



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 & Men*), contemporary and heritage prose and poetry, drama and Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Students continue to develop their writing skills in a range of different genres, including narratives, descriptive and persuasive writing. We use grade descriptors based on the 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	<p><i>Theme: Adventure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson • Writing a pirate story • Pirate based non-fiction texts • Read and write like an adventurer 	<p><i>Theme: Cumbria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The poetry of William Wordsworth • An Anglo-Saxon journey • Language development 	<p><i>Theme: An Introduction to Shakespeare</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare's theatre • Shakespeare's life and times • Shakespeare's greatest villains • Creative writing based on one of Shakespeare's plays
Year 8	<p><i>Theme: Gothic</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens • Victorian non-fiction • Creative writing: 'Do You Believe in Ghosts?' • An introduction to 'The Gothic' 	<p><i>Theme: Crime and Mystery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stories of Sherlock Holmes • Tales with a twist • Spies 	<p><i>Theme: Love and Romance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' • Creative writing based on a scene from Shakespeare • AQA Love and Relationships poetry
Year 9	<p><i>Theme: Nineteenth Century Texts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Expectations by Charles Dickens • Nineteenth century fiction and non-fiction 	<p><i>Theme: Other Cultures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck • Poetry from other cultures and traditions 	<p><i>Theme: Macbeth (preparation for GCSE Literature)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' • Creative writing based on a scene from Shakespeare