

Year 7

Autumn Term

Theme: Cumbria

- An introduction to descriptive writing through the works of Margaret Forster
- An introduction to Romantic poetry through the works of William and Dorothy Wordsworth
- An introduction to Gothic writing through *The Woman in White* and *The Croglin Vampire*
- Development of writing skills through tasks linked to Cumbria and the texts above
- Spoken language presentation

Spring Term

Theme: Victorian England

- *The Ruby in the Smoke* by Philip Pullman, with associated reading tasks
- Library-based research skills resulting in a presentation
- Development of writing skills through tasks linked to the novel

Summer Term

Theme: An Introduction to Shakespeare

- Shakespeare's theatre
- Shakespeare's life and times
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, with associated reading tasks
- Creative writing based on the play

Year 8

Autumn Term

Theme: Gothic

- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, with associated reading tasks
- Further exploration of the Gothic genre
- Library-based research skills resulting in a presentation
- Development of writing skills through tasks linked to the novel

Spring Term

Theme: Crime and Mystery

- Roald Dahl's *Tales of the Unexpected*
- The stories of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
- An introduction to narrative structure
- Development of writing skills through tasks linked to the short stories studied

Summer Term

Theme: Love and Romance

- William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*
- A range of poetry to explore the themes of the play
- Spoken language presentation
- Creative writing based on the play

Year 9

Autumn Term

Theme: Nineteenth Century Texts

- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, with associated reading tasks
- A range of poetry to explore the themes and characters of the novel
- Library-based research skills resulting in a presentation
- Further exploration of descriptive writing and the Gothic through reading and linked creative writing tasks

Spring Term

Theme: Other Cultures

- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, with associated reading tasks
- A range of poetry from other cultures and traditions
- Writing tasks linked to the texts studied

Summer Term

Theme: Macbeth (preparation for GCSE Literature)

- William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*
- Spoken language presentation
- Writing tasks linked to the play