

ENGLISH

KS3

YR7



Curriculum Overview

The overarching focus for Year 7 students is: 'Other Worlds and Times' and texts selected for this will reflect this with the aim of broadening student experiences of literary texts from a wide a field as possible. Students in Year 7, will begin by exploring Autobiographical texts to analyse and use as exemplar for their own piece of writing. Students then move onto the: Crime and Detective Fiction unit, where they will study a whole contemporary or 19th century text and produce a newspaper article based on the text studied in class. The next unit will focus on poetry from 'Distant Lands' and seeks to widen students' understanding from diverse cultural perspectives. Students study a range of poets and poetic styles such as: Beowulf, Grace Nicholls, John Agard and Imtiaz Dharker. This will be followed by Shakespeare with a focus on 'the supernatural; students will study this theme over a range of tragic plays: 'Hamlet' and 'Macbeth' and from the Comedy genre: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'The Tempest'. Here students will gain an appreciation of each genre as well as building on learning about poetic form from the previous unit of study. The penultimate unit will feature Science Fiction texts and will complement their developing analytical skills with an introduction to Media Studies and the analysis of the moving image. The final unit of study will be the modern novel where students will consolidate their analytical and literary skills when exploring how writers create and craft their ideas into books.

Curriculum Topics

Awaiting content.



When and how assessment of learning will happen

Formal assessments will be completed in class and there will be one formal assessment per unit of work with a balance of analytical essays and writing tasks reflecting a number of text types and purposes. There may be additional assessments set based on the teacher's discretion and the needs of the class.



Home Learning Expectations

Students will have spellings twice a month and weekly reading comprehension and vocabulary building homework via the Bedrock platform. There will also be access to wider reading lists and support and extension tasks linked to each unit of study. Further wider reading, as well as materials designed to support or extend the learning in lessons can be found on Google Classroom.



Useful Information

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3kw2hv>
- <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/>
- <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/collection/100%20books%20to%20read%20before%20you%20leave%20secondary%20school/-186494>