

ENGLISH: Year 9 Spring Half Term 1 – Romeo and Juliet

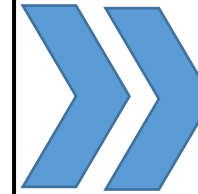
What are we learning about?

In this topic, we will be learning about how Shakespeare explores morality and society through the play. You will learn to analyse Shakespeare's language and structural features of his writing, giving reasons for his craft, including the social-historical context of the play.



Why are we learning about it?

Shakespeare is considered to be one of Britain's greatest writers. We will explore a text from the Elizabethan era written to entertain an Elizabethan audience.



What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

New knowledge will include what life was like the Elizabethan era, particularly for women. You will learn about the tragedy genre and its conventions. You will also learn more complex terminology to help you with analysing Shakespeare's language.



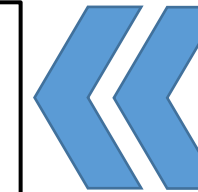
How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

This unit builds on your skills of analysing language and supporting your ideas with evidence from the text.



What new SKILLS will I develop?

You will develop the new skill of analysing language, structure and writer's methods in an academic way.



How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of Shakespeare's life and times from your work on Merchant of Venice in Year 8. You have also developed an understanding of how writers make choices about their language and structure.