

What is your child learning in English?



Topic of Study

Reading: Pupils will read from a range of different sources including 'Harry Potter' in order to improve up on their comprehension skills.

Writing: There is a huge focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar this half term. Pupils will work towards creating a written assessment titled 'The Empty House.'

Key Dates & Deadlines

Reading and writing assessments normally take place towards the end of the half term. Make sure you have good attendance! This is particularly vital during the last week of this half term!



Family Friendly Homework

Pupils will be given two pieces of homework each week: a SPaG (spelling, grammar & punctuation) homework that will take around ½ hour to complete and a longer piece of homework that will take an hour to complete.



Resources to Support

BBC Bitesize:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z3kw2hv>



Resources to Challenge

Joseph Delaney's *The Spooks Apprentice* and Charlie Higson's *The Fear* are quite challenging books for avid young readers. Give them a go...they may help you develop the skills needed this half term.



Outside of the classroom

Try and read some of the *Harry Potter* series. This will not only help you with your understanding of some of the texts studied this half term but you will also improve your reading age!



Discussion starters



Can you pick 6 types of punctuation out of the book that you are reading?



How do writers create tension in their writing?

What makes a piece of writing really good?



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