

100% Homework

Subject: English

Parents / carers can support their child in improving their learning by accessing the 100% Homework resources and encouraging self-quizzing at home. Regular testing of key concepts, content and vocabulary is proven to improve memory and the ability to recall important knowledge.

Key learning for term 2 (January-April):

	What they need to know	What they should be doing at home	What resources are available	How can I help?
Yr 7	<p>Key words linked to <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i></p> <p>Understanding of the plot, themes and characters within the play.</p> <p>Developing understanding of Ancient Greece, Elizabethan England and the world of Shakespeare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revising vocabulary and spellings for weekly tests - Completing tasks from their 'Big Project' Homework booklet - Preparing a presentation of everything they have learnt during the term 	<p>Spelling and vocabulary sheets</p> <p>After school use of the library</p>	<p>Practice spellings and definitions of words</p> <p>Ask your child which tasks they are going to complete and how</p>
Yr 8	<p>Key words linked to <i>the Tempest</i></p> <p>Understanding of the plot, themes and characters within the play.</p> <p>Understanding of Shakespearean England.</p> <p>The importance of Science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revising vocabulary and spellings for weekly tests - Completing tasks from their 'Big Project' Homework booklet - Preparing a presentation of everything they have learnt during the term 	<p>Spelling and vocabulary sheets.</p> <p>After school use of the library</p>	<p>Practice spellings and definitions of words</p> <p>Ask your child which tasks they are going to complete and how.</p>
Yr 9	<p>Key words linked to <i>An Inspector Calls</i> (Sets 1-3) or <i>Blood Brothers</i> (Sets 4-6) including language devices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revising vocabulary and spellings for weekly tests 	<p>Spelling and vocabulary sheets.</p> <p>Plot summaries</p>	<p>Practice spellings and definitions of words</p>

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	Understanding the plot of <i>An Inspector Calls</i> or <i>Blood Brothers</i> and knowing key quotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watching GCSE Pod videos to clarify learning and for revision purposes - Using Quizlet/PiXL Lit to revise key quotes 	Quizlet, PiXL Lit app, GCSE Pod	Check your child has visited GCSE Pod and the PiXL Lit app at least once per week
Yr 10	Key words linked to the English Language examination, including language devices. Understanding how to answer questions for English Language Papers 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revising vocabulary and spellings for weekly tests - Watching GCSE Pod videos to clarify learning and for revision purposes - Using Quizlet / PiXL Lit app to revise key quotes 	Spelling and vocabulary sheets. Plot summary. Quizlet, PiXL Lit app, GCSE Pod	Practice spellings and definitions of words Check your child has visited GCSE Pod and the PiXL Lit app at least once per week
Yr 11	Key words and spellings Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revising vocabulary and spellings for weekly tests - Watching GCSE Pod videos to clarify learning and for revision purposes - Using Quizlet / PiXL Lit app to revise key quotes 	Spelling and vocabulary sheets. Plot summary. Quizlet, PiXL Lit app, GCSE Pod Practice exam questions (in the English area at school)	Practice spellings and definitions of words Check your child has visited GCSE Pod and PiXL Lit app at least once per week Encourage your child to collect and attempt practice exam questions

Reading:

Reading is a key driver in the improvement of learning and the ability to recall knowledge. All pupils have the following suggested reading list in their student planners. Please encourage your child to read in order to deepen their knowledge of the subjects they study. All books are available in our school library.

Set texts for KS3

Oliver Twist

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	Sherlock Holmes A Midsummer Night's Dream Animal Farm The Tempest
Set texts for KS4	A Christmas Carol Macbeth An Inspector Calls Blood Brothers Power & Conflict Anthology Poetry Broadsheet newspapers
Suggested reading KS3	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (C.S. Lewis) Northern Lights (Philip Pullman) Charlotte's Web (E.B. White) The Hunger Games (Suzanne Collins) The Fault in Our Stars (John Green) Wonder (R.J. Palacio)
Suggested reading KS4	Moonrise (Sarah Crossan) The 57 bus (Dashka Slater) White Rabbit, Red Wolf (Tom Pollock) Noble Conflict (Malorie Blackman) The Book of Dust (Philip Pullman) Encounters (Jason Wallace)



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“Books expose children to more facts and to a broader vocabulary than virtually any other activity, and persuasive data indicate that people who read for pleasure enjoy cognitive benefits throughout their lifetime”

– **Daniel T. Willingham**