

ENGLISH

Autumn term topics

- Study of a class novel
- A variety of writing focused assessment, using the novel as a starting point
- Mini Shakespeare project, building on Year 7 work
- Media film unit, teaching new terminology
- A variety of reading focused assessment, using film and media texts as a starting point

Spring term topics

- The history of the development of the development of the English language
- Citizenship based research in preparation for an individual speaking and listening assessment
- The Wonder Product: advertising and persuasive language
- Group speaking and listening – delivering a business style product pitch

Summer term topics

- Themed poetry project
- A variety of reading focused assessment including comparative skills
- Class study of a playscript



Homework Tasks

Homework tasks will extend the learning which has taken place in class or enable pupils to prepare for their next lesson. Tasks include research, reading, speaking and listening practice, focused writing tasks or preparing material for a new topic.

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

