

English

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Topics of Study This Year:

Term 1

Alice in Wonderland

Pupils will study the classic novel and learn how to extract explicit and implicit meaning. They will be taught how to select quotations and comment on their effect on the reader. Pupils will begin to understand how to compare two texts, commenting on their similarities and differences. Finally Pupils will write their own letter in the style of Alice to encourage creativity and to show their depth of understanding for this key character.

Term 2

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare.

Pupils will study the classic play Romeo and Juliet. This will give them early exposure to a Shakespearean play in preparation for Key Stage 4. They will learn how to read and respond to a literary text, developing their own personal responses to the play. Pupils will also begin to understand context and how it is essential to the ideas presented in the play. By the end of this unit they will also be able to analyse a short extract from the play using the PEEZE structure (point, evidence, explain, zoom and effect).

Term 3

Twisted tales—19th Century

Pupils will enter the 19th century and begin by examining how the fears people faced in society were expressed via short stories such as H.G Well's 'The Red Room' and Edgar Allan Poe's 'The Tell-Tale Heart'. Pupils will read these stories and develop their analytical skills. Following this they shall move onto writing and examine the true life horror and crime stories of the time and use these as a stimulus for a piece of creative writing. The reading assessment will be a comparison of the two stories, and the writing assessment will be creative.

Assessments:

Pupils will have three reading and three writing assessments throughout the year, these will be awarded a level each time and will be shared with the pupil alongside feedback whereby pupils will have a chance to respond to their teachers comments and action-targets. All classes in KS3 read regularly as a class and are encouraged to read outside school independently as well. We offer a range of things to support this, including additional reading activities in Library lessons for some students.

Key Dates:

Roald Dahl Day - 13th September

National Poetry Day - 6th October

Readathon - charity reading week - October 31st-4th November

World Book Day - 2nd March

Homework:

Will be set weekly and be an extension of the work covered in class.