

Year 9 – Autumn – 'Crime and Mystery'

Main – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Resources – available in J drive





Unit rationale

- 1. The text can be used to continue to prepare pupils for studying **prose at GCSE** level: setting, character, plot, themes, context, structure and language features
- 2. The text can be used to develop higher order reading skills in preparation for GCSE demands: comparison is the central focus of this unit, with students encouraged to develop their personal responses
- 3. The text allow students to appreciate the crafting of narrative voice and perspectives (significant for KS4 study). Reading this text, alongside work in the complementary enrichment unit, will allow pupils to experiment with perspective and voice in their own writing. Creative writing tasks can be used in this main unit to develop understanding of characters, and how altering perspective can shape meanings
- 5. Appreciating the text as a work of detective fiction will **enhance pupils' understanding of different genres and associated conventions**

Assessment (this unit's outcome IS formally assessed)

Unit outcomes:

Cold Task -

Creative Writing

Write a diary entry from the perspective of Christopher about his experience with Mrs Shears and her dog.

Cold Task -

Reading Assessment:

How does the writer present Christopher's

Informal assessment and low-stakes testing:

- Students are to be encouraged to self and peer assess their analytical writing throughout the unit on a regular basis. Success criteria to be made available by teachers. Students must engage with this, redrafting their work on a regular basis.
- Students are to use their knowledge organisers for the unit to develop core knowledge retention and learn the unit's key vocabulary in order for it to be applied independently
- Students are to use their knowledge organisers

	reaction to the news his	to learn key quotations from the texts for in	
	mother is not dead?	class quizzes.	
		4.	
Core knowledge	1. Conventions of detective	fiction (covered in enrichment) – the extent to which the	
	texts follow these		
	2. The importance of perspe	ective and how this affects meaning	
	3. Unit vocabulary (see belo	ow)	
	4. Developing knowledge re	ecall from memory (see knowledge organiser)	
Core skills	_	ow to read a novel at a GCSE level: setting, character,	
	plot, themes, context and lo	anguage teatures a focus on higher order skills: comparisons and personal	
	response	a locus off fligher order skills. Compansons and personal	
	-	l writing further – how to construct comparative	
	paragraphs		
	4. Writing development – croperspectives	afting writing to reflect authentic voices and	
Key questions for	How does a writer cr	reate characters?	
the unit	 What makes Christopher an effective detective? 		
	What makes the text detective fiction?		
	Why is perspective/point of view important?		
	How can I create a character's voice in my own writing?		
Various a selections	How does Christopher change through the novel? A state of the st		
Key vocabulary	Unit vocabulary - tier 2 vocabulary:	2. Unit terminology: 1. Narrative voice	
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	1. Erratic	2. Sentence functions (declarative, interrogative,	
	2. Moral	exclamative, and imperative)	
	3. Obsessive	3. Sentence types (simple, compound and	
	4. Thorough	complex)	
	5. Perceptive	4. Pathetic fallacy	
	6. Rational	5. Verb	
	7. Withdrawn	6. Adverb	
	8. Objective	7. Adjective	
	9. Literal	8. Dialogue	
	10. Observant	9. Tone	
	11. Precise	10. Story arc	
	12. Persistent		
	13. Impersonal		
	14. Insensitive		

	15. Egotistical	
Homework	Curious menu tasks	
opportunities	 Knowledge organisers to prepare for in class quizzes – core knowledge and vocabulary 	
	Spellings to address high frequency word gaps	
	SPAG exercises to address identified gaps and to consolidate skills	
Wider English	1. Reading	
curriculum links	 The reading skill 'challenge' increases in this unit, creating a transition between previous KS3 units and subsequent GCSE prose texts Reading 'Curious' will provide links to the PSHE curriculum and allow students to understand the challenges of living with a learning need, developing their empathy skills. Appreciating the texts as works of detective fiction will enhance pupils' understanding of different genres and associated conventions – further KS4 preparation 	
	2. Writing	
	 The demands on analytical writing increase in this unit creating a transition between KS3 units and GCSE study 	
	The texts allow students to appreciate the crafting of narrative voice and perspectives (significant for KS4 study). Pupils can experiment with such crafting in their own writing	



Key Stage Three English - Unit Overview Reading Enrichment Lessons

Year 9 – Autumn Term – Crime and Mystery in the Nineteenth-century

Outcome from this unit is to make sure all students write their own crime and mystery genre short story from a clear point of view. Setting should be 19th Century. Challenge: Students to use 19th Century language of this time It may be that some lower ability students may write just an opening, or ending to their own short story and may not use the 19th Century language

Main -

- Resourcing – PW's new resources available in J drive

Unit rationale	The texts can be used to addres	ss the identified need for students to develop
	inference and reading skills, whi	st developing their knowledge and
	understanding of the genre's co	odes and conventions.
	2. Extending and consolidating the	following writing skills:
	- Punctuating a variety of	sentence structures accurately
	- Spelling high frequency	words correctly
	- Adapting and crafting w	riting for greater effects, using a variety of
	text examples from the g	genre as a style to emulate and to also write
	from an alternative poin	t of view.
	i. Providing pupils with extend	ed reading opportunities, with pupils
	exploring how a character,	and narrative develops.
	ii. Extending and consolidating core reading strategies: questioning.	
	exploring codes and conver	ntions, clarifying and summarising. Modelling
	skimming and scanning to d	evelop further reading independence
	2. An engaging range from the genre that provides challenge and rich vocabula4. Reading 'The Speckled Band' will familiarise pupils with nineteen-century	
	vocabulary in preparation for KS4 study. The linked enrichment unit will allow students to develop their contextual understanding of the Victorian period, with a	
	focus on 'crime and punishment' – further KS4 preparation	
Assessment (this	Unit outcome:	Informal assessment and low-stakes
unit's outcome IS NOT formally		testing:
assessed)	Non Assessed Task - Creative writing	Students are to be encouraged to
-	response to a wide variety of written	self and peer assess their writing
	tasks	throughout the unit on a regular
	Aim: for pupils to display the writing	basis. Success criteria to be made

knowledge and skills focused upon throughout the unit from report writing/informative/poetry response/play script using fiction text and non-fiction extracts or short stories. To display students work in school
Focus on 19th Century writing

available by teachers. Students must engage with this, redrafting their work on a regular basis. Staff to encourage 'slow writing'

Students are to use their
 knowledge organisers for the unit
 /codes and conventions, theory to
 develop core knowledge retention
 and learn the unit's key vocabulary
 in order for it to be applied
 independently

Core knowledge

- 1. 'Writing knowledge':
- i). Sentence construction:
 - Adverbials
 - Noun phrases
 - Varying sentence openers
 - Verbs
 - Adjectives
- ii). Punctuation:
 - Marking main clauses correctly
 - Using a range of punctuation accurately and for effect
- iii). Tenses
- iv). Paragraphing (TIPTOP)
- v). Spellings high frequency words (TBC)
- vi). Methods of characterisation (PAIRS):
 - Physical description
 - Actions
 - Inner thoughts
 - Reactions
 - Speech
- vii). Narrative structure: To link to the codes and conventions of the crime & mystery genre.
 - Exposition
 - Rising action
 - Climax
 - Falling action
 - Resolution

	3. Unit vocabulary (see belo	w)	
		nk to knowledge and	
	understanding:		
	Development of inference and analytical skills, being able to zoom in on		
	language and think about the effect of language on the audience/reader		
		To be able to identify key quotes and analyse and to be able to write	
		analysis paragraphs.	
		erent purposes for example storytelling, openings	
		ntire short story, report style writing, writing to argue	
	Developing evaluative sk	g critical & analytical writing and thinking.	
		pints of view/ different perspectives.	
		ve styles and techniques including poetry.	
	Creating suspense and te		
	Looking at language and		
	Researching context and applying this to writing. Develop independent research skills.		
		tive elements shape meaning.	
	To create a new pitch for a TV crime drama.		
Core skills	1. Application of 'writing knowled	Application of 'writing knowledge' independently	
	Application of core reading strategies independently: questioning, predicting,		
Kanana Pana tan	clarifying, summarising, skimming and scanning, analysing.		
Key questions for the unit	What is the crime and my		
	How do writers create into	-	
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	How do writers structure of the How do writers and the How do write	successful piece of writing?	
	How can I use different types of sentences in my writing?How can I write for different purposes?		
	How can I use vocabulary		
	How can I redraft my work		
	·	trategy to use for the different tasks?	
Key vocabulary	1. Unit vocabulary	2. Unit terminology:	
	1. Curious	1. Protagonist	
	2. Apprehensive	2. Antagonist	
	3. Meticulous	3. Exposition	
	4. Culprit	4. Resolution	

	5. Red herring 5. Main clause	
	6. Detective 6. Subordinate clause	
	7. Suspense 7. Noun	
	8. Witness/es 8. Adjective	
	9. Mystery 9. Verb	
	10. Forensic 10. Adverb	
	11. Tension 11. Stock Character	
	12. Motive	
	13. Suspect 13. Brief	
	14. Police Procedural	
	15. Poetic Terms- half rhyme,	
	metaphor, rhyming /couplet, simile	
Homework opportunities	 The Crime and Mystery various tasks on the individual lesson PPT's. Writing a short story/ openings of a story/endings/alternative viewpoints /inform /report/poetry. Spellings/ key terms and words to address the genre 	
Wider English curriculum links	 Reading – consolidating and encouraging independence with these strategies will establish the core skills needed across the curriculum, developing 'good readers' Writing – consolidating and refining written accuracy will allow students to craft their writing to a greater extent as they move through KS3 	



Year 9 – Autumn – 'Diversity in literature'

Main – Of Mice and Men and selected extracts from diverse cultures



Unit rationale

- 1. The text can be used to prepare pupils for studying a whole novel at GCSE level: setting, character, plot, themes, context, structure and language features
- 2. The texts can be used to develop **higher order reading skills: evaluation and comparison.** Having themes at the centre of this process can be used as a model to approach the development of these skills, with students encouraged to consider **the author's intentions**
- 3. The texts offer the opportunity to **develop pupils' analytical writing** further with its rich language and contextual links
- 4. The texts provides pupils with the opportunity to develop key study skills for studying a novel at GCSE: tracking developments and learning key quotations
- 5. **The theme of 'the outsider' links to potential GCSE texts**: A Christmas Carol, The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, An Inspector Calls and conflict with identity within poetry clusters. 'The outsider' also links to themes in previous KS3 texts: Frankenstein, Noughts and Crosses and 'character/voice' poetry
- 6. The text provides students with the opportunity to **experience diversity and different cultures**

Assessment (this unit's outcome is formally assessed)

Unit outcome:

Warm task: Analysis and comprehension of two extracts. Comparative task.

Informal assessment and low-stakes testing:

- Students are to be encouraged to self and peer assess their analytical writing throughout the unit on a regular basis. Success criteria to be made available by teachers.
 Students must engage with this, redrafting their work on a regular basis
- Students are to use their knowledge organisers for the unit to develop

		core knowledge retention and learn
		the unit's key vocabulary in order for
		it to be applied independently
Core knowledge	1. Contextual knowledge:	'
	The Great Depression	
	The Wall Street Crash	
	The role of women in con-	temporary society
	The American Dream	
	The experience and treat	ment of minorities
	The Dust Bowls	
	 John Steinbeck's life 	
	 Racism in different parts o 	f America in 1930s
	2. Developing knowledge recall f	rom memory (see knowledge organiser)
Core skills	1. Reading development - how to	read a novel at a GCSE level: setting, character,
	be developed, with students come to inform understanding of chara 3. Develop pupils' analytical writin	mporary gender roles. Comparative skills can also aparing outsiders' experiences across the novella cters. A focus on the author's intentions and further, with a focus on integrating relevant
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	7. Inferior	8. Fatalistic	
	8. Inevitable	9. Omniscient	
	9. Fragility	10. Colloquial	
	10. Patriarchy		
	11. Monotonous		
	12. Pugnacious		
	13. Objectified		
	14. Authoritative		
	15. Femininity		
Homework	Of Mice and Men menu tasks		
opportunities		re for in class quizzes – core knowledge and	
	vocabulary		
		Spellings to address high frequency word gaps	
	SPAG exercises to address identified gaps and to consolidate skills		
Wider English	1. Reading		
curriculum links	The theme of 'the outsider' links to potential GCSE texts: A Christmas Carol, The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, An Inspector Calls and conflict with identity within poetry clusters. 'The outsider' also links to themes in previous KS3 texts: Frankenstein, Noughts and Crosses and 'character/voice' poetry		
	The reading 'challenge' increases in this unit, creating a transition between		
	previous KS3 and subsequent GCSE prose texts		
	2. Writing		
	 The demands on analytical writing increase in this unit, creating a transition between KS3 and GCSE prose texts study 		
	The novella is distinct in its characterisation; linked writing tasks surrounding character creation will develop pupils' sense of characterisation. This element of crafting in prose writing links to enrichment lessons in Y9: Outsiders and 19th Crime/Mystery		



Year 9 - Spring - 'The Outsider'

Enrichment – Exploring Diversity



Unit rationale

In this unit students will develop an understanding of the concept of inclusion and how writers explore ideas about 'outsider' and 'otherness' to explore social disadvantage. Students will understand how social, cultural and historical contexts influences literature. In this unit students will focus on developing their understanding of a broad range of relevant, historical and topical debates and use this as a springboard to explore and practise a range of reading and writing skills.

Extended Reading:

- i. Exposure to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including prose, poetry, autobiography, journals, newspapers articles, leaflets
- ii. Exploring viewpoints and perspectives
- iii. Re-visiting and further developing core reading strategiesWriting Opportunities:
- iv. Opportunities to practise a range of writing styles e.g.: monologue, recount, autobiographical, writing to advise, argue, inform
- v. Focus on improving accuracy through re-drafting
- vi. Focus on crafting writing for effect through punctuation, vocabulary choices, sentence/paragraph length, effective openings and endings
- vii. Opportunity to produce an extended piece of creative and imaginative writing

Oracy Skills:

viii. Developing physical, linguistic, cognitive and social skills through opportunities to discuss and debate in small groups

GCSE links: the unit supports the Year 9 transition priorities by reinforcing and further developing the skills needed to be successful at GCSE.

- The concept of 'otherness' links to the study of Jekyll and Hyde in Year10.
- The focus on how literature is shaped by social, historical and cultural context is an important element of the GCSE literature syllabus
- Comparative and evaluative skills essential for both the Language and Literature syllabus
- Creating a piece of extended descriptive writing using the title 'The Outsider' or the photo stimulus to develop GCSE Language Paper 1 Section B skills
- Exposure to a range of engaging historical and topical debates which could be further developed in the GCSE Spoken Language Unit.

Assessment (this	Unit outcome:	Informal assessment and low-stakes testing:	
unit's outcome IS	Cold Task –	Students to self and peer assess a	
formally assessed)	Aim: to create a short story using the title	range of short writing tasks with the	
	'The Outsider' or an extended piece of	emphasis on re-drafting for effect	
	descriptive writing using the photo stimul	Success criteria to be made available	
		by teachers. Students must engage	
	(Self-assessment and proof-reading	with this, redrafting their work on a	
	checklist available)	regular basis	
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Core skills	1. To use a range of reading strates	gies independently: questioning, predicting,	
	clarifying, summarising, skimming	g and scanning	
	2. To use a range of writing strategi	ies independently: punctuation, sentence	
	construction, vocabulary for effe	ect. A focus on encouraging students to consider	
	structural devices for effect in the	eir own prose writing – order, openings and closings,	
	links/cohesive devices, shifts in f	focus, pace and use of dialogue.	
	3. To use a range of strategies to co gesture, vocabulary, active lister	ommunicate orally: rhetorical devices, tone of voice, ning and appropriate response	
Key questions for	What do we mean by the term '	otherness'?	
the unit	Which groups might feel a sense of 'otherness'?		
	How has history (context) shaped the concept of The Outsider?		
	How do writers effectively convey a point of view?		
	How can I apply the techniques studied in the extracts and poems to inform and		
	improve my writing?		
	How can I effectively express my point of view in discussion and use		
	others to help inform my opinion	iś.	
Key vocabulary	Unit vocabulary – tier 2 vocabulary	Unit terminology:	
	1. Otherness	1. Emotive language	
	2. Marginalise	2. Adjective	
	3. Segregate	3. Verb	
	4. Isolate	4. Adverb	
	5. Ostracise	5. Narrative Arc	
	6. Colonisation	6. Shifts of focus	
	7. Indigenous	7. Dialogue	
	8. Discrimination	8. Chronological	
	9. Vulnerable	9. Flashbacks	
	10. Isolate	10. Openings and closings	
	11. Alienation		
	12. Ethnocentrism		
	13. Exoticism		
	14. Dominance		
	15. Barbarian		
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Year 9 – Summer – 'Shakespearean Tragedies'

Main – Tragedies and Romeo and Juliet (an introduction)

• Resources – available in J drive. Early introductory work on Shakespearean tragedies may need updating



Unit rationale	1. The unit will allow pupils to place the play within its wider context - the tragedy	
	genre – before reading the play. Starting the unit with an introduction to the conventions of tragedy will encourage students to deepen their understanding of	
		acters during the reading of the text
	2. The key focus of the unit is for pupils to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of the play's plot, characters and contextual links through a thorough reading of the text. Students will revisit the play during their GCSE course, with this second reading focusing on an analysis of language, structure and form in greater	
	depth	
Assessment (this	Unit outcome:	Informal assessment and low-stakes testing:
unit's outcome IS		Students are to be encouraged to self and
formally assessed)	Final knowledge-based	peer assess their analytical writing throughout
	test on the play's plot,	the unit on a regular basis. Success criteria to
	characters and key	be made available by teachers. Students must
	quotations	engage with this, redrafting their work on a
		regular basis
	Opportunity for analysis.	Students are to use their knowledge organisers
		for the unit to develop core knowledge
		retention and learn the unit's key vocabulary in
		order for it to be applied independently
		Students are to use their knowledge organisers
		to learn key quotations from the text for in class
		quizzes
Core knowledge	Focus on knowledge recall	through the use of knowledge organisers
	1. Key plot events in Romeo	and Juliet

	2. Core character details		
	3. Key contextual informatio	n and links to the play:	
	- Honour and masculinity	- Honour and masculinity	
	- Roles of women		
	- Elizabethan views on fate		
	4. Conventions of Shakespec	arean tragedies	
	5. Key quotations		
Core skills	2. Reading development - he plot, themes and context	different strategies to comprehend Shakespearean. ow to read a play at a GCSE level: setting, character, I writing further, with a focus on integrating relevant	
		cters across the whole of texts. Focused use of the	
Key questions for	what/how/why approachWhat is a tragedy plo	av8	
the unit	How is Romeo and June 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	•	
		events in the play? Why are they important?	
	How is love presente	, , , , , ,	
		family important in the play?	
	Who is to blame for t		
	What is the role of fa		
	What is the role of religion in the play?		
		women expected to behave in the Elizabethan period?	
Key vocabulary	1. Unit vocabulary - tier 2	2. Unit terminology:	
	vocabulary:	1. Hamartia	
	1. Feud	2. Hubris	
	2. Impulsive	3. Catharsis	
	3. Volatile	4. Peripeteia	
	4. Naïve	5. Prologue	
	5. Maternal	6. Shakespearean sonnet	
	6. Belligerent	7. Dramatic irony	
	7. Obedient	8. Soliloquy	
	8. Passionate	9. Foreshadowing	
	9. Dutiful	10. Imagery	
	10. Lustful		
	11. Idealistic		
	12. Tyrannical		
	13. Honour		
	14. Melancholic		
	15. Exile		

Homework	Tragedy/Romeo and Juliet menu tasks	
opportunities	Knowledge organisers to prepare for in class quizzes – core knowledge and	
	vocabulary	
	Spellings to address high frequency word gaps	
	SPAG exercises to address identified gaps and to consolidate skills	
Wider English	1. Reading	
curriculum links	 Pupils are introduced to Shakespearean reading strategies in Year 7: 'Introduction to Shakespearean Comedies'. Students also encouraged to implement these in the Year 8 Macbeth unit in order to develop reading for meaning. Pupils are encouraged to draw upon these during the tragedy unit Previous Year 7 and Year 8 units will allow pupils to link Romeo and Juliet to significant contextual events and the conventions of drama The primary focus of this unit is to allow students to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of the play's plot, characters and context. A deeper reading will take place during KS4, with a greater focus on language, structure and form 	
	2. Writing	
	 Pupils can develop their analytical writing further in preparation for the greater depth approach at KS4 The text can be approached by encouraging students to write in role as characters – this will develop students' character knowledge in preparation for the greater depth approach at KS4 	



Year 9 - Summer

Enrichment – Spoken Language Endorsement

 Resources – available in J drive. Early introductory work on Shakespearean tragedies may need updating



Unit rationale	The unit will allow pupils to develop analysis of language within the context of Spoken Language by taking on a project linked to how people speak and idiolect. This is a small taster of what they may study at A Level for English language.		
	2. The key focus of the unit i	s for pupils to consolidate their knowledge and	
	understanding of language	and structure anlaysis in the context of Spoken	
	Language. They will also pre	epare and deliver a speech which will be assessed	
	against GCSE Spoken Langu	page criteria and will be used as their GCSE Spoekn	
	language Endorsement gra	de.	
Assessment (this	Unit outcome:	Informal assessment and low-stakes testing:	
unit's outcome IS formally assessed)		Students are to be encouraged to self and	
Torridity assessed)	GCSE Spoken Language	peer assess their analytical writing throughout	
	Endorsement. Students	the unit on a regular basis. Success criteria to	
	deliver a speech on a	be made available by teachers. Students must	
	topic of their choice.	engage with this, redrafting their work on a	
		regular basis	
		Students to practice drafting and redrafting	
		their speech to make it most effective.	
Core knowledge	1. Word classes and their impact in different contexts		
	2. Spoken Language features both verbal ad non-verbal		
	3. How to write a speech and rhetorical features		
Core skills	1. Reading strategies		
	2. Develop pupils' analytical writing further. Focused use of the what/how/why approach3. Spoken language delivery		
Key questions for	What is my idiolect?	•	
the unit	How do people cha	nge the way they speak based on context?	
	How do people make	ce judgements based on the way we speak?	
	How might writers us	e dialect as a method for presenting meaning in a text?	

	How can I use language effectively to engage and audience?	
	 How can I use structure creatively for an effective speech? 	
	How can I present complex ideas in a clear and convincing way?	
	What makes an idea worth sharing?	
Key vocabulary	1. Unit vocabulary - tier 2	2. Unit terminology:
	vocabulary:	1. Paralinguistic Features
	1. Dialect	2. Prosodic features
	2. Accent	3. Verb, noun, adjective, adverb
	3. Verbal/ non-verbal	4. Transcript
	4. Stereotype	5. Rhetorical Question
	5. Prejudice	6. Anecdote
	6. Assumptions	7. Colloquialisms
	7. Context	8. Idiolect
	8. Occupation	9. Digressions
	9. Concept	10. Juxtaposition
Homework	Investigate idiolect at home – research with parents	
opportunities	 Create and redrafting of Spoken Language assessment piece 	
Wider English	1. Reading	
curriculum links	 Pupils are expected to read throughout the English curriculum and analyse closely at word level. This unit encourages closer word level analysis through spoken language. Previous Year 7 and Year 8 units will allow pupils to identify word classes and rhetorical devices 	
	2. Writing	
	 Pupils can develop their analytical writing with focus on What, How, Why paragraphs. Students have practiced transactional writing during Years 7 and 8 which they can apply to their speech writing for the Spoken language endorsement. 	