

ENGLISH: Year 9 Autumn Half Term 2 – Animal Farm

What are we learning about?

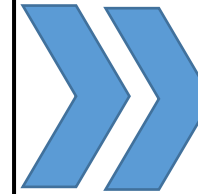
In this topic, we will be learning about the novella Animal Farm and the writer George Orwell.

We will learn about the things that influenced him such as the Russian Revolution and examining how leaders use their power.



Why are we learning about it?

Animal Farm is considered an important text in English Literature. It is important to study texts like 'Animal Farm' because they show us the potential dangers of good intentions. Understanding how people use positions of power is also crucial to help us to make sure we hold leaders accountable if and when they abuse their power.



What new **KNOWLEDGE** will I gain?

New knowledge will include the context and plot of the novella Animal Farm.

This includes learning about life in 1900s Russia, the Soviet Union and Communism.

You will also learn the difference between democracy and dictatorship.



How does this build on the **SKILLS** I already have?

This unit builds on your skills of language analysis developed during our 'Diverse Voices' unit. You will continue to develop this skill this half term, using the what, how, why paragraph structure.



What new **SKILLS** will I develop?

You will develop the new skills of analysing structure and examining the effect of rhetorical devices.



How does this build on the **KNOWLEDGE** I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of how historical and social context influences writers, as seen in The Merchant of Venice and Oliver Twist.

In Diverse Voices you learnt how and why writers craft their work to express their ideas and perspectives. You will build on that knowledge to analyse Orwell's writing.

