

Y7 English

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Curriculum Intent:

Key Principles and Aims: Knowledge is at the heart of English. At Forge Valley we believe that English is the foundation of all other subjects. It is essential for increasing the life chances of our pupils and for opening a world to them that reaches far beyond their experiences. English also equips pupils to confidently challenge viewpoints and empowers them to express themselves succinctly.

	Core Knowledge	Procedural knowledge
Y7 - Autumn	Topic : Greek Myths Pupils will study some of the key Ancient Greek myths. Romeo and Juliet Pupils will read and analyse Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet	Pupils will : • Become a confident reader with strategies to unpick challenging texts. • Analyse a literature text, considering a range of language and structural effects of the choices made. • Understand the context of Ancient Greece • Analyse the origin myth, Olympian and Titan gods. • Explore Greek heroes and their roles in literature. • Explore key concepts explored in the myths. • Analyse how the myths taught important lessons. • Explore the concepts of love, patriarchy, conflict, male violence and honour. • Understand how dramatic techniques are used for effect. • Understand the impact of language choices on the audience/reader. • Develop into more sophisticated writers through the explicit teaching of writing skills (analytical). • Develop excellent annotation skills.

Y7 - Spring	Rhetoric Pupils will be introduced to persuasive writing skills and will write and perform a speech. Victorian Gothic Short Stories Pupils will read and analyse a range of Victorian Gothic short stories.	• Write persuasively successfully – making a variety of language and structural choices to have an intended effect. • Analyse a non-fiction texts, considering a range of language and structural effects of the choices made. • Develop oracy skills and confidence through presenting to the class. • Become a confident reader with strategies to unpick challenging texts. • Analyse a literature text, considering a range of language and structural effects of the choices made. • Understand the context of the Gothic movement. • Understand the impact of language choices on the audience/reader
Y7 - Summer	Conflict Poetry Pupils will read and analyse a range of modern conflict /war poetry. Rime of the Ancient Mariner Pupils will read and analyse Coleridge's Rime of the Ancient Mariner	• Gain a further/deeper understanding of the role of conflict in shaping society/individuals • Understand the importance/context of key events involving war • Understand the structure of poetry • Identify key techniques and methods used by poets to communicate meaning • Know key concepts explored in the poems such as conflict, peace, remembrance, patriotism, a fitting tribute, is war justified. • Understand the concepts of gothic, sublime, crime and punishment, sin and penance, confession, transcendence, responsibility • Understand the ideas of nature as a controlling force • Understand the impact of language choices on the audience/reader

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Homework:

Homework is set on Bromcom each. Homework is in the form of answering questions in students' mastery knowledge organiser. This will aid revision for tests and a mid-way knowledge review. Pupils are expected to read for 30 minutes each week and record this in their reading record.

Assessment:

Weekly quiz to check knowledge
End of unit quiz
Descriptive writing assessment
Persuasive writing
Two literacy / reading assessments

Links to Personal Development

Promoting inclusivity and diversity of all protected characteristics.
Social development: Practise using a range of social skills in different situations.
Confidence, Resilience and knowledge: Mentally healthy, physically healthy, active lifestyle, healthy relationships. Character: Reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity, cooperate.
Moral development: Recognising the difference between right and wrong.

Cultural development: Understanding the wide range of cultural influences that shape an individual.

How is my knowledge further developed in Year 8?

Our curriculum is designed to revisit key concepts and literary periods to strengthen and develop skills and knowledge. In Y8 students continue to develop their descriptive and persuasive writing skills, analyse literature, and continue to develop to become effective readers and communicators.