



English Curriculum Plan Overview

Year 8			
Term	Topic	Learning	How can parents' best support
Autumn 1	Writing Poetry NATE unit	Grammar in context. Descriptive poetry. Imagery. Effects of punctuation. Comparison. Poetry Writing Performance.	Encourage your child to research different poet's and their works. Work on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) Encourage your child to read poetry.
Assessment:			
Autumn 2	Spy Fiction Skills for Writing – Unit 3	Narrative viewpoint. Character description. Manipulating sentences. Planning and writing a complete spy story.	Watch films about spies e.g. Mission Impossible, Spy Kids. Discuss with your child what a spy is.
Assessment:			
Spring 1	Shakespeare – A Midsummer Night's Dream RSC Resource	Discovering Character through language. Explore the character of Puck Interpretation and exploration of Shakespeare's presentation of character.	Discuss - What is a play? Discuss - Who is William Shakespeare? Encourage child to research plays written by William Shakespeare.
Assessment:			
Spring 2	Fiction and Non-fiction Charles Dickens Collection – Dickens on London and Capital Punishment	Analysis of 19th century fiction and non-fiction texts by Charles Dickens.	Watch any modern films based on texts written in 19 th century e.g. A Christmas Carol, Water Babies. Encourage child to research who Charles Dickens is, books he wrote. Discuss and research what life was like in 19 th century.
Assessment:			
Summer 1	Novel: "Wild boy" by Rob Lloyd Jones Class reader	Context and setting (19 th Century). Writer's use of language. Inference and deduction. Character analysis. Building tension. Writer's use of language. How the writer creates sympathy.	Encourage your child to research entertainment in the 19 th Century. Discuss with your child what is meant by difference.
Assessment:			
Summer 2	End of year exams and preparation	Revisiting reading/ writing skills. Decoding of exam questions. Practise exam questions.	Talk about exam stress with your child. Discuss strategies to deal with the pressure of exams. Discuss with your child the importance of exams.
Assessment:			