

GERMAN

Autumn term topics:

- Revision of personal identity
- Asking and giving opinions
- Simple activities
- Dates
- Saying when your birthday is
- Time
- Clothes
- Favourite things
- Christmas lists



Likely Autumn term homework tasks

- Learning vocabulary
- Simple written exercises, e.g. adapting a model, gapped texts, writing short sentences
- Reading a passage to give a one word/short phrase answer
- Practising a short dialogue
- Preparing a word game for class use
- Making a graph
- Christmas card

Spring term topics:

- Physical appearance
- Describing characters
- Jobs and saying where someone works
- Saying what job you will do and where you will work (future tense)
- Furniture
- Prepositions and saying where things are

Likely Spring term homework tasks:

- Learning vocabulary
- Writing short paragraphs using a model
- Reading a short passage to identify the main points of the text
- Expressing simple opinions
- Preparing a short oral presentation.
- Preparing a role play

Summer term topics:

- Different sports for different seasons
- Places in town
- Directions
- Future plans
- Inviting someone out

Likely Summer term homework tasks:

- Colouring and labelling vocabulary items
- Learning vocabulary
- Reading a passage to identify the main points
- Writing short paragraphs on the topics studied
- Grammar exercises to practise the present tense
- Learning a short dialogue by heart
- Making a poster/leaflet about my town.

Additional resources/ideas/stimuli:

- A dictionary - we recommend Collins Dictionary and Grammar at £9.99, but a smaller pocket dictionary is adequate for Years 8 and 9. In class we use Collins Easy Learning German Dictionary, £5.99.
- Mary Glasgow magazines will be available from school for extra reading practice.
- Computer programmes - we recommend Essentials and Unterwegs which we use in class.
- All pupils will have the opportunity to work with the German assistante.
- **Penfriends** - At the end of Year 8 we encourage all pupils to send a letter to our twin school in Germany and hope to begin an exchange of letters/e-mails.