



Key Stage 3 Curriculum: English

The KS3 curriculum is challenging and engaging. It is designed to build on students' achievements at KS2 and prepare them for the future challenges of GCSE. We study a wide variety of texts- both twentieth and pre-twentieth century. These include novels (*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, *A Christmas Carol* and *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, and John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*), contemporary and heritage prose and poetry, drama, and Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Tempest*. Students continue to develop their writing skills in a range of different genres, including narratives, persuasive writing. We use grade descriptors based on KS4 GCSE courses, ensuring that students are developing these skills and are becoming familiar with the language of assessment as soon as they join Caldew School.

	Autumn Term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 7	Theme: Adventure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Treasure Island</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson • Pirate based non-fiction texts • Weekly writing challenge 	Theme: Cumbria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Poetry of William Wordsworth • Weekly writing challenge 	Theme: An Introduction to Shakespeare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare's theatre • Shakespeare's life and times • Shakespeare's greatest villains • Weekly writing challenge
Year 8	Theme: Gothic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens • Victoria non-fiction • Weekly writing challenge 	Theme: Crime and Mystery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stories of Sherlock Holmes • Tales with a twist • Weekly writing challenge 	Theme: Love and Romance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' • Shakespeare's sonnets • Weekly writing challenge
Year 9	Theme: Nineteenth Century Texts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Great Expectations</i> by Charles Dickens • Nineteenth century fiction and non-fiction • Weekly writing challenge 	Theme: Other Cultures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck • Poetry from other cultures and traditions • Weekly writing challenge 	Theme: <i>Macbeth</i> (preparation for GCSE literature) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' • Creative writing based on a scene from Shakespeare • Weekly writing challenge

