

ENGLISH: Year 7 Autumn Half Term 2 –Writing: Autobiographies and Memoirs

What are we learning about?

In this topic, we will be learning about how writers use 1st person narration to share their thoughts, feelings and describe events. We will also learn about how writers organise their ideas through language, sentence form and structure. By reading an array of autobiographies, we will explore a range of people from different backgrounds and experiences.



Why are we learning about it?

We are learning about autobiographies because we want you to hear different voices and learn about a rich range of cultural and spiritual experiences. This unit will also support your learning with the skills to **communicate well** both in writing and verbally.



What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

New knowledge will include a variety of autobiographies people and backgrounds. You will learn how and why writers craft their work to express their ideas and perspectives. This will include using new, more complex terminology to improve your ability to present, support and analyse these ideas effectively. You will also use what you discover about how writer's express their ideas to develop your own writing.



How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

This unit builds on the skills you were practising last half term with Lion: making **inferences** and analysing a writer's use of language for effect. This unit also builds on your writing skills as you experiment with stylistic features.



What new SKILLS will I develop?

You will develop the new skill of writing to inform. Using paragraphs and structural features to organise your own writing.

You will also develop a more sophisticated understanding of writer's techniques as you experiment with different forms such as letter, diary and memoir writing.



How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of the features of 1st person narrative and non-fiction texts. From studying Lion, you gained an understanding of life in India and others' experiences.

