



ENGLISH First Language Year 9

Autumn:

Class Reader: Prose or Drama – activities on character, setting, themes

- Narrative, descriptive and persuasive writing
- Contemporary screenplays, prose fiction
- Formal and informal language
- Poetic Form
- Free Verse
- Dialogue writing
- Use of punctuation to clarify meaning and effect
- Comprehension and grammar activities
- Vocabulary: dictionary and contextual work
- Word Level work - thesaurus and dictionary work
- Spelling Strategies
- Extended writing assignments

Spring:

Class Reader: Prose or Drama – activities on character, setting, themes

- Ongoing extension of autumn term skills plus:
- Classic drama – Shakespeare
- Standard and non standard language
- Sentence fluency
- Poetic form
- Play scripts
- Recounts – personal experience
- Writing to inform and entertain
- Newspaper articles
- Autobiographical writing techniques

Summer:

Class Reader: Prose or Drama – activities on character, setting, themes

- Ongoing extension of autumn and spring term skills plus:
- Writing screenplays
- Study of contemporary song lyrics
- Inventing language – futuristic or imaginary worlds
- Studying fables
- Characterisation skills
- Writing to inform – newspaper articles, film reviews etc.
- General advice and information writing; instructional/informative/entertaining
- Presenting a balanced argument (discursive)
- Presenting a persuasive argument