



Year 7 English Curriculum

In Year 7 you will study a variety of topics including: a modern novel, a Shakespeare play, detective fiction including Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie stories, as well as literature for young children.

You will be working towards being able to complete the following **activities**:

- *Write a piece of autobiographical writing*
- *Compare the real world and the other world in Coraline.*
- *Analyse how Shakespeare makes the supernatural frightening in Macbeth*
- *Produce a piece of detective fiction*
- Explore and produce creative writing
- Read and write poetry

You will explore the following **key vocabulary**:

Synonyms, fronting, adverbs, adjectives, alliteration, onomatopoeia, perfect tense, metaphor, simile, active and passive voice, auxiliary verbs, clause, conjunction, determiners, ellipsis, apostrophe, finite and modal verbs, modifier, relative clauses, root word, subordinate clause

You will also come across **drama** in KS3.

During the year you may be asked to:

- Play a role in a devised piece
- Play a role in an improvised piece
- Complete a hot seating task
- Give a presentation to the class
- Take part in a class debate

You will practise the following **writing formats** throughout the year:

- Letters
- Articles
- Creative writing
- Diaries
- Speeches
- Emails
- Blogs
- Posters
- Leaflets
- Poetry

Use the checklist below to ensure that your answers in English are successful:

- ✓ 1. Show detailed knowledge of texts
- ✓ 2. Use a range of sentence types for effect
- ✓ 3. Give evidence to support your points
- ✓ 4. Integrate your quotations
- ✓ 5. Spell words correctly
- ✓ 6. Reflect on context when considering texts
- ✓ 7. Use a clear structure
- ✓ 8. Recognise different opinions
- ✓ 9. Link ideas together – draw similarities / comparisons
- ✓ 10. Link back to the question
- ✓ 11. Use a wide range of vocabulary
- ✓ 12. Use a full range of punctuation

Your teacher may refer to these to help you to improve your work

You will be assessed through a combination of extended writing pieces and GCSE-style tests

Your teacher will assess your work in one of the following areas:
(a) Reading
(b) Writing
(c) Speaking and Listening