Year 8 English Curriculum Map 2020-21



Autumn 1

Non-fiction shorts

- You will be studying a selection of non-fiction texts on a range of topics.
- You will examine how writers adapt their work to suit different text types, audiences and purposes.

Autumn 2

Shakespearean Comedy

 You will study one of Shakespeare's comedy plays and explore comedic themes in his work, including unrequited love, mistaken identities and family tensions.

Spring 1

Diverse Literary Shorts

- You will study a richly diverse range of texts to promote critical thinking.
- You will explore challenging material by renowned authors writing about issues important to the world today.

Summer 2

'Of Mice and Men' By John Steinbeck

- You will study this famous
 American novel set during the
 Great Depression, focusing on the
 lives of migrant workers.
- You will examine how Steinbeck presents themes of friendship, loneliness, dreams and prejudice.

Summer 1

Gothic with S&L focus

You will study different features of the gothic genre, exploring key characters, themes and motifs.

Spring 2

World War 1 Poetry

 You will explore the significance of poetry during WW1. You will examine how poetry was used as a form of propaganda and also how it was used by soldier poets, including Owen and Sassoon, to reveal the true horrors of war.