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News: After a well-earned break, we are delighted to welcome the new and existing students back to school for the first term of what we hope to be a very successful school year.

Monthly Curriculum Focus:

Grade	Geography Focus	History Focus
6 Geography: Rivers History: Key Skills	Students will recall key words and explore new terms related to the processes of erosion and deposition as well as river feature formation.	 Students will learn the meaning of history. They will learn what is chronology and a timeline and what are different types of sources. They will learn history key terms
7 Geography: Rivers History: The Renaissance	 Students will revise key information and explore the process involved in river feature formation. Students will learn how to write and structure a long answer question. 	 Students will focus on the change that took place during the Renaissance. Students will write a speech based on their learning and participate in a debate.
8 Geography: Population History: First World War	 Students will examine population in relation to world development. Students will learn how to write and structure a long answer question. 	 Students will learn about the causes, events and consequences of the First World War. Students will make their own conclusions about events based on their analysis of a variety of historical sources.

How Can You Support Your Child's Learning?

- Ensure you check that your child's books are clearly highlighted and labelled as some children are bringing their History book to Geography class and vice versa.
- Ensure your child has all necessary lesson stationery and equipment in class to avoid wasting time during lessons.
- Practice key words and long answer questions with your child for all topics covered in class. Challenge your child and give them a written quiz at home.
- Check Bric, your child's organiser and homework every evening in order to reinforce concepts covered in class.
- Revise and research topics on the internet to aid their learning. Refer to useful websites e.g.
 BBC Bitesize.
- Watch YouTube videos related to relevant topics to further understanding.

Upcoming Events

- 2nd October Islamic New Year
- First week of November Progress Evening

Core Competency Focus Skills - Students are encouraged to demonstrate 21st Century skills throughout the month and in the thereafter. They are invited to research such topics at home and present ideas to their form tutors during form time each week. These focus skills provide the children with an excellent opportunity to demonstrate independent learning.

Kind regards,

The Humanities Team