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Dear Parents/Carers,

Curriculum Information – Spring 1

We are pleased to say how well Year 7 have started their curriculum journey at Avonbourne. To help you feel informed and involved in their learning, we are sharing an overview of what your child will be studying this half-term in each subject. We hope this supports meaningful conversations at home about what they are learning and experiencing.

What will my Year 7 child be learning during Spring 1?

Subject	Key Topics/Focus Areas
English	Year 7 scholars will explore the language of conflict through their in-depth study of World War One poetry. This unit will provide students with the fundamental tools to read, understand, and write about poetry with confidence, identifying essential poetic methods, such as metaphor, simile, and tone.
Maths	Year 7 mathematicians will be introduced to averages by describing, interpreting, and comparing observed distributions of a single variable using mean. Students will then develop multiplication and division skills with integers and decimals. Lastly, they apply formulae to calculate and solve problems involving area of triangles and quadrilaterals.
Science	Year 7 Scientists will be building their chemistry skills by looking at chemical changes. This will be students first introduction to chemical reactions and the periodic table. Students will get the opportunity to participate and see many chemical reactions in action.
MFL	Year 7 French and Spanish students continue learning how to describe themselves and other people in more detail, using a range of adjectives and new grammatical structures. They will also learn how to talk about pets, colours and their free time activities.
History	Year 7 historians will be exploring the impact that religion and the church had on daily life in medieval England, considering the way in which the church influenced societal beliefs, medicine and warfare.
Geography	Year 7 students will be introduced to the theme 'water and rivers.' During this unit of work students will develop their understanding of the processes and landforms found along a river course.
Art	Year 7 artists will be introduced to key artists that feature on their 'Art Timeline', practical responses will include mark making and colour experiments leading to watercolour landscapes inspired by Van Gogh's expressive mark making and use of colour.
Music	Year 7 students start to develop their performance ability on the keyboard from the first unit, alongside building upon their knowledge of the musical elements. We focus on devices related to melody and music notation. By the end of this unit, students should have the knowledge to be able to read staff notation and perform a variety of melodic devices.
Religious Studies	Year 7 students will build upon their knowledge of the key beliefs of Judaism, focusing specifically on the differences between Orthodox and Progressive Judaism. Students will uncover



	the variety of ways in which Jews pray, worship at the synagogue, celebrate Shabbat and Passover and hold a Bar and Bat Mitzvah.
PE	Students will perform simple tactics and creative processes (Fit to Perform), conduct warm-up and cool-down routines and explain their purpose (Fit for Life), and lead simple activities using good verbal and non-verbal skills (Fit to Lead) through Rugby, Volleyball, Football, Gymnastics and Table Tennis.
Dance	Students will explore a variety of urban dance styles and techniques including tutting, commercial and break dancing.
Drama	Year 7 students will begin looking at storytelling and devising. They will be introduced to the idea of a narrator and how best to communicate to an audience using their vocal and physical skills.
PSHE	Year 7 will be exploring media and self-image, learning how to respond safely when things go wrong online, and understanding how mental health is represented in the media.
D&T	Students will rotate through graphic design, food technology, and textiles, making a mechanical card, learning hand embroidery, and cooking dishes such as scones, pasta salad and fajitas.
Computer Science	Students will explore what a computer is by learning about different types of machines and how they use input, processing, and output to complete tasks. They will also investigate common hardware and internal components, understanding the role each part plays in how a computer functions.

To find out more about our curriculum and how we ensure it meets the needs of all learners, please visit the link below:

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If you have any questions about the Year 7 curriculum or how to support your child's learning at home, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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