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English



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus	Novel	Viewpoints + perspectives	Poetry (Lit 2)	Novel	Creative reading & writing	Viewpoints + perspectives
THEME	Europe	Antarctica	Asia	North America	Africa	South America
Unit title and overview Knowledge	Modern novel War Horse Reading of whole novel; inference and predictions through reference to text; exploration of context How texts relate to contexts Key events leading to/during WWI How writers use different types of narrative voice to convey meaning L4L – vocabulary and semantic fields Structure and tension – Labov's narrative categories	Survival Students experience a range of texts from different non fiction genres — autobiography, biography, journals, newspaper stories Understanding of human survival in the face of adversity — resilience The conventions of different genres of writing Literary conventions in non fiction texts — how writers use tone/register to convey experience/informs students' own writing Humans and the environment Conventions of formal letter writing; structure, reg, vocab	Different Cultures poetry Reading a selection of poems from different cultures and traditions; understanding social and cultural contexts of poets; celebrating identity and diversity Develop an understanding of what 'culture' means and how this is linked to identity and heritage Know key facts, ideas and beliefs about a range of cultures – throughout the world and in UK society Know the literary conventions of poetry and how writers exploit this form to communicate ideas about culture and identity Know how to respond verbally and in writing to ideas about culture and identity	Modern novel NightJohn Reading of whole novel; inference and predictions through reference to text; exploration of context 1 year - research drama text for N.America Build on prior knowledge Autumn 1 (prose text) and Spring 1 (culture and identity) - transferrable knowledge and skills to respond to context of NightJohn Key facts and events - slavery and abolition Freedoms and human rights - education and the power of reading: meta-learning Narrative voice - representation of non standard forms Differences between empathy and sympathy	Lion King Media Unit Media representation of stereotypes; subverting stereotypes; society's stereotypes and representation of different social groups What a stereotype is Different stereotypes in society How media (and literature) uses stereotypes to communicate ideas with audiences How to recognise stereotyping and how to adjust perceptions Colour symbolism — inference of signs and symbols The uses and pitfalls of stereotyping Conventions of evaluative writing	Travel writing Students experience a range of texts from different non fiction genres – travel journalism, literary non fiction, journals, persuasive texts Conventions of the various types of travel writing Conventions of persuasive texts Conventions of descriptive writing Links to previous units (culture and identity, environmental issues) Text-image cohesion Use of colour to communicate ideas (linked to previous unit)
Assessment	Reading focus Question based on theme/character/setting, with reference to extract and links to novel as a whole. Expository essay	Writing focus P2 Qu5 – viewpoints and perspectives; write a persuasive text (letter) presenting an argument as to whether or not mountain climbing should be banned	Reading focus Lit P2 Poetry – named poem (differentiated by class – set 1 comparison); How does the poet present ideas about pride in culture and identity in named poem	Reading focus Question based on character (sympathy for Sarny) with reference to extract and links to novel as a whole. Expository essay	Reading focus P1 Qu4 evaluate – 'How far do you agree with this statement?' – representation of good and evil in <i>Lion King</i> . Expository essay	Reading focus P2 Qu2: summary of the differences in articles about locations Writing focus P1 Qu5 descriptive – creation of own location and travel brochure
Reading skills	 Use evidence to support ideas Understand significant themes and ideas Verbalise the effects of 	Embed evidence from texts to support ideas How writers use language to communicate significant	Make simple (and increasingly sensitive/complex) comparisons of writers' attitudes	Identify how writer conveys character through description and dialogue Make inferences and	 Identifying the use of symbolism in moving image texts Applying this knowledge to written texts 	 Analysis of pre and post modification used to persuade Comparing and contrasting details

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	writer's language – how words make the readers feel Be able to use knowledge experienced through other texts to embrace ideas in WH	 themes and ideas Verbalise the effects of writers' use of structure how the structure of the text makes readers feel To identify themes and ideas running through a number of texts/genres 	Can give their own point of view on a text Is able to identify lexical choices linked to culture and identity Identify the key literary devices used in poetry – figurative language for effect	begin to identify implicit meaning • Students can articulate how writers use structure and language to develop feelings of sympathy in the reader • Students are able to make links with reading in previous units	Simple evaluation showing viewpoint in relation to text Using subject specific terminology in relation to moving image text Make inferences in relation to moving image texts	across texts Identifying fact and opinion in non fiction texts
Writing skills	 Learn and use conventions of expository essay Begin to develop a formal register in written expression Learn how to use the PEEL structure in response to texts 	 Learn and use the conventions of a formal letter Use a formal register with confidence Conjunctions for persuasive writing Expressing opinion and considering counter arguments 	 Precise reference to 1 text (2 for more able), using simple literary terminology to support interpretation Embed quotations from text(s) accurately in expository essay Learn how to structure a response to poetry 	Learn to plan an expository essay Select own quotations to write PEEL paragraphs Learn how to phrase an objective response in relation to 'effect of writer's methods' ('the reader' rather than 'I')	Use evaluative verbs in response to P1 Qu4 task Planning an evaluative response to acknowledge 'both sides' of the argument Use a consistently formal register for expository essay Embed references to moving image text	Use of pre and post modification to persuade Implementing text/image cohesion Developing a concise written style in response to questions Planning/drafting editing to create promotional material
SPaG	 Accurate spelling of key subject terminology Accurate use of simple, compound and complex sentences Accurate use of basic punctuation 	 Accurate spelling of conjunctions to persuade Use of discourse markers Experiments with punctuation for effect 	 Accurate paragraphing to support reader understanding of pov Use a range of discourse markers/comparative connectives 	Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph Devices to link ideas across paragraphs (extract/whole of novel)	 L4L vocab acquisition – key media terminology Use of discourse markers to indicate evaluation (showing both sides) 	 Noun phrases Pre and post modification Triples, direct address and other rhetorical devices (persuasive)
Wider knowledge opportunities	 Media – documentary Non fiction – diary entries Literature – poetry 	 Media – documentary clips Visual aids to support unfamiliar environmental contexts Poetry to link to n/f texts 	Documentary – 'Brown Kid, White Kid' Resources to support cultural understanding - self and others	 American politics/heritage; Jefferson's Monticello Use of music to develop response – Ella F, Sounds of Blackness 	Explore ideas about representation of 'baddies' in popular culture and literary genres Links to non fiction texts — lion texts and newspaper representation of social groups	Developing awareness of geographical locations, climates and cultures Providing students to think of their place in the world, beyond immediate location Developing aspirations
Enrichment	Trip to see the play Cinema – live streaming?	Link with Humanities and Art – plan opportunities to work on a Global Warming project	Humanities – link with RS – visit to mosque/gurdwara	Research project – music of power and protest; presentation at end of unit	Woburn Safari Park	Link with ICT (producing brochures)

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Reading

The English department expects students to read for pleasure throughout KS3, and encourages this through dedicated Library lessons (1 per fortnight) for Years 7-9. Years 7 and 8 demonstrate progress in their reading through the Accelerated Reader programme, with STAR tests used to evidence development in reading age and ability (students are tested at the start of the year, then at the end of every term). Data is analysed and shared with colleagues (including SEN dept) and groups (boys, PP, SEN) can be highlighted in this analysis. The librarian supports the initiative, and paired reading (KS3 students and 6th Form students) interventions are put in place to enable students with low reading age scores to develop confidence in reading aloud and decoding unfamiliar vocabulary in a safe environment. On completion of every book read, students access an AR quiz and there is a rewards system for those who meet milestones and challenges.

Every KS3 English lesson begins with Calm Start, which is always used for private reading for Year 7 and 8 (Year 9 have a variety of activities for Calm Start, including reading). As such, students should always have a reading book with them; we are developing the expectation that tutor time (morning) should be used for private reading at least once per week. From September 2019, KS3 students will be expected to complete 20 minutes per day reading for homework; student planners will include a page which sets out a grid for parents to sign (and tutors to check) to say that this has been done. The aim is to take reading beyond the English department and present it as an aspect of personal development and cultural enrichment – something that underpins effective study across the school.

Spoken English

Throughout KS3 students will experience a range of opportunities to develop their knowledge of and skills in using Spoken English. Students will be able to **speak confidently and effectively** using **standard English**.

In each scheme of work there are opportunities for classroom discussion at various levels (pair, group and whole class activities) and some units have a more specific focus on spoken English – whether this be recitation in poetry, reading aloud in the novel unit or presenting a viewpoint in the perspectives unit; the drama unit requires students to improvise and rehearse using play scripts. At all times it is imperative that teachers model the expected standard of English pronunciation and vocabulary use, while being able to explore ideas about language variety (including accent, dialect and different registers used for effect).

Students will be supported to develop a formal register where the task demands it, through participation in debates and structured discussions, using role play where appropriate to engender an 'adult' voice which will develop students' confidence in their written responses. Students will learn to voice disagreement with courteousy while they begin to understand in more detail the etiquette of social interaction, as guided by Grice's Conversational Maxims.

Spellings and vocabulary acquisition

Students in KS3 will have banks of spellings for each unit of study. The requirement for spelling topic-specific vocabulary will develop week on week, and in addition to this students are expected to be able to complete definitions for new vocabulary acquired. Spellings are set for homework every week, and are tested weekly.

****** SPaG resources are available on the R:Drive to support SoW and transition from KS2 ******