QCA Tests

The children in Year 7 will be undertaking QCA Tests in Literacy and Mathematics. They will also be tested on their Science Topics after each unit has been completed.

English

We will continue to follow the L.E.A. scheme of work and will be finishing the drama unit based on William Shakespeare's *Midsummer Nights Dream*. We will then begin our unit on Non-fiction writing based around ghost hunting! Following that we will look at how we write to 'Inform, Explain and Describe' through the subject of inventions and we will finish the term by looking at 'Media and Film Making'.

Mathematics

Children will be undertaking various aspects of Mathematics based on the Key Stage 3 syllabus. Some of the topics that will be covered are: Shape, Space and Measure, Handling Data, Algebra, Number Problems and Operations. Included in the topics will be Number sequences, Linear graphs, Co-ordinates, Percentages and Probability.

Science

In Science this term children will be looking at units such as Solutions, Reproduction, Rocks, and the Solar System. Practical work will take place as much as possible in order to prepare them for High School and the use of Science equipment.

BLP

This term we will also continue to further the children's skills in using Building Learning Power. We will be encouraging the children to personalise their learning in order to come to a better understanding of their preferred styles of working.

Information, Communication, Technology

Children will be following the Key Stage 3 units of work and will be able to access the Internet during their sessions. They will be investigating the Control and Monitoring aspect of ICT. and looking at the use of Databases and how to interrogate them effectively.

Religious Education

This term we will be focusing on the concepts of Ahimsa, Justice, Forgiveness and Peace and how these are expressed in the different faiths. We will also look at biographies of famous leaders of the different faiths.

History

The children will continue to study the French Revolution. They will look at the events of the revolution and will also undertake a study of Napoleon and his legacy . The children will use investigative skills to look at many of the problems facing France at this time.

Geography

The children will be finishing their study of Eco-systems and how population and resources are interrelated. They will then move on to looking at the economic elements of France as a country and as part of a wider European Community.

Music

This term the children will be focusing on music in relation to films. They will be looking at film scores and finding a connection to animations.

Personal, Social and Health Education

This term children will be learning about Sex Education and Relationships. They will be following the Q.C.A. Programmes of Study. This is undertaken in class and for some of activities children will be in single gender groups. A letter will be sent to you in the very near future, detailing exactly what the children will be studying and advising you of what to do if you have any concerns in this area.

Art and Design & Technology

We will be following the Art Q.C.A. Unit 7 ‘What’s in a building?’ this term. The children will be investigating and forming an understanding of different styles of Architecture. They will experiment with mixed media and begin to make a free standing sculpture using environmental materials. In D.T. the children will look at product evaluation and design and make a cushion for a purpose.

French

French is taught across the year group by Mrs Jameson and Mrs Lewis. The unit of work focuses on daily life, the home, the school day and timetables. There is an emphasis on the oral aspect of the subject.

Physical Education and Games

This terms unit of work will concentrate on fielding and batting skills. The children will practice these skills and work towards using them during games of Cricket, Rounders and Short Tennis. We will also work on Athletic Skills including racing techniques, hurdling and shot putt and discus. We will practice team events such as relay baton change-over which will come in useful for Sporting events.