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Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic Easter break and are looking forward to the Summer term!

### English

We will start a new, exciting unit this half term called 'Whodunnit?' Throughout this unit, we will be investigating a fictional murder. In order to solve the clues, we will investigate various fictional texts and develop our skills in writing a range of non-fiction texts. We will continue to develop our reading skills and love of reading.

### Maths

This term, pupils will focus on key areas of maths, including straight line graphs, ratio and proportion, and constructions and congruence. They will learn how to interpret and draw straight line graphs to understand patterns and relationships, while also developing their skills in ratio and proportion to solve real-life problems such as sharing, scaling and comparing amounts. In geometry, pupils will explore constructions and congruence, using precise tools to create accurate shapes and understand when shapes are identical. These topics strengthen core numeracy and highlight how maths is used in everyday life.

### Science - Variation

Pupils will explore key concepts in evolution and inheritance, including variation, adaptations and competition. They will learn how natural selection leads to speciation over time and examine the causes and consequences of extinction. This unit helps pupils understand how species change, survive or die out, and how life on Earth has developed over millions of years.

### PSHE

This term in PSHE, pupils will focus on "Living in the Wider World," developing key skills for life beyond school. They will explore the KS4 options process, money management and financial safety, as well as workplace skills and future careers. Pupils will also learn about community, including volunteering and anti-social behaviour, alongside understanding their online (e-)reputation.

### Personal Development Programme

This half term, pupils will continue to take part in our Personal Development programme, which supports their social, emotional and mental health needs while building important life and work-related skills. In each lesson, pupils will be encouraged to grow in confidence and self-awareness, show a positive attitude to learning, work well with others, and manage their own behaviour. The programme is designed to help pupils develop the personal skills they need to succeed both in school and beyond whilst having fun!

### POL-ED & STEP 2



This term in PSHE, pupils will explore key themes around relationships, respect and personal safety. They will learn about positive role models, equality and the impact of attitudes such as sexism, alongside developing an understanding of healthy relationships and appropriate boundaries. Pupils will also consider how the media can influence views on relationships, and learn how to stay safe in different situations, including online. These lessons are designed to support pupils in making informed, respectful and responsible choices.

### Extra-Curricular

- ◆ Doe Park
- ◆ Personal Development Programme
- ◆ 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