



Engage...Explore...Excel...



English

	Start-up (KS3/4)	Expansion (KS4/5)
Read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read widely and regularly. Reading a little everyday is the way to develop Reading as a habit. Mrs Turrell in the library has some excellent recommendations of books for each year group. The library is also really well stocked – so pay it a visit! Keep a Reading Diary and a list of books you would like to read Ask your friends and family what they are reading. You can then compare your responses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read book reviews in newspapers for inspiration – try The Guardian/Sunday Observer/The Daily Telegraph/the Times Read articles aimed at GCSE and A-Level students in the English and Media magazine www.englishandmedia.co.uk <p>Username – srmseng Password – rogerenglish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the fantastic articles on the British Library website to support your study of Literature: https://www.bl.uk/learning/online-resources
Watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film adaptations of books you have read Film adaptations of books you are studying Watch the film then read the book , or the other way round. Keep an eye out for National Theatre Live screenings at your local cinema – either of the texts you have studied or some of the other wonderful productions they put on. Much cheaper than going up to the theatre in London, and an excellent experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a trip to the Globe theatre in the Spring or Summer. The cheapest standing tickets are £5. You can get a really good sense of how Shakespeare plays were performed in Shakespeare’s time – and they are always really entertaining. Watch film versions of the texts you are studying and make notes on how they are different to the way you had pictured the text, or where they have added in details that are not in the text. Think about why they have done this.
Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try to visit some of the places that have been referred to in your reading. (A family visit if it’s not too far away?) Find out what is on at the theatre locally. The earlier you book the cheaper the tickets can be. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter some of the many writing competitions aimed at young people- For example – Young writers has competitions throughout the year: https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/secondary-school.php <p>Here is a website with lots of other suggestions for competitions: https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children/childrens-writing-competitions/ Visit Sherlock Holmes house at 221B Baker Street in London.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pack a rucksack and a tent and head off to a Literary Festival where you can hear really interesting people talking about their writing. (Take some friends too!). Look at this website to find out where and when they are. A day trip might be possible: http://www.literaryfestivals.co.uk/ Visit a famous author’s house – For Example: Vita Sackville West - https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sissinghurst-castle-garden Virginia Woolf - https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/monks-house Jane Austen - https://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk/visit-us Charles Dickens’ house in Broadstairs - https://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/dickens-house-museum/ Then try one of their novels if you haven’t already <p>Enter some of the many writing competitions aimed at young people- For example – Young writers has competitions throughout the year:</p>

	<p>On a rainy day play Scrabble or do crosswords – both excellent ways of developing your vocabulary and spelling.</p>	<p>https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/secondary-school.php</p> <p>Here is a website with lots of other suggestions for competitions: https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children/childrens-writing-competitions/</p>
<p>Revision</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize is an excellent resource for many GCSE texts. There are lots of Youtube revision lessons on all the texts you have studied, as well as help with your English Language. One of the most popular is Mr Bruff: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w</p> <p>The most important thing you can do to revise your Literature texts is to re-read them carefully several times. Make new notes on characters/themes/relationships.</p> <p>Use the internet to help you develop your understanding of Context. Try to anticipate the sorts of questions you might be set. Imagine you were the examiner. What questions would you ask? Then plan your response – looking carefully through the text for useful evidence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For A Level students and GCSE students, reading the academic articles mentioned above are an excellent way of consolidating your revision. • The internet is full of revision resources – to consolidate your learning. • Re-read each text several times – you will see different things in it each time. • Watch film versions – noting the differences and considering how each film has interpreted the text.