



Curriculum Plans – Year 8 - English – Academic Year 2023/24

Please find below a detailed outline of the curriculum covered in English through Year 8 in key stage 3.

BLOCK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Dates	28th August - 27th September (5 weeks)	2nd October - 27th October (4 weeks)	6th November - 15th December (6 weeks)	3rd January - 2nd February (5 weeks)	12th February - 22nd March (6 weeks)	2nd April - 26th April (4 weeks)	6th May - 21st June (7 weeks)
Topics	Novel - A Monster Calls Considering the viewpoint of the novel and the ways in which the protagonist may be relatable Exploring the role that Jim Kay's artwork had in the original version of the text Making predictions based on our own contextual knowledge Examining the ways in which Ness uses foreshadowing in the novel		Drama - Blood Brothers Developing contextual knowledge around the play and learning how to use this to increase our understanding and enjoyment Discussing ideas around social responsibility and reflecting on Russell's feelings on the subject Reflecting on ways in which this text is still relevant to use today Using creative approaches (particularly drama based activities) to develop our own knowledge and understanding of the theatre		Poetry - Voices from Across the Globe Considering a broad range of perspectives and viewpoints Examining poetry from different cultures/perspectives and considering what we can learn from it Identifying and analysing a range of poetic techniques Reflecting on poetic form and structure		Novel - Noughts and Crosses Reviewing the conventions of a novel and considering the ways in which this is similar/different to other material we have read together Using contextual knowledge of the modern world to interpret and respond to Blackman's message Responding creatively to the text by producing a persuasive piece of writing Comparing and contrasting this novel with others we've read and consolidating our understanding of the conventions of the novel form
Assessments	Creative writing - descriptive	Essay - textual analysis	Creative writing - narrative	Essay - textual analysis	Essay - textual analysis	Creative writing - persuasive	Essay - textual analysis
Academic Theme	Planning for Tomorrow	The World around us	Better Together	The Working World	Opportunities for Everyone	Keep it Green, Keep it Clean	Healthy Body, Healthy Mind