



WESTACRE MIDDLE SCHOOL – LEARNING JOURNEY – YEAR 7 AUTUMN TERM

English - Reading

- Texts: Illegal, Refugee Boy, A Different Boy, war poetry (e.g. Dolce et Decorum est)
- Compare written literature with media versions
- Analyse authors' choices and their effects
- Justify opinions using quotations
- Compare First World War poetry

English - Writing

- Write to entertain: diaries, monologues, informal letters, poetry
- Write to discuss: essay writing in response to a text
- Write to persuade: persuasive leaflets for an audience
- Edit and improve writing
- Revisit and apply KS2 grammar and punctuation

Mathematics

- Explore linear and non-linear sequences
- Explain rules and find missing terms
- Use function machines and algebraic notation
- Substitute values
- Use place value to one billion
- Order and round integers and decimal numbers

Art

- Develop pencil-shading techniques
- Explore key ideas from art history
- Study the work of Grayson Perry
- Create work inspired by refugee postcards

Computing

- Understand how the internet works
- Explore protocols and data packets
- Compare wired and wireless networks
- Use micro:bits to further develop coding understanding

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- Research Roman projectile defences
- Compare existing designs of trebuchets
- Draw detailed and accurate ideas
- Select suitable tools and materials
- Evaluate own products

French

- Use body vocabulary in speech and writing
- Recognise body words in texts and audio
- Conjugate regular present-tense verbs
- Explore the French Revolution

Geography

- Plot the locations of various countries and countries
- Explore how geography affected outcomes
- Understand skills used by geographers
- Present findings using geographical vocabulary

History

- Distinguish primary and secondary sources
- Judge the reliability of evidence
- Explore changing interpretations
- Sequence wars that shaped Britain
- Study causes of Hastings and WW1

Music

- Develop ensemble singing skills
- Perform layered parts and harmonies
- Explore minor chords and scales
- Investigate how music creates mood
- Compose and perform an atmospheric piece

PE

- Prepare for sports leadership roles
- Use attacking and defending tactics in football
- Develop tag rugby skills
- Perform Haka dance
- Enhance performance in cross-country running

PSHE

- Explore how the 6Rs Learning Values can support future success
- Develop understanding of careers and pathways
- Reflect on individual strengths and next steps
- Compare 'wants' and 'needs' when budgeting

Religion and Worldviews

- Consider why Jesus may be seen as radical
- Compare global images of Jesus
- Explore thankfulness and forgiveness
- Understand spirituality through the arts

Science

- Follow laboratory safety procedures
- Write reports with diagrams, units and conclusions
- Explore scientists and science careers
- Investigate fingerprints and states of matter
- Separate mixtures and distil liquids