

English

Term: Summer

Year: 7

Teacher: Ms Afshan Siddiqui

What will we be covering this term?

1st Half Term: Students will be reading the classic novel Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe. They will have the opportunity of analysing the higher language used in the book to enhance their own vocabulary. Pupils will also write biographical pieces taking on board the feelings of the characters by using the skill of empathy. They will also examine character motives and develop their debating skills by arguing from different points of view. Students will look closely at persuasive language and techniques and apply these skills to write their own convincing and persuasive arguments. Students will further look at the features of film reviews and also write their own.

2nd Half Term: Students will be looking closely at the Quest genre. They will analyse the features of Quests and the characteristics of questers and their helpers. Students will examine the plots and moral purposes. They will examine the most important climax of the Quest- the battle scene- by examining, in depth, the language used to create the drama and tension. Pupils will then write their own Quest, taking on board all the characteristics and elements analysed.

How will my child be assessed this term?

Homework as well as classwork is an integral part of ongoing assessment. Please refer to your child's timetable for the days when homework is given. Students will be expected to contribute to class discussions and have weekly spelling tests. Overall performance will influence end of year reports.

How can I help my child in this subject?

Students will benefit from having a designated quiet space in which they can study. They should make a habit of working with a dictionary and thesaurus by their side. Please encourage your child to always read through their homework before handing it in as this will help them to self-correct any silly mistakes and is a vital element in their own self-assessment. Any missed homework will be flagged up through their diaries, so please do check them. Personal reading habits should also be encouraged; even ten minutes a day will improve their standard of English.

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's progress in this subject?

Please feel free to contact me at the school from 9.00-12:30 if you have any questions or concerns.