



Year 8 English

Gothic and Great Debates

- Gothic literature
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- Explorers
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare
- Spelling and Vocabulary work
- Grammar: the parts of speech, syntax rules and punctuation

Key Assessments

Week beginning 1st October 8.1

In class assessment : knowledge of Gothic Literature

Writing Skills [Gothic Genre]

Week beginning 15th January 8.2

In class assessment: knowledge of rhetorical techniques

Reading skills [non-fiction debates]

Week beginning 30th April 8.3

In class assessment: knowledge of Animal Farm

Writing skills [non-fiction debates]

Three times a year, you will complete a STAR reading test online.

Parents/ Carers: How can you help?

Encourage students to read regularly: at least an hour a week.

Encourage students to read the same book at home as they do during DEAR.

Read non-fiction opinion pieces and news reports on websites and discuss how the writer has used language.

Look in exercise books to see the targets set by the teacher.

Keep on eye on 'Show My Homework' for regular tasks.