Year 8 Curriculum Implementation Plan (ENGLISH) 2023-24

Year 8	English							
Scheme of Learning	Pre 1500 INDIVIDUAL		1500-1950 SOCIETAL		POST 1950 GLOBAL			
	The Wife of Bath/Much Ado About Nothing	Much Ado About Nothing	Victorian Stories	Romantic Poetry	Long Way Down	Non-Fiction Voices		
Half-term	Autumn – 1.1	Autumn – 1.2	Spring – 2.1	Spring – 2.2	Summer – 3.1	Summer – 3.2		
Curriculum content	Using the KS3 playscript version of Chaucer's tale to explore medieval literature and the conventions of playscripts, particularly the dramatic monologue. This unit serves as an introduction and leads in to the study of Shakespeare's play 'Much Ado About Nothing' after 4 weeks. The overarching link between the 2 texts is the study of the Comedy genre.	Using the whole text of 'Much Ado About Nothing', a Shakespearean Comedy, we develop a further appreciation of this playwright's craft and the meaning he conveys to his audience.	Using extracts from C19th fiction text, we develop we explore writers' techniques to engage the reader and compel them to read on.  We develop use this as a platform / stimulus to practise our narrative / creative / imaginative writing.	A range of poems from the literary canon used in this unit. We explore how poetic devices can be used to convey meaning both through language and structural choices. We start to compare two poems together at this stage of the course and this skills of synthesis, connected by topic is important for the development of the pupils' broader experience of and response to poetry at this stage.	We explore Narrative threads firstly by reading the young adult novel, written in verse 'Long Way Down', that tells the story of a teenage boy, who is seeking revenge for the murder of his older brother. This is a challenging and diverse read that will be used alongside other short stories from 'Stimulating Shorts'.	We explore the conventions of a number of non-fiction writing forms and purposes and practise using these in real-world and modern day scenarios with a strong focus on the thread of people and voice.		
Curriculum Intent	To embed cultural capital and explore our literary heritage we study an age appropriate playscript	To further embed cultural capital and explore our literary heritage further we study a Shakespearean Comedy at this stage of	In this Creative Writing unit, pupils are faced with challenging reading material as stimulus. We look at Victorian texts from our	The aim here is to use the power of the poems and their emotive use of language to encourage a personal response to poetry and	This narrative unit explicitly develops key reading skills, including understanding by independent inference, identification and use of	Writing for purpose in this unit on articles builds on the non-fiction writing from Year 7 and develops awareness of a wider range of non-		

version of Chaucer's 'The Wife of Bath'. This short unit introduces the dramatic monologue with study of the character of the Wife of Bath's voice for students to then create their own character and write their own character monologue.

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the Introductory unit in Year 7. Reading analysis is developed further here with the introduction of more sophisticated form and structure dramatic devices and features alongside the language work. Exploration of historical context and literary developments provide cultural awareness whilst focus on characterisation is kev. We move on to identifying and exploring the effects of writers' technical choices at a higher level and encourage the discussion of this in pupils' responses (WHAT HOW WHY).

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literary heritage, their vocabulary and structures. Resilience and resourcefulness can be promoted as pupils are encouraged to unravel and decrypt these texts before they explore the way the writers create effects such as mood and tension to create intrigue. Pupils can then can apply these techniques in their own writing. The antiquated setting provides further opportunities to explore our cultural heritage and to understand historical influences on literature. Characterisation is key and the focus on the voice of the author / narrator and characters are key in this unit of work.

help our pupils to understand and respect the validity of their own voices. evidence from the text. Pupils are taught to use evidence to support their ideas (P PARAGRAPHS / HOW WHAT WHY) and assertions about the text or elements of it. such as characters or settings. There is a focus on using the physical text to support understanding in practical and effective ways, vital skills in many real life contexts. The context of the text (its social, historical and cultural background and influence) is explored to broaden pupils' knowledge of the world around them.

fiction writing forms and purposes. It allows pupils to practise using these in real-world scenarios, preparing them for different writing tasks in the world outside school. The aim here is to develop planning and writing skills in different forms and for different readers / audiences by exploring the conventions and features of these article forms in terms of structural and linguistic devices. The use of rhetorical features. sentence function and structure and higher level punctuation are practised during this term to embed these skills.

Core Skills	=Focus on genre of	=Communicate ideas	=Evaluate impact of	= Read, understand and	=Explore differences
	comedy in terms of	creatively using sensory	poetic choices:	respond to texts.	text types/ styles
KS2 Links	characterisation.	description and	language and structure	=Inference of meaning	=Identify and use bias
	=Analysis of	mood/tone.	=Introduction of	(both implicit and	=Explore difference fact
KS4 Links	scene/section	=Understand writer's	comparison structure as	explicit).	and opinion
	developing to full play.	craft in terms of	a method to explore	=Explanation.	=Analyse tone/register
	=Exploration of staging	narrative arc /	and analyse both	=Reading	=Identify and apply
	and performance	structure/withholding.	poems	comprehension.	structural devices
	through adaptations.	=Apply narrative arc	=Read, understand,	=Make predictions.	=Explore the Art of
	=Hone analytical skills	=To explore Victorian	analyse and interpret	=Summarise.	Grammar / Rhetoric in
	for extract response	ghost story as a	texts.	=Identify writer's	non-fiction
	using WHAT HOW WHY.	stimulus to develop	=Show understanding	methods.	=To develop personal,
	=Close analysis:	creative writing.	of the relationships	=Evaluate success of	assured journalistic
	inference, writer's style	=Explore perspective /	between texts and the	writer's craft.	voice in both first and
	and evaluation.	narrator in own writing.	contexts.	=Explore narrative	third person writing
	=Develop skills of	=Apply time shift ideas		structure and	=Write to match given
	analytical writing to	to own creations.		trajectory.	purpose through
	include golden thread	=Explore the ghost		=Analytical skills	diction, structure
	and demonstrate flair	genre and ideas about		=Understand how texts	=Explore credible voices
	and perception in	the supernatural.		are affected by specific	=Organise cohesively
	argument.	=Communicate clearly		contexts in which they	=Use accurate spelling,
		and imaginatively.		were written (time	punctuation/grammar.
		=Focus on voice and		period, place).	=Write legibly and
		characterisation.			coherently.
Main	Analysis of a character	Writing creatively: to	Compare and contrast		Writing non-fiction for
Assessment	in the comedy.	explain, inform,	two poems connected		purpose. Persuasive
	Analysis of form and	describe.	by theme.		writing article.
	structure.				Writing to analyse,
	Analysis of theme.				review, comment
Cross	PSHE Exploring the	History exploration of	History Romanticism		PSHE being adept at
curricular	importance of comedy	Victorian society and	context of poetry		understanding the
	and humour in our lives	supernatural ideas in	RE – moral attitudes to		power of the media and
	and a happy ending.	ghost stories.	the dilemmas / issues		its influence.
			raised.		Contemporary
			PSHE – response to		contextual issues: SMSC
			media.		