

KS3 English

How to support your child with English at Secondary School

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What do students study in Year 7?



Autumn Term

- ❖ A range of poetry, prose and non-fiction under the theme of 'Journeys'

Spring Term

- ❖ Frankenstein play text (with extracts from the novel)

Summer Term

- ❖ Shakespeare – Much Ado about Nothing or A Midsummer Night's Dream

Enrichment

- ❖ A range of class readers and SPAG skills

Why is reading so important?

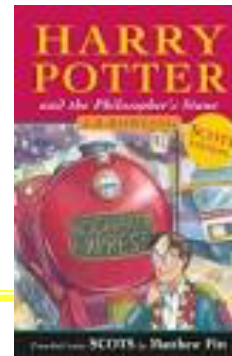
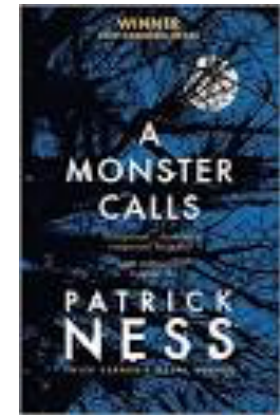
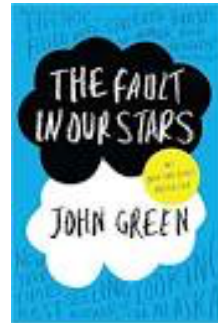


- Vocabulary
- Spelling
- Memory
- Focus and attentiveness
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Inference
- Analytical thought
- Evaluation

Reading Strategies



- ❖ A range of texts
- ❖ Read often
- ❖ Skimming and scanning
- ❖ Discussion
- ❖ Visible reading
- ❖ Reading aloud → adults, siblings, pets
- ❖ Knowledge organisers



Extended Writing Strategies



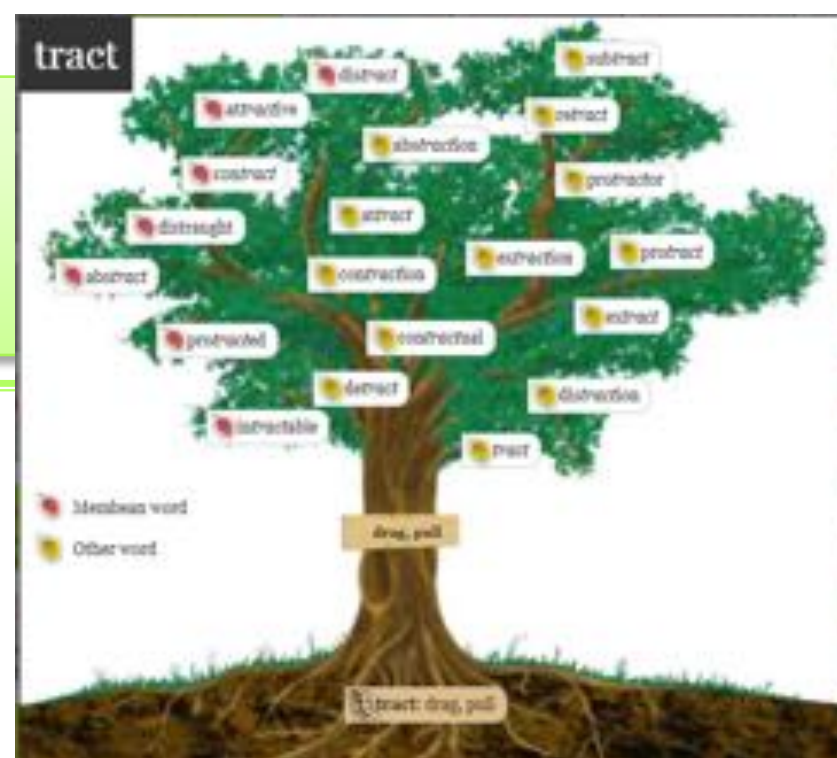
❖ Planning

❖ Independent proof-reading

- capital letters
- spellings
- punctuation
- sentences
- paragraphing (TiPToP)
- vocabulary

Spelling Strategies

- ❖ Break it into sounds (Wed-nes-day)
- ❖ Break it into syllables (re-mem-ber)
- ❖ Use mnemonics (necessary = 1 Collar, 2 Sleeves)
- ❖ Refer to a word in the same family (muscle ~ muscular)
- ❖ Words within words (a rat in speARATe)
- ❖ Refer to etymology (bi + cycle = two + wheels)
- ❖ Apply spelling rules e.g. doubling consonant for short vowel (writing, but written)
- ❖ Learn by sight (look, cover, write, check)



Helpful Online Resources

Reading

- ❖ Carnegie long list
- ❖ Newsround
- ❖ BBC News
- ❖ The Guardian: Comment is Free (or any other opinion articles)

Vocabulary and Spelling

- ❖ Membean

General

- ❖ BBC Bitesize – KS3 English

Handy Free Apps

- ❖ 7 Little Words
- ❖ Word of the Day
- ❖ Words with Friends
- ❖ Wordscape



Questions?