

# LEARNING JOURNEY

English Martyrs' Catholic School



Your ability to discuss and analyse texts will provide a great basis for Year 8!

We will test students to find out their latest Reading Comprehension Ages and Spelling Ages.



Experience a range of extracts from plays and sonnets.

Shakespeare – a timeless, master storyteller?

Get thee to a library: improve your reading comprehension skills by signing up to your local library's summer reading challenge!



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Julius Caesar

The Taming of the Shrew

King Lear

Articulate informed views about Shakespeare's importance today.

Experience storytelling/ recounting in other genres – non-fiction and poetry.

Identify bias

Adapt own writing to be biased or neutral.

**Shakespeare Author Study**



Range of Newspaper Articles

The Charge of the Light Brigade

**Reportage**

Jerusalem

London



Understand writers can have a purpose, shaped by their beliefs.

What makes a writer's style recognizable?



Articulate opinions on a range of short texts (stories and films), evaluating success.

**William Blake Author Study**

Songs of Innocence & Experience

Experience a range of poetry and illustrations by William Blake

Craft a short story.

Learn how to discuss the shape of stories and their purpose.

The Red Ball  
Pieces of Silver

The Gold-Legged Frog

**Storytelling**



Compare and evaluate styles of writing, identifying similarities.

Write in the style of a myth or legend, describing own mythical hero or villain

The Labours of Hercules

Orpheus & Eurydice

'The Bone Sparrow'

Experience a range of myths and legends from different cultures.



Produce own piece of personal writing.

Explore different forms of personal writing (letters to memoirs)

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**START: Personal Writing**

**Myths, Fables & Legends**

Beowulf

Anne Frank

Ian Wright

Jessica Ennis-Hill

Bear Grylls

Nelson Mandela

Malala Yousafzai

Students bring in their own personal writing, written over the holidays.

Recognise common features of personal writing.



Students are expected to read regularly, throughout the year, completing quizzes!

