English KS3 Curriculum Map



| | Term 1: Victorian Literature | Term 2: Shakespeare | Term 3: Modern Texts |
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| Year 7 Literary Heritage | Oliver Twist | A Midsummer night's Dream | Poetry and metaphor |
| Key Knowledge | Life in Victorian London; Victorian crime; the form of a novel; Bill Sikes, Fagin, the Artful Dodger, Oliver; morality | Life in Elizabethan England; life in ancient Athens; Shakespeare's life; the four lovers; the love potion; Elizabethan family relationships; the form of a play | Structure and use of metaphor; poetic forms; poets studied include William Blake and Alfred Lord Tennyson, Phoebe Hesketh, Langston Hughes, Richard Kell, Carl Sandburg |
| Vocabulary | villains and victims, vulnerable, corrupt, naïve, orphan, moral | soliloquy, severe, conflict, unrequited love, to mock, chaos | metaphor, literal language, metaphorical language, tenor, vehicle, ground |
| Writing | Descriptive writing - character | Descriptive writing - place | Descriptive writing – imagery and metaphor |
| Year 8 Literary Heritage | The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes | The Tempest | Animal Farm |
| Key Knowledge | Scientific developments in the Victorian era; class and society in Victorian England; the detective genre; duality; periodicals | The Elizabethan age of exploration; colonialism; nature/nurture; the form of a comedy; subplots; soliloquy and monologue; Italian city-states | Allegory; Orwell's life and times; the Russian Revolution; recurring imagery; irony and corruption |
| Vocabulary | to enlighten, deduction, scandal, periodical, introspective, dual nature, observation | colonialism, to usurp, tempest, treason, callous, pathos, nurture, tragicomedy | allegory, tyrant, rebellion, harvest, propaganda, cult of personality, treacherous, authorial intent |
| Writing | Narrative writing – focus on structure | Narrative writing – focus on perspective | Narrative writing – focus on symbolism |
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| Year 9 Literary Heritage | Romeo and Juliet | Victorian Writing Anthology | Poetry from Different Cultures |
| Key Knowledge | The Prologue; foreshadowing in <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> ; the form of a tragedy; AC Bradley's lectures on Shakespearean character; the sonnet form | Study of a range of C19 fiction and non-fiction extracts linked by theme – childhood and school; life for women; poverty and inequality; crime and punishment; exploration and invention | Study of a selection of poetry and supporting literature that explores issues of cultural heritage, identity, belonging and prejudice; poets studied include John Agard, Grace Nichols and Imtiaz Dharker |
| Vocabulary | tragic, prologue, sonnet, feud, status quo, obstacle, hyperbole, tragic flaw, exile, foreshadow, catastrophe | inequality, class, patriarchy, hypocrisy, philanthropy, bildungsroman, juxtaposition | post-colonialism, immigrant, ethnicity, dialect, diaspora, segregation, symbolism |
| Writing | Opinion writing – planning and structure | Opinion writing – rhetorical techniques | Opinion writing – controlling tone |