

ENGLISH

Autumn term topics

- Study of a class novel
- Creative writing based on novel
- Citizenship based research project
- Oral presentations

Likely autumn term homework tasks:

- A selection of written work in response to novels such as letters, alternative endings, newspaper articles, diary or school report
- Private reading
- Oral presentations

Spring term topics

- The history of the development of the English language
- Study of a play script
- Drama-focused speaking and listening activities
- Director's notes
- Reading comprehension assessment preparation
- Mini Shakespeare project, building on Year 7 work



Likely spring term homework tasks:

- Work relating to the history of English including some research
- Reading paper practice

Summer term topics

- Media Studies: advertising and persuasive language
- Critical review – class magazine
- Themed poetry project
- Comparative essay writing.



Likely summer term homework tasks:

- Responding to magazine and television advertising
- Preparing oral presentation
- A selection of reading responses to poetry

Additional resources/ideas/stimuli:

- Class novels e.g. *Coram Boy*, *Back Home*, *Holes* etc.
- Play scripts e.g. *In Holland Stands A House*, *Frankenstein*, *Black Harvest*
- Materials in development of the English language, e.g. *King James Bible*, *extracts from Shakespeare's plays*
- English Speaking Board level 1 is offered to Year 8 pupils in the summer term

