

Overview of Year 7 English Curriculum

Pupils study 6 modules of work, two in each term:

Unit 1: Original Writing: Fantasy, Autobiography, Fairy Tales and Mystery. Pupils will read and analyse a variety of texts from one of these four genres. They will learn how to successfully create a piece of writing that adheres to the genre that they study. They will also focus on improving their grammar, syntax, punctuation and structural skills and their ability to employ figurative language.

Unit 2: Class Reader: Pupils will study a complete novel from Year 7 recommended reading list. For example, Holes. They will study the writer's craft and learn to read for deeper meaning by practising their powers of inference and deduction.

Unit 3: Media: Advertising, Marketing of newspapers and magazines. Pupils will study factual writing and presentational devices in one of these three areas of the Media. They will learn how to successfully create a piece of writing that adheres to the specific Media form that they study. They will also focus on improving their grammar, syntax, punctuation and structural skills.

Unit 4: Writing Triplet: Inform, explain, and describe: Pupils will learn the rules of these three genres of writing. They will produce several pieces of writing that adheres to these rules. They will gain experience of the drafting process in their own writing. In particular they will experiment with sentence and paragraph structure.

Unit 5: Reading variety: The Development of Language and Literature. Pupils will study how the English Language was formed through a series of invasions and migrations in the old English period. In particular they will study the epic poem Beowulf, which will in turn lead to them creating their own epic poem.

Unit 6: Speaking and Listening Group Assessment. Pupils study talk for the purpose of recall and clarification. They will work together with their peers to give a presentation on a subject decided upon by their class teacher.

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 their oral contributions to lessons and the written work they produce in the class and at home. At the end of each unit pupils are assessed in line with the government's A.P.P. policy through the use of pupil friendly assessment focus grids. The six end of unit assessments are marked in detail. Upon them will be recorded the pupil's strengths, weaknesses and targets for progression. Pupils are encouraged to self assess their work using these grids in relation to their target level. By the end of Year 7 most pupils will be working between levels 3-5.

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