

# ENGLISH

## Autumn term topics

- Introductory project based on poetry from different cultures
- Themed writing skills project
- Myths and legends – newspaper writing skills
- Grammar and punctuation revision



## Likely autumn term homework tasks:

- A variety of creative writing tasks
- Tasks related to the study of poetry
- Various exercises linked with grammar
- Learning of correct spellings
- Private reading
- Book reviews

## Spring term topics

- Class novel
- Narrative poetry
- Drama-focused speaking and listening task
- Mini Shakespeare project: an introduction
- Grammar and punctuation; rules for writing a playscript; paragraphing; rules for direct speech; apostrophes; parts of speech, figures of speech.

## Likely spring term homework tasks:

- A variety of writing tasks, e.g. newspaper reports, diaries, letters, alternative episodes and endings
- Play script writing based on narrative poetry
- A mini project based on Shakespeare

## Summer term topics:

- Reading a class play
- An emphasis on speaking and listening work
- Reading analysis skills in preparation for Year 7 exam

## Likely summer term homework tasks:

- Preparation for an oral presentation
- Private reading

## Additional resources/ideas/stimuli:

- Class Novels e.g. *Skellig*, *The Tulip Touch*, *Why the Whales Came* etc
- Reading playscripts e.g. *Burning Everest*, *Mariza's Story*
- Reading poetry by T.S. Eliot, e.g. *Macavity* and Edward Lear, e.g. *Jumblies*
- English Speaking Board Introductory level is offered to Year 7 girls in the summer term
- We encourage reading throughout the year and we take part in the 'Readathon' to raise money for children's charities. Girls have regularly collected well over £2000 in sponsorship each year