

Welcome to Year 7 English



This year you will begin your first year of English lessons at WBS!

Homework will be set on a weekly basis and will involve discussions and literacy tasks. However, we expect you to be a bit more independent now that you're at secondary school! So, if there's something that you're struggling with, have a look under 'extra resources' to see if there is something you can work on independently to develop that skill. For example, if literacy skills such as spelling, punctuation and grammar are something you need to work on, there is a workbook for you to go through at your own pace. There is also a comprehensive reading list to ensure that you are reading regularly at home. This is an expectation of you at secondary school.

In lessons you will cover a range of exciting topics that will hopefully challenge and excite you, whilst also providing a foundation level of skills for your GCSEs. You will be covering a range of topics, including:

Autobiography



During this topic, you will read a range of literary non fiction texts such as autobiographies, diaries and travel writing. You will develop your writing skills and be able to create your own literary non fiction. Homework tasks may include: wider reading, annotation, vocabulary work, writing tasks etc.

Assessment focus: Writing AO5 and AO6

A Christmas Carol and Drama



You will rehearse and perform a part of this story, as well as reading parts of the novel. You will develop key practical skills such as group work and role play, and you will also develop your evaluating skills. Homework activities may include: independent reading, rehearsals, character profiles, plot timelines etc

Assessment focus: Reading for Language Evaluation AO4

Creative Writing



You will learn about different types of adventure stories and how this genre has changed between cultures and over time. You will also have a go at writing your own adventure story and have a chance to compete in BBC Radio 4's 500 word story competition! Homework tasks may include: wider reading, research, writing your own stories, designing characters, vocabulary work etc

Assessment focus: Writing AO5

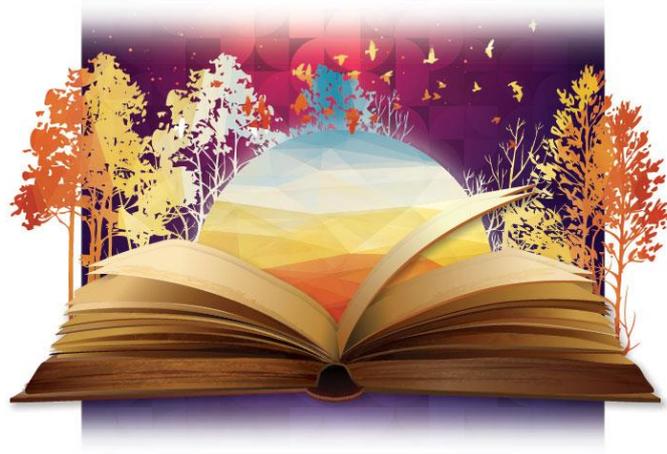
Poetry



In this topic, you will read lots of different types of poems and start developing those analysis skills that will be so useful later on! You will develop critical reading skills and creative writing skills. You will create your own performance poem and present this to the rest of the class. Homework tasks may include: wider research, vocabulary work, creative writing, writing analytical paragraphs etc.

Assessment focus: Speaking and Listening

Class Novel



You will read a class novel which your teacher chooses to suit the class. Homework activities may include: character profiles, storyboarding the plot, language analysis, comprehension tasks, diary entries, book reviews etc

Assessment focus: Reading for Literature AO1 and AO2

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