

Subject Curriculum Overview

Subject: English	Year: 7
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Terms 1 +2: Room 13		Terms 3 + 4: An Introduction to Shakespeare		Term 5: Study of Poetry	Term 6: Transactional Writing
Knowledge: Novel: Setting description; exploring the characters; theme and context of Gothic Literature. Skill: Descriptive settings; character descriptions and sensory details (Language). Topic sentences – WHAT statements (Literature).		Knowledge: Extracts from a variety of Shakespeare's plays. Key character focus to make informed opinions. Skill: Addressing an audience verbally. Topic sentences and pairing with a correct quote with a WHAT statement (Literature).		Knowledge: Collection of poems: ' <i>Natural world</i> '. Skill: Topic sentences with supporting quotes and method identification (Lit.)	Knowledge: Non-fiction – news article; magazine; speech; letter. Skill: Vocabulary choices (Language).
Key concepts students need to understand (Core Knowledge): Writing: Word classes, detailed descriptions; using sensory and figurative language.	Key concepts students need to understand (Core Knowledge): Analysis: Identify and using a topic sentence (WHAT STATEMENT). Annotating extracts. Motif; theme; characterisation.	Key concepts students need to understand (Core Knowledge): Presenting: speaking with clarity; offering opinions, facts, persuading. Importance of contextual information; soliloquy, patriarchal society.	Key concepts students need to understand (Core Knowledge): Annotations. Analysis: developing key skills. How to pair a topic sentence (WHAT STATEMENT) with correct quotations.	Key concepts students need to understand (Core Knowledge): Detailed annotations. S.M.I.L.E. Identifying methods: figurative language / structure across longer text.	Key concepts students need to understand (Core Knowledge): 4 W's. Informative writing: AFOREST techniques; structure.

SMSC Opportunities (including evidence of British Values)	Out of classroom opportunities	Assessment opportunities (Please see Assessment Calendar on Website)
Discussion on teamwork and building student empathy. Looking at the meaning of guilt, justice, loyalty and betrayal. Exploring human nature and understanding C16/17th beliefs.	KS3 Creative Writing club KS3 Book Club Debate Club KS3 Homework Club	Assessment tasks at the end of units covering both Literature and Language. Low stake knowledge tests embedded in schemes of work. End of Year Summative assessment