



Sharpley SCHOOL

English Department

What We Are Learning About This Term: Autumn 2

Year 7: Superheroes



Year 7 students will get creative, designing their own superhero character and learning a range of techniques to describe superheroes and villains. They will also develop their skills for writing to suit a range of purposes, for example writing to persuade and inform.

Suggested Wider Reading List:

The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson series)
-Rick Riordan; The Mortal Instruments series
- Cassandra Clare; Daniel X Armageddon- James
Patterson; Harry Potter series- JK Rowling;
No Easy Walk to Freedom- Nelson Mandela;
Rosa Parks- Rob Shone; Neil Armstrong-
Anita Ganeri; I am Malala- Malala Yousufzai.

Year 8:

Scene Of The Crime



Our Y8 super sleuths will get the opportunity to apply for the position of teenage spy at the fictitious MI6 and study a range of popular detective/ crime fiction texts, exploring how the stories are crafted to appeal to their audience. They will then write their own short story to share with the rest of the class.

Suggested Wider Reading List:

Sherlock Holmes stories -Arthur Conan Doyle; Silverfin - Charlie Higson; Alex Rider series
- Antony Horowitz; The Ultimate Truth- Kevin Brooks; Pretty Little Liars- Sara Shepard;
Confessions series- James Patterson; Sister, Missing- Sophie McKenzie



Suggested Wider Reading List:

Any texts on non-fiction topics of interest e.g: astronomy; animals; sports; famous people, etc

Year 9: Don't Get me Started On . . .

Year 9 will get a chance to moan about something that really annoys them in this unit. They will study a range of persuasive texts and use the skills they learn to develop their own persuasive piece which argues against something that really gets on their nerves. Students will also get a chance to share their speeches with the rest of the class, allowing them to develop their public speaking skills.

Year 10: A Christmas Carol/ Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

All pupils will be starting the study of their pre 20th century fiction text; this will either be Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' or Robert Louis Stevenson's 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'.



Suggested Wider Reading List:

We recommend that all pupils have a copy of the above set text to assist them in their preparations for the examinations.

Other popular 19th century fiction choices are as follows:

Jane Eyre- Charlotte Bronte; Great Expectations/ David Copperfield - Charles Dickens;
Frankenstein- Mary Shelley; Dracula- Bram Stoker; Wuthering Heights- Emily Bronte;
Treasure Island- Robert Louis Stevenson;

**' The more you read, the more things you will know.
The more you learn, the more places you will go.' (Dr Seuss)**