

English Department

KS3 Autumn 2 Newsletter

As we approach the conclusion of the calendar year – we continue on with our studies in the English department. All resources are available on Go4Schools.

Year 7 – Childhood Poetry

During Autumn 2 we begin to study Childhood poetry, looking at the poems of Carol Ann Duffy, Seamus Heaney etc to explore how they presented their childhoods and how the perception of childhood has changed over the years. Throughout the unit we will be exploring the different experiences of children in the world.



Year 8 – Heritage Poetry

We are continuing our English studies and moving focus onto Heritage Poetry – we are going to be examining the Romantic Poetry movement in history and looking at the natural world in our studies. Throughout the unit, we will be embracing the portrayal of women and understanding the conventions of a patriarchal society.



Year 9 – Gothic Fiction

One of our most exciting topics! Not only will you be reading different examples of Gothic writing, but you will also have the opportunity to look at artwork, music and poetry before moving on to apply all your new knowledge to your own piece of Gothic writing. Very spooky!



Book recommendation:

Have you been looking for a good Halloween read? Well, I have an exciting book for you! Dracula, by Bram Stoker, is a gothic horror novel about vampires and humans. When Jonathan Harker enters Count Dracula's castle, it leads to a series of unfortunate events. The story is intriguing, with many plot twists and a wide range of viewpoints. It's a spectacular, intriguing read especially for those who love feeling scarred!

- Daisy Feeney, 7CKT

KS3 Homework Days:

Year 7 – Week 1, Monday

8X – Week 2, Wednesday

8Y – Week 1, Friday

9X – Week 1, Wednesday

9Y – Week 2, Wednesday

Quote of the Month:

“Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.”

- Emily Brontë



Useful links to support your child:

Year 7

<https://interestingliterature.com/2017/04/10-of-the-best-poems-about-childhood/>

Year 8

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/collections/152982/an-introduction-to-british-romanticism>

Year 9

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfdh8xs/articles/z9cssk7>