English – Year 7

Long-Term Plan 2024-2025

Calendar	Topic	Assessment	Sequencing and Coherence concepts - themes - skills	Literacy reading - vocabulary - oracy - writing
Autumn Term Half Term 1 and 2	Pupils read a combination of the classic starts edition and extracts from the original text, working towards an analytical essay on Bill Sykes. Focus on the following literary themes: Good vs. evil The plight of the working classes Crime and punishment Morals and morality Engagement with the following types of texts: Novel Victorian literature Information sheets · Biography · Autobiography Autobiography Diary · Author's introduction · Criminal record Creative Writing - During the unit, pupils complete a piece of creative writing linked to a Victorian world. Poetry - During the unit, pupils explore some poetry by William Blake with a focus on writer's intentions	What kind of Character is Bill Sikes? (extract and whole-text response) Essay style response, marked for both reading and writing. Retrieval practice built into each lesson.	 Disciplinary Knowledge: foundations for literature study in future years Characters are not real people. They are constructed by the writer. A correct topic sentence should say something relevant, accurate, and contain a single point. Relevant quotations from the text support topic sentences. Essays are composed of a series of analytical paragraphs We use a range of strategies to support our comprehension of a text and prior knowledge is very important. Disciplinary Knowledge: foundations for creative writing in future years All creative writing follows a well-designed structure with a beginning, middle and end. When we write a description, it should have one main character or one main focal point. In a short story, the main character is the person who does the action. Secondary characters do not do the action. In a description, the action should happen in one place and over a short time. In a description, we can use symbolism to create the structural progression in the piece of writing. When we write creatively, the way we structure our sentences can have a huge impact on the reader's experience. Disciplinary Knowledge: foundations for studying poetry in future years Poetry is organised and structured differently to prose. Poetry is often used to explore important issues of the moment, philosophical ideas and explore what it means to be human 	Challenging Texts: Oliver Twist and other 19th Century texts Blake poetry Key Vocabulary Poverty Inequality Corrupt / Corruption Vulnerable Innocent Exploit / exploitation Naïve Villain / villainous Dominant Brutal Point Evidence Analysis Topic Sentence Quotation Oracy opportunities Structured pair-talk is built into our lessons. Voice 21 talk tactics are used to structure group discussion. Disciplinary Writing Analytical writing Essay writing • Creative Writing

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Pupils develop their knowledge of the whole play and focus on pivotal moments in the play for close analysis.

Focus on the following literary themes:

- Free will
- Love
- Family conflict
- Women and marriage
- Power and its abuse (all link to themes in R&J in KS4)

Engagement with the following types of texts:

- Play
- Information sheets ·
 Biography ·
 Autobiography

Creative Writing - During the unit, pupils complete a piece of creative writing linked to an enchanted forest.

Assessment
Question:
Is the love potion
good or bad?
(whole-text
response)

Essay style response, marked for both reading and writing.

Low stakes quizzes at regular intervals plus retrieval practice built into each lesson.

Disciplinary Knowledge:

- Plays are divided into acts and scenes.
- Essays can explore items, themes or ideas as well as characters.
- A correct topic sentence should say something relevant, accurate, and contain a single point.
- A good quotation shows that the topic sentence is accurate, avoids repeating the point and lasts no more than two lines of your writing.

Disciplinary Knowledge: foundations for creative writing in future years

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- In a description, the action should happen in one place and over a short time.
- In a description, we can use symbolism to create the structural progression in the piece of writing.
- When we write creatively, the way we structure our sentences can have a huge impact on the reader's experience.

Key Vocabulary

- Elizabethan
- Severe
- Vulnerable
- Malicious
- Victim
- Audience
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- Severe
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- Malicious
- Victim
- Audience
- Patriarchal
- Conflict
- Unrequited
- Mock
- Chaos
- Resolve
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Soliloguy
- Connotation
- Personification
- Hyperbole

Oracy opportunities

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Disciplinary Writing Analytical writing Essay writing

Spring Term

Half Term 3 and 4

Summer Term Half	Fairfield Statue and Grand Designs Pupils begin to find their voice in the world. Who is inspirational to them and why? What would they change about our school site with a cash injection? How do we use presentational talk to express our point of view and persuade others? How do we use rhetoric to aid our purpose? Poetry - During this unit, pupils explore the concept of 'protest poetry' through the poetry of Maya Angelou and Jan Dean before	Write a formal letter expressing a point of view. Oracy opportunity • Group debates • Group presentations	 Disciplinary Knowledge: How writers use language to persuade How to structure a formal letter How to plan, draft and redraft a piece of writing How to use emotive language to persuade others to share a point of view Disciplinary Knowledge - poetry: Strategies for analysing a literary technique: metaphor Strategies for responding to an unseen text Poems utilise symbolism to explore important ideas 	Rey Vocabulary: Rhetorical Question Direct Address Repetition Facts Statistics Alliteration Oracy opportunities Structured pair-talk is built into our lessons. Voice 21 talk tactics are used to structure group discussion. Voice 21 presentation talk guidance supports pupils with their performance skills Disciplinary Writing POV writing Poetry
Term 5 and 6	Greek Myths Pupils are introduced to foundational literary stories which reappear in literature, time and time again. These stories form the material for a spoken performance. The myths we read contain universal themes which mean that we return to these stories time and again. We focus on the portrayal of women as a	Perform a retelling of Medusa's story. • Low stakes quizzes at regular intervals plus retrieval practice built into each lesson. • Y7 Powerful Knowledge Test	 Disciplinary Knowledge: How to perform a piece of oral literature How to present and perform literature How to make meaning through delivery Oral culture is an important tradition To tell a story doesn't mean to read from a book. Speaking clearly involves speaking at an appropriate volume, pace and enunciating your words; Annotating a piece of text will help guide you when reading aloud To re-tell a story, you must think about the story from a new perspective. The universal qualities of certain stories are why they have 	Challenging Texts: Cheeta's Whisper, Hansel and Gretel, Two Dinners Key Vocabulary Patriarchal society, myth oral tradition, hero temptation, mortal immortal, protagonist antagonist, narrative arc Oracy opportunities Structured pair-talk is built into

stood the test of time

in our literature.

• Greek myths are referenced in many other forms of literature

and art. Gorgons, sirens, female monsters and witches all

women are treated and viewed in modern society.

appear in Greek mythology and then reappear time and again

The portrayal of women throughout history influences the way

on the portrayal of women as a

study and as a window into the

foundation for future literary

views held about women in

today's society.

Oracy opportunities

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Disciplinary Writing Explanatory writing Creative writing

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Throughout the year	Writing Mastery	Low stakes quizzes each lesson and for homework and cumulative knowledge tested with longer knowledge tests.	Begins with the fundamental grammar knowledge needed to write accurately and build upon this starting point. Grammar knowledge is organised based on research into the most fundamental errors pupils make and the knowledge required to correct these errors. All pupils start with the unit (1-4) most appropriate to their ability, rather than selected by age or year group.	Focus on accuracy in writing as discrete lessons, which later in Y7 and into Y8 and beyond, will feed into their disciplinary writing in English and other curriculum areas.
Throughout the year	Reading for Pleasure	No assessment	Texts selected based on reading a range of genres and enjoying a diverse range of writers and story subjects throughout KS3.	Vocabulary training in each lesson with a focus on tier two vocabulary and on supporting pupils to move vocabulary into their expressive vocabulary. Reading is supported with pedagogical strategies that help to support reading fluency, including choral reading, teacher modelling and comprehension through summarising.