



Year 8 Curriculum Overview

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Half Term 1		Remote Learning
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Non-fiction study Topic: Animal Welfare	
WEEK 1 02/09	Introduction to non-fiction / Sow stall article comprehension / Persuasive speech writing task (factory farm meat) Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/an-introduction-to-rhetoric-ethos-6mr3er?from_query=WRITING+RHETORIC - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Animals')
WEEK 2 07/09	Debate activity ('Free range solutions') / Commas / Tusk poaching comprehension (summarising language) / Horse racing (persuasive language devices) Spelling & vocabulary quiz /	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/rhetoric-and-clarity-of-expression-counter-arguments-6cw30c - Recommended E-Book: https://www.mvon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Tusk Wars')
WEEK 3 14/09	The fur industry (article comprehension) / Summarising language and 'word zooming' / End fur farming (Formal letter writing) / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/grammar-for-writing-using-brackets-and-dashes-6mwkec - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Protests and Persuasion')
WEEK 4 21/09	Paragraphing / Fronted adverbials / Sentence development / Vocabulary development / Sentence connectives / Spelling & vocabulary quiz Accelerated Reader STAR Test	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/grammar-for-writing-sentence-construction-cmukar - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Fur Fashion')
WEEK 5 28/09	Animal circus (information retrieval/text comparison) / Knowledge organiser (assessment preparation) Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/grammar-for-writing-using-semicolons-to-link-main-clauses-c4uk8c - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'The Shaftsbury Theory')
WEEK 6 05/10	Assessment - Fox hunting reading paper (information retrieval / summarising text / language analysis) Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/grammar-for-writing-the-colon-c8t3ar - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Farm Tales')
WEEK 7 12/10	Assessment – The purpose of animals writing task (article) /	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities:

	Feedback, self-reflection & pupil voice	https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/viewpoint-writing-what-is-it-c9jk4d?from_query=viewpoint+writing - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Spine Shivers – Ruptured')
Half Term 2		
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Shakespeare/Play Study Topic: Macbeth	Remote Learning
WEEK 1 02/11	Introduction to Shakespeare / Context study (Tudor power/conflict/witchcraft) / 'Macbeth' plot study/ Narrative map task (themes, characters & messages)/ Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z8qp9qt/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Macbeth')
WEEK 2 09/11	Character psychology/ Macbeth's downfall debate & summary / Act 1 scene 2 comprehension (Macbeth description) / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z347v4j/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'The Gun Powder Plot')
WEEK 3 16/11	Witchcraft focus / Lady Macbeth analysis / Friendship, loyalty and treachery / Tension in the courtyard / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpms82p/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Witchcraft')
WEEK 4 23/11	Act 2 Scene 1 Banquo's death (Tension) / Act 2 Scene 2 Macbeth the murderer (Despair) / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zq97v4j/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'The Medieval Tudors')
WEEK 5 30/11	Act 3 study (Banquo's ghost) / Assessment comprehension task – Lady Macbeth / Feedback, self-reflection and pupil voice / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/ztf46fr/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Heroes and Villains')
WEEK 6 07/12	The Broken Man (Act 5) / Before and After - empathy writing / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwgdnbk/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Who was William Shakespeare?')
WEEK 7 14/12	Play review / Hot seat Macbeth task / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z3vg4j6/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'The Devine Right of Kings')
Half Term 3		
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Pre-1914 Literature Topic: Hound of the Baskervilles	Remote Learning
WEEK 1 04/01	Context study: Victorian life and crime / Diary entry empathy task / Writing skills: 'Walking through squalor' / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39/articles/z7t2vk7 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'The Hound of the Baskervilles')
WEEK 2 11/01	Impressions of Sherlock analytical task / Writing skills: PETE paragraph practice / Holmes research hwk Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39/articles/znn6pbk - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Sherlock Short Stories - Choice')
WEEK 3 18/01	Narrative context: Baskerville info) / Narrative map task / Murder on the moors chapter 1 analysis / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.grammarbook.com/grammar_quiz/subject_verb_agreement_1.asp

		<p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Sherlock Short Stories - Choice')</p>
WEEK 4 25/01	Chapter 4 analysis – the Hound – language and structure / descriptive writing skills / describing a beast Spelling & vocabulary quiz	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.grammarbook.com/grammar_quiz/adjectives_and_adverbs_1.asp</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Sherlock Short Stories - Choice')</p>
WEEK 5 01/02	Grammar and punctuation week – parenthesis / subordinate clauses / Semi-colons / Comma splicing Spelling & vocabulary quiz	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.grammarbook.com/grammar_quiz/commas_1.asp</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Sherlock Short Stories - Choice')</p>
WEEK 6 08/02	Chapter 12 - mood & atmosphere comprehension reading/annotation / Assessment planning (description of The Grimpen Mire) Spelling & vocabulary quiz	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.grammarbook.com/grammar_quiz/semicolons_and_colons_1.asp</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Sherlock Short Stories - Choice')</p>
WEEK 7 15/02	Assessment task / Descriptive writing task / Book review / Feedback, self-reflection & pupil voice	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.grammarbook.com/grammar_quiz/commas_1.asp</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.mvon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Sherlock Short Stories - Choice')</p>
Half Term 4		
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Poetry Anthology Study Topic: Relationships	Remote Learning
WEEK 1 23/02	Poetry re-introduction – poetic techniques / 'Walking Away' context – father-son relationships / Language and structure analysis / Comprehension activities / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.turtlediary.com/game/exclamation-mark-and-quotation-marks.html</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Poetry for Beginners')</p>
WEEK 2 01/03	'Mother, Any Distance?' Poem introduction / Extended metaphor focus / Whole-class answer / Poetry comparison – WA and MAD / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.turtlediary.com/game/exclamation-mark-and-quotation-marks.html</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'And Then There Were Eight')</p>
WEEK 3 08/03	'Climbing My Grandfather' context / Enjambment and stanza focus / Poem annotation / Comprehension activity / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.grammarbook.com/grammar_quiz/apostrophes_1.asp</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.mvon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Displeasure')</p>
WEEK 4 15/03	'The Follower' background – Irish culture / Adjectives and similes focus / essay writing / Poetry comparison – CMG and TF / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.turtlediary.com/game/match-the-phrases-simple-compound-and-complex-sentences.html</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'You Can Write Cool Poems')</p>
WEEK 5 22/03	'Eden Rock' context / Mr. Bruff video annotations / Metaphors in poetry / Language and structure annotations / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	<p>- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above]</p> <p>- Skills Activities: https://www.turtlediary.com/game/match-the-phrases-simple-compound-and-complex-sentences.html turtlediary.com/game/sentence-unscramble-fourth-grade.html</p> <p>- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Family')</p>

WEEK 6 29/03	Poetry comparison planning (Eden Rock v <i>students' choice</i>) / Knowledge organiser / Assessment task – family bonds question // RRR reflection / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.turtlediary.com/game/make-a-sentence.html - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Looking Through the Glass')
Half Term 5		
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Non-Fiction Study Topic: Travel Writing	Remote Learning
WEEK 1 12/04	Non-fiction recap / Introduction to travel writing genre / Orient Express research / Dictionary race vocabulary task / OE brochure language analysis / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.turtlediary.com/game/punctuate-the-sentence-correctly.html - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Travel')
WEEK 2 19/04	Developing vocabulary/ Capital letters / apostrophes / Fronted adverbials / Semi-colons / Travel article planning / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.turtlediary.com/game/punctuation-marks.html - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'The Orient Express Abroad')
WEEK 3 26/04	Travel review ('Life on the Orient Express' article task) / Employment skills 'Life literacy' - OE Job application form / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.turtlediary.com/game/simple-sentences.html - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Views')
WEEK 4 03/05	Application letter / Speaking and listening task (job interview role play) / Persuasive techniques recap / Redrafting / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://wordwall.net/resource/221553/punctuation-game - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Journeying Through Europe')
WEEK 5 10/05	Visit Blackpool webpage analysis / Bill Bryson's Bradford (article comprehension) / 'Holiday from Hell' (satire writing task) Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://wordwall.net/resource/9913005/english/punctuation-game - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Time')
WEEK 6 17/05	My Time in _____', travel journal planning / Assessment task: Travel article writing task / RRR reflection / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://wordwall.net/resource/18407424/english/punctuation - Recommended E-Book: https://www.mvon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Silver Service')
Half Term 6		
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Novel Study Topic: Animal Farm	Remote Learning
WEEK 1 07/06	Russian Revolution context study / Whole class reading [chapter 1] / Comprehension / Old Major's speech analysis / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zccjfrd/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.mvon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'The Russian Revolution')
WEEK 2 14/06	Whole-class reading [chapters 2 & 3] / Creating a persuasive pamphlet ['animalism'] / The Battle of the Cowshed extract analysis / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcb8p39/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Socialism Revealed')
WEEK 3 21/06	Whole-class reading [chapters 4 and 5] / Comparing characters – Snowball and Napoleon / Class discussion -	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2pq2p3/revision/1

	leadership / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Terracotta Army')
WEEK 4 28/06	Whole-class reading [chapter 6] / Sentence openings / Chapter 7 – re-writing history / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2nrmnb/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Smart Spending')
WEEK 5 05/07	Whole-class reading [chapters 8 & 9] / Implicit meaning focus / Cloze activity / Chapter 9 comprehension / Character analysis – Boxer's final moments / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z9v9tyc/revision/1 - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'Destination Equality')
WEEK 6 12/07	Key chapter focus [chapter 10] / Knowledge organiser and preparation – Boxer's final words / Assessment task (empathy writing) / Spelling & vocabulary quiz	- Armfield Video Lessons: [See Google Classroom class links above] - Skills Activities: https://www.niu.edu/writingtutorial/punctuation/quizzes/PunctuationSelfTest.htm - Recommended E-Book: https://www.myon.co.uk/login/ (search: 'The Curse of Raven Lake')