



Year 8 Curriculum Overview

Half Term 1	
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Non-fiction study Topic: Animal Welfare
WC 02/09	Sow Stall Research and Comprehension / Full stops / Speech writing / Pig diary homework / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 09/09	Persuasive techniques / Tusk poaching extract study / Spelling & vocabulary quiz / Accelerated Reader STAR Test
WC 16/09	'Shooting an Elephant' article analysis / Vocabulary task / Skimming and scanning / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 23/09	'Cruelty at the Circus' extract comparison / Persuasive poster 'animal circus' homework / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 30/09	Battery hen farming extract study / Fronted adverbials / Connectives / Speech/letter writing / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 07/10	Paragraphing / Sentence connectives / Speech marks / Animal debate / Fur coats homework / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 14/10	'Send a Cow' study / Assessment - Paper Reading/Writing Mock – Animal Cruelty / Feedback, self-reflection & pupil voice
Half Term 2	
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Shakespeare/Play Study Topic: Macbeth
WC 04/11	Re-introduction to Shakespeare / Context study (Tudor power/conflict/witchcraft) / Interview hwk / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 11/11	'Macbeth' plot study/ Narrative map task (themes, characters & messages) / Character psychology/ Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 18/11	Macbeth's downfall debate & summary / Act 1 scene 2 comprehension (Macbeth description) Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 25/11	Witchcraft focus / Lady Macbeth analysis / Friendship, loyalty and treachery / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 02/12	Act 2 Scene 1 Banquo's death (Tension) / Act 2 Scene 2 Macbeth the murderer (Despair) / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 09/12	Act 3 study (Banquo's ghost) / Letter to oneself task Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 16/12	Assessment comprehension task / Feedback, self-reflection and pupil voice / Accelerated Reader STAR Test
Half Term 3	
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Pre-1914 Literature Study Topic: Hound of the Baskervilles (Sherlock Holmes)
WC 06/01	Context study: Victorian life and crime / Diary entry empathy task / Writing skills: active voice / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 13/01	Impressions of Sherlock analytical task /Writing skills: active voice / Holmes research hwk Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 20/01	Narrative context: Baskerville info) / Narrative map task / Suspects and blameometer activities /Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 27/01	Chapter 1 analysis – language / Chapter 2 – presentation of the hound / Writing: passive voice Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 03/02	Exploring structure – writer's choices / Chapter 4 – Watson's emotions /Watson's letter hwk / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 10/02	Character relationship focus /Assessment planning: mood & atmosphere reading/annotation / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 17/02	Assessment task / Newspaper writing task: The Curse of the hound / Feedback, self-reflection & pupil voice
Half Term 4	
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Poetry Study Topic: The Despair of War
WC 24/02	Introduction to Word War One Context / Propaganda Language and Purpose Study / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 02/03	Letter From the Trenches Task / Wilfred Owen Research / Dulce et Decorum Est Analysis Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 09/03	Dulce et Decorum Est Analysis / Poem comprehension (noun/verb focus) / Exposure poem study / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 16/03	Jesse Pope/Pro-war propaganda research / 'Whose Up for the Game' comprehension / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 23/03	Lord Tennyson context study / The Charge of the Light Brigade analysis (structure) / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 30/03	Assessment Task: How is war presented (comparison task) / RRR Feedback / Accelerated Reader STAR Test
Half Term 5	
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Non-Fiction Study Topic: Travel Writing
WC 20/04	Introduction to Travel topic/writing genre / Orient Express research / OE Brochure Language / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 27/04	Apostrophes/Capital letters task / Fronted adverbials / Review planning / Travel article task / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 05/05	Full stops activity / OE Job application form / Persuasive Techniques / Application letter / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 11/05	Visit Blackpool Webpage/Bill Bryson Article/Bradford Brochure/Disney Paragraph Analysis / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 18/05	Satire and persuasion focus / Assessment task: Travel article writing task / RRR reflection / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
Half Term 6	
Date	Curriculum Overview Focus: Novel Study Topic: Heroes/1984/Animal Farm
WC 01/06	Word War 2 & Pearl Harbour or Dystopian Fiction or Russian Revolution context study / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 08/06	Whole-class reading / Impressions of character / Use of language devices / Chapter 1 comp'sn Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 15/06	Independent reading / Analysing structural devices / Messages and morals summary / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 22/06	Character viewpoints / Subordinate clauses / Comma task / Empathy task – diary/letter / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 29/06	Whole-class reading / Implicit meaning focus / Cloze activity / Evaluation question / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 06/07	Key chapter focus / Knowledge organiser planning time / Assessment task (How does the...) / Spelling & vocabulary quiz
WC 13/07	Book review / Assessment Feedback, self-reflection & pupil voice / Accelerated Reader STAR Test