

Year 8 - English

What will be studied?

Topic(s)

Autumn 1

Reading a novel: *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo

Autumn 2

Grammar for Writing unit based on a particular theme

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

Reading and Writing Non-Fiction Texts Exam revision/ Independent Learning Project on historical figures

How do you assess the learning?

Formative assessments: opportunities to improve knowledge and skills as part of preparation for formal assessments using detailed teacher feedback. Teachers check students' understanding for each lesson with activities designed to test the learning. In addition, teachers will revisit skills throughout the year to maintain the students' knowledge.

Mid-Year Assessment: an opportunity for the students to show what they have learnt for reading and writing. These assessments are marked and moderated by teachers to ensure fairness. The agreed grades are then put on the students' trackers.

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/War Poetry:

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

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