

Year 7 – English Reading and Writing

Summary of curriculum

At Smith's Wood Academy, we aim to enable students to develop a rich knowledge and love of literature and language and have provided a curriculum which aims to do this. The Smith's Wood Year 7 English curriculum supports all pupils during the transition from KS2 to KS3. The curriculum at KS3 aims to build upon the reading and writing skills acquired at KS2 and develop these skills further. The Smith's Wood Year 7 English curriculum prepares all pupils for the studies during KS3 and eventually the rigors of GCSE English Language and English Literature; as they develop key subject knowledge acquired and prepare to apply this knowledge in their tasks, building their experience and confidence for the Key Stage 3 and eventually KS4 curriculum offer.

Main topics/skills

- **Term 1a – Novel Study** 'Ghost Boys' by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- **Term 1b – Non-Fiction** Birmingham, Britain and Beyond
- **Term 2a – Literature Study:** Origins of evil and hope in Literature extracts
- **Term 2b – Poetry Study** Immigration
- **Term 3a – Non-fiction** – Protecting our Planet
- **Term 3b – Shakespeare Study** 'Much Ado about Nothing'

Assessment throughout the year

Students complete a summative assessment once every term assessing reading and writing skills. This information is then used to adapt teaching and learning to address gaps in knowledge.

Students also complete a formative assessment once every half term allowing us to assess progress and how well gaps have been addressed. Students will complete detailed deep feedback on these assessments.

How parents can support their child's learning from home.

- Encourage your child to read.
- Encourage your child to write creatively.
- Ask your child about what they have been doing in English and what they are learning.
- Research commonly misspelled words and test your child.
- Watch digital adaptations of the texts your child studies in English.

Stretch & Challenge opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students are encouraged to take part in external competitions throughout the year.- Students engage with literary theory and academic reading to enhance their understanding of texts.
Useful websites	KS3 English - BBC Bitesize