

Year 8 Language	How do writers present the unknown in Literature? Why are we fascinated by the unknown?		
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Texts	<i>Cirque du Freak</i> <i>Coraline</i>	Literary Non-fiction: PHS 'The Unknown' Anthology	<i>Wild Boy</i> <i>Cirque du Freak</i>
Active Reading Strategies	Practise and consolidate: All Y7 term 1 strategies Know and apply: Selecting relevant/precise evidence Word connotations (exploding words) Evaluating (making a judgement)	Practise and consolidate: All Y7 term 2 strategies Know and apply: Synthesising Comparing Selecting relevant/precise evidence from multiple sources Interpreting writers' views	Practise and consolidate: All Y8 strategies PLUS Know and apply: Evaluating Analysing language Using precise evidence
Writing Skills	Creative Writing: <i>Imagine, Describe and Entertain</i> Crafting vocabulary for atmosphere Creating specific moods Sentences for effect Using dialogue Narrative perspectives Narrative openings	Transactional Writing: <i>Explain, Argue and Persuade</i> Forms: Opinion article/speech/blog Repetition Direct address List/triples Emotive language (shock, guilt and sympathy) Short sentences and paragraphs Adapting style to purpose and audience.	Writing Portfolio: <i>Creative and Transactional</i> Independent extended writing project to practise/consolidate skills learnt in terms 1&2. Planning Drafting Proof-reading Editing
Technical Accuracy	Practise and consolidate all Y7 term 1 knowledge and skills: 1. Punctuation . ? ! ' - () , ; : 2. Word classes: noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition and pronoun 3. Sentence types (QECS) 4. Object/subject 5. Main clause 6. Co-ordinating conjunction 7. Simple and compound sentences	Practise and consolidate all Y7 term 1 knowledge and skills PLUS: 1. Subject verb agreement 2. Tenses 3. Homophones 4. Varying sentence structures (S/C/Com)	Practise and consolidate all Y7 term 1&2 skills PLUS: 1. Tense consistency 2. Paragraphs 3. Cohesion and discourse markers 4. Direct and indirect speech

	8. Subordinating conjunctions 9. Complex sentences		
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-term vocab/knowledge recall test • End of term vocab/knowledge/skills test • Fortnightly spelling tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-term vocab/knowledge recall test • End of term vocab/knowledge/skills test • Fortnightly spelling tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y8 summative vocab/knowledge/skills test • Fortnightly spelling tests • End of term moderated writing portfolio (marked formatively and passed on to Y9 teacher)
Independent Learning	Vocabulary Builder: Emotions MS Forms: Fortnightly SPAG practice Extended Writing Task: Creative	Vocabulary Builder: Textures MS Forms: Fortnightly SPAG practice Extended Writing Task: Transactional	Vocabulary Builder: Sounds MS Forms: Fortnightly SPAG practice