Year 8 - English

What will be studied?

Topic(s)

Autumn 1

Grammar for Writing unit (Theme- The Blitz)

Autumn 2

Reading a novel: Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo.

Spring 1

Conflict Poetry (theme-Physical Conflict/War)

Spring 2

William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet

Summer 1

Reading and Writing Non-Fiction Texts (theme- Growing up)

Summer 2

KS3 Reading and Writing Non-Fiction Texts Exam Revision/Independent learning project.

How do you assess the learning?

Autumn 1

Formative Assessment: Write a diary entry/article/ newspaper report based on the events of 'The Blitz.'

Summative Assessment: Write an eyewitness account/autobiographical account of events during 'The Blitz'

Autumn 2

Formative Assessment: Respond to an extract of the novel.

Summative Assessment: Respond to an extract and a theme in the whole novel.

Spring 1

Formative Assessment: To compare how conflict is presented in two poems.

Spring 2

Formative Assessment: To write an analytical response focused on one character/theme. Summative Assessment: To explore how a character/theme is presented.

Summer 1

Formative Assessment: To analyse how the writers use language to present the theme of growing up.

Summer 2

Formative Assessment: To write a persuasive speech about a cause students feel strongly about.

Summative Assessment: AQA style KS3 reading and writing non-fiction texts examination

End of Year Examination

How will I be assessed at the end of the year?

Examination that will assess students' reading and writing abilities using Non-Fiction texts.

How can I help my child?

Guidance and advice

Non-fiction writing:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjfkscw

https://www.annefrank.org/en/anne-frank/diary/complete-works-anne-frank/

Romeo and Juliet/Shakespeare:

https://www.britannica.com/topic/Romeo-and-Juliet

https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/william-shakespeare

Private Peaceful/Blitz/War Poetry:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/99/a2028999.shtml