

English at Haydon School



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English KS3 Co-ordinator

English Lessons:



- **All English lessons begin with 10 minutes of independent reading.**
- **KS3 classes receive 3 lessons of English a week.**
- **One library lesson every fortnight: 20 minutes of independent reading.**
- **Weekly homework set by class teacher.**

Curriculum



<u>Term</u>	<u>Winter 1</u>	<u>Winter 2</u>	<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Spring 2</u>	<u>Summer 1</u>	<u>Summer 2</u>
<u>Unit</u>	'A Monster Calls' Patrick Ness	Poetry	'Boy' Roald Dahl	Shakespeare	'Coraline' Neil Gaiman	Dragon's Den

Reading:



- **Every student is expected to complete a weekly reading log and writing task that should be signed by a parent/guardian and then their English teacher.**
- *This helps to ensure:*
 - Pupils are implementing a regular routine of reading,
 - They are picking appropriate texts to read,
 - Pupils are learning and applying the vocabulary they are exposed to,
 - Keeping an open communication between parents and teachers

Reading Logs



WEEK BEGINNING	TITLE OF BOOK	PAGES READ	NEW, INTERESTING, AMBITIOUS VOCABULARY FROM YOUR BOOK	DEFINITION	PARENT SIGNATURE	TEACHER SIGNATURE
10 Sep 18	Kissing booth	25	Scrutinizing	it means you have to really look at something		
17 Sep 18	Kissing booth	38	thrusting	violent.		
24 Sep 18	Kissing booth	30	merely	adverb.		
1 Oct 18	" "	45	triumphantly	Proud about something		
7 Oct 18						
15 Oct 18						
22 Oct 18						
29 Oct 18						

Reading Logs



dark and cold, but because there might be a hyena or two, lurking in the darkness, or, even worse, something – demonish.

I'll have to explain what our family home was like, in case you have never been to Ethiopia. It was round, like most other people's houses up there in our cool highlands, and it had a thatched roof that went up to a point. There was only one room, with the fire burning away in the middle. It got a bit smoky, but it kept us warm and gave a glowing light. There was a screen at one end, and our animals lived behind it – at night, that is. In the daytime, of course; they were out grazing.

Anyway, that evening Ma was stirring the pot of stew that was cooking over the fire. The smell was so good it was making me feel very hungry.

'How old am I, Ma?' I said suddenly. I don't know what put the idea into my head.

'Let me see,' she said vaguely, dropping another pinch of red-hot pepper into the pot. I could tell she wasn't listening.

3. RESEARCH Q: *Find out 5 new facts about Ethiopia and write them below in your own words.*

- Read an extract.
- Complete a specific task that has been created tailored to the extract: creative writing, research, identifying writing techniques etc.



Bedrock Vocabulary



What is Bedrock Vocabulary?

- Bedrock Vocabulary is an online programme which teaches vocabulary explicitly, whilst encouraging reading.
- Each lesson takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Each block takes one academic year.



How does Bedrock develop learners' critical thinking skills and cultural capital?



BLOCK 10 Example topics

Revolution!

The Leakeys and the Rift Valley

Conscientious Objectors

Bodies

A History of Rap

Mahatma Gandhi

The Space Race

Reporting on War

Marilyn Monroe

Colonialism

Whaling

The Enlightenment

Vocabulary is deliberately interwoven into a wide variety of aspirational, high quality and challenging fiction and non-fiction texts.

This builds students' cultural capital, and expands their concept of the world at large, laying foundations for critical thinking and cultural awareness.

Homework:



- ✓ **1 hour of reading per week documented in their reading log with a parental signature.**
- ✓ **30 minutes completing the weekly extract task.**
- ✓ **2 activities from the Bedrock Vocabulary online learning resource.**



How can you help us support your child?



- ✓ **Monitoring their activities on Bedrock Vocabulary (you will be able to create your own account).**
- ✓ **Signing your child's reading log on a weekly basis and checking their writing task has been completed.**
- ✓ **Keeping an eye on Show My Homework to see if any other homework has been set.**



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