

Overview of Year 7 English Curriculum

Pupils study 6 modules of work, two in each term

Unit 1: Autobiographical Writing. Through a mixture of fiction and non-fiction writing pupils learn to structure their work chronologically and explore first person writing.

Unit 2: Reading Literature. Pupils explore a number of genres such as traditional tales, myths, fables and poetry. They study a writer's craft in creating atmosphere, suspense and dramatic reading.

Unit 3: Writing to imagine, explore and entertain. Pupils begin to use their newly found writing skills by studying and using a variety of narrative techniques.

Unit 4: Reading non-fiction and the Media. Pupils study factual writing and presentational devices in newspapers and also writing instructions, explanations and developing logic.

Unit 5: Writing non-fiction. Pupils study in detail the drafting process through their own writing. In particular they experiment with sentence and paragraph structure and sequencing.

Unit 6: Speaking and Listening. Pupils study talk for the purpose of recall, clarification, exploration and presentation.

Homework

Homework is set each week. The type of homework set varies. In year 7 homework can be a reading comprehension task, a piece of writing, a language analysis task or the learning of spellings.

Examinations/Key assessments

Pupils are continuously assessed in their English through classroom participation and classwork/ homework completion. Additionally pupils are encouraged to self assess their work using target grades/ levels and pupil friendly grade/level explanations for each unit of work. Pupils are assessed in speaking and listening, reading and writing in line with National Curriculum levels. By the end of year 7 most pupils will be working between levels 3-5+. Pupils are tested at the end of each unit of work and they then complete a target sheet for their next unit of work. These 6 end of unit tasks are marked in detail highlighting strengths, weaknesses and teacher suggestions for ways to improve.

How Parents can help

- Check that homework is recorded in your son's planner
- Check that his written homework is completed
- Help him when learning spellings through revision and testing
- Provide him with a pocket dictionary that is small enough to bring to lessons
- Check that your son has at least a pen and his books for lessons