

# New Rush Hall School - Year 8: Summer 3.1

English	Maths	Science
<p>In English this half term pupils will be studying 'Pop' and 'Poetry.' The unit will consist of identifying how language is used to convey a hidden meaning. Pupils will begin by reading a variety of poems. They will then move on to identifying the language features used in the poems in order to create effect. The unit will conclude with pupils attempting to write their own poem based on their chosen topic. Pupils will be reading a variety of poems such as 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'. The focus will be on summarising and retrieval.</p>	<p>In Maths this half term pupils will order and identify fractions as more than <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> or less than <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>. Pupils will add and subtract fractions with any size denominators and use appropriate methods for multiplying and dividing fractions. Once pupils have mastered the four operations, they will then move on to solving fractions involving mixed numbers. In the later part of this half term pupils explore straight-line graphs. They will plot graphs and read values to solve problems as well as finding its gradient. Pupils will finally write equations of straight-line graphs in the form.</p>	<p>In Science this half term pupils build upon their knowledge of simple series circuits and components adding a variety of components, making and explaining predictions about circuits and energy/current flow. Pupils will build parallel circuits and comparing the use and advantages of both types of circuit. Examples of where electrical hazards have been seen and the effects of the electric current on the human body will be taught. Finally, pupils will name materials that magnets attract, such as iron, steel, nickel and cobalt and magnetic iron oxide and be able to recognise the Earth's magnetic field.</p>
PSHE	Art	PE
<p>In PSHE this half term learning will focus on identity and relationships. Pupils will learn the differences between gender identity and sexual orientation and will continue exploring healthy behaviours in forming and developing relationships, learning how to effectively communicate about consent in relationships as well as the law in relation to consent. Furthermore, pupils will learn about the risks of 'unwanted messages' and how to manage requests or pressure to send an image. Pupils will understand sending and receiving unwanted images perpetuates a culture of sexual harassment and that it is illegal in many contexts. Additionally, pupils will learn about basic forms of contraception, exploring effective use of condoms, the pill and emergency contraception.</p>	<p>In Art this half term pupils will explore Japanese comics and the Art of Manga and Anime. Pupils will be introduced to 'Naruto' and will watch scenes from the saga to support the development of their own narrative and storey board. They will draft a script based on a personalised theme and will be supported to write a short script, divide the script across the eight sections of the story board and develop sketched illustrations for each scene. Pupils will then research imagery to support their illustrations and will then draw final illustrations for their story board.</p>	<p>In PE this half term pupils will develop their Athletics skills. It can be used to develop the competence to excel in physical activity, since Athletics is fundamentally about pushing oneself to achieve personal best. It enables pupils to develop technique and improve performance in a range of disciplines. Athletics will enable pupils to experience and develop skills in a range of different disciplines. Pupils will learn how to use their bodies to perform to their maximum in a controlled and safe manner.</p>
Geography	Food Technology	History
<p>In Geography this half term the pupils will study the topic 'What Is Weather and Climate?' They will explore the concepts of weather and climate and investigate the elements that make up the weather and climate. Pupils will discover how we measure weather and investigate how we construct and use weather maps and the synoptic code. They will learn what clouds are and why it rains and investigate depressions and anticyclones.</p>	<p>In Food Technology this half term pupils will be looking at why we cook food and be able to choose the most suitable cooking methods to achieve the best results. Pupils will develop an understanding of the importance of storing food correctly to prevent development of bacteria. Following this, pupils will be exploring why food products have an impact on the environment. Finally, pupils will be analysing the term Fairtrade and what is meant by treating farmers plus workers fairly. As well as looking at these areas, we will be cooking a range of products including making Bread, Chicken Kebabs, Curries, Salads and Fruit Crumble.</p>	<p>In History this half term as the aim of our school is to decolonise the curriculum and ensure it gives pupils a broad, balanced and accurate depiction of history, pupils will study many examples of black people in history. Pupils will explore Black History and explain that it did not begin at the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. Pupils will read the book 'Black and British' by David Olusoga. This knowledge will then be used to investigate many examples of Black and British History in different periods: Romans, Tudors, Stuarts, Georgians, Victorians, WWI, WWII and Twentieth Century.</p>
Enrichment		
<p>As part of the Enrichment Programme, pupils will be given the opportunity to experience:</p> <p><b>Horticulture:</b> In half term pupils will re-cap the allotment rules. They will learn how to use horticultural fleece and clothes to protect crops. Pupils will plan and prepare a vegetable bed for a Summer crop, test the soil and plant out vegetables. They will learn how to care for garden tools including how to oil and sharpen a selected gardening tool e.g., a garden spade.</p> <p><b>Lambourne End:</b> In this half term pupils take part in an intensive programme designed to support pupils social, emotional and mental health development at an outdoor activity centre. Pupils will be on a Low Ropes Course working on their balance and strength, trying not to fall into the water. They will then be both climbing and abseiling down a 30-meter wall independently. Following that, pupils will be developing their teamwork skills to overcome challenges over different obstacles and be able to identify their strengths and weaknesses. Finally, pupils will be learning how to build a raft and taking part in archery sessions.</p> <p><b>Swimming:</b> In this half term pupils will be taught based on their swimming ability. More experienced swimmers will work on developing their Front Crawl, Head surface dives, backstroke, pre diving skills and butterfly. Lessons will take place in 25 x 12.5-meter pool. Less experienced swimmers will swim in a smaller pool 12.5 x 5 meters and learn to develop their skills focusing on their Front Crawl, Front Crawl Breathing, Backstroke and Breaststroke.</p>		