YEAR 8 SUMMER 1: Long Way Down

Intent: Students to experience a very modern, diverse verse novel exploring gun culture, identity and violence. Students will study how voice is presented through Jason Reynold's powerful use of accent, dialect, imagery, punctuation and layout.

Substantive Knowledge	Common misconceptions
Students know: Setting and objects in stories can be used symbolically Generic conventions of supernatural How accent and dialect are used to present character and contribute to voice. How writers' use layout of sentences, free verse, enjambment, and caesura to add meaning to texts Students can: Explore language choices made by writers using What How Why structure	Novelists all write in Standard English and this is expected of professional writers Accent and dialect are the same
Select quotations that support their ideas Identify methods that writers use to create meaning	
Tier 3 language	Links to previous topics
Accent Dialect Vernacular Sociolect Symbolism First person viewpoint	Year 7 The Bone Sparrow Year 7 and Year 8 Poetry and poetic form Year 8 Victorian Gothic – supernatural
Free verse Fragmented lines Enjambment Juxtaposition Allegory	

Literary Studies	Composition	Rhetoric	Linguistics
Study of a text from an award winning BAME writer. This unit helps students see the modern worlds and problems in it that are relevant to them.	What How Why analysis of writer's methods. Chances for some own creative writing in the style of the novel.		Analysis of the writer's use of language and structure: fragmented lines and enjambment, imagery, symbolism, motif, juxtaposition

Retrieval	Assessment	Links to future topics
Key words and their meanings: Symbolism Motif Imagery	Reading (lesson 6): How does the writer show the impact of Dani's death on Will? Comment on the use of: fragmented lines and enjambment, imagery, symbolism, juxtaposition. (Pages 140-146)	Study of ACC GCSE text

