

Great Marlow School

KS3 English Curriculum



Year 8

Autumn Term 1: Kindness and Redemption

Assessment

This half term, our students will be learning about persuasive techniques and how to write persuasively.

Enquiry question: How are kindness and redemption explored in literature?

That bit extra

To build on their interest of this topic, we can recommend the following wider study:

- Research literature where themes of kindness and redemption are explored.
- Explore BBC Bitesize: 'Seven days of kindness' challenge.
- Explore poems by R.W. Service, specifically 'I Believe'.
- Explore other poems by Simon Armitage – try and read them out loud.
- Research other writers who believed in teaching kindness through their work.

Grammar

Grammatically, the focus for this half term will be on:

- Sentence structure
- Ambitious punctuation
- Word classes

Technology

On laptops and phone: MS Teams and Forms, Seneca Learning and Blooket.

Vocabulary

This half term, our students will be introduced to the following challenging vocabulary which it would be very valuable for you to question them about:

- Compassionate
- Benevolent
- Amiable
- Intolerance
- Cajole
- Resilience
- Deter
- Prohibit
- Affable
- Stagnate
- Philanthropy
- Solitude
- Altruism

Homework

This half term, our students will be asked to do a range of the following homework tasks:

- Vocabulary sentences
- Research
- Poetry questions
- Grammar and punctuation
- Spelling revision
- Persuasive writing revision