

ENGLISH: Year 7 Summer Half Term 2 – An Introduction to Shakespeare

What are we learning about?

In this topic, we will learn about why Shakespeare is still important and influential today.

We will study a range of texts, genres and characters which Shakespeare created. As well as looking at historical, cultural and social context.



Why are we learning about it?

We want you to experience the best that has been thought and said in English. Shakespeare has been considered one of Britain's greatest writers for centuries and so we will investigate why that is the case.



What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

New knowledge will include learning about the different genres and character types within Shakespeare's works. This includes the **conventions** (common features) of each type of play.

You will also learn about what the theatre was like in Elizabethan and Jacobean society.



How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

This unit builds on your inference skills and ability to explain writers' choices that you have been working on this year. You will apply the skills you have learned from more recent texts to ones that are more challenging.



What new SKILLS will I develop?

In this unit you will develop your analysis and inference skills as you examine more complex texts. You will also be introduced to analysis and evaluative skills as you investigate Shakespeare's influence on texts today.



How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of writer's craft from the texts you have already studied this year. We will be applying this knowledge to Shakespeare's works. You will also make links between Shakespeare's works and the more recent texts we have studied.

