



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 a range of other exciting topics.

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**:

Quotation, genre, fantasy, simile, inference, annotate, language analysis, oral tradition, protagonist, antagonist, denouement, conventions, deduction, tension, narrative perspective, rhyme, repetition, alliteration, metaphor, verb, stereotype, ambition, sin, treason/treacherous, gender, sinister, malignant, malevolent, supernatural, context, alliteration, pathetic fallacy.

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:

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| - Letters | - Emails |
| - Articles | - Blogs |
| - Creative writing | - Posters |
| - Diaries | - Leaflets |
| - Speeches | - 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 reading comprehension and oral activities.

Your teacher will assess your work in one of the following areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening