

# A Slice of English

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## Learning Objectives:

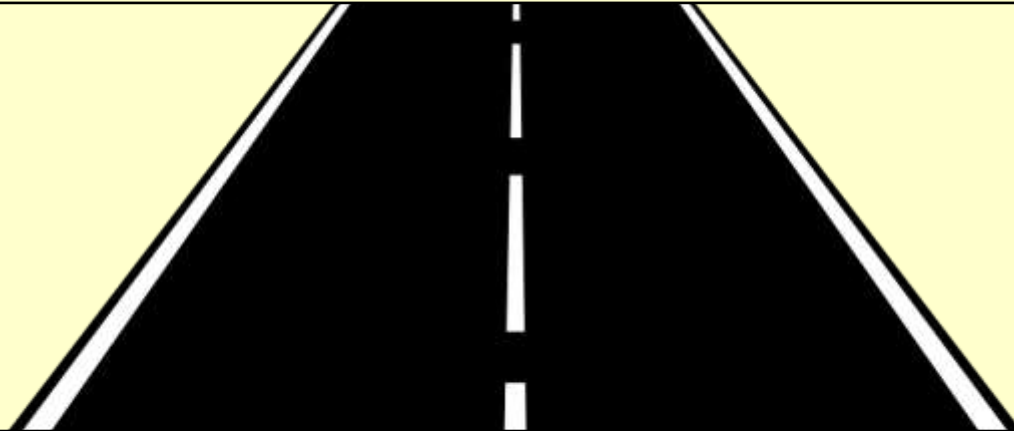
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# Task-board

Today's learning journey

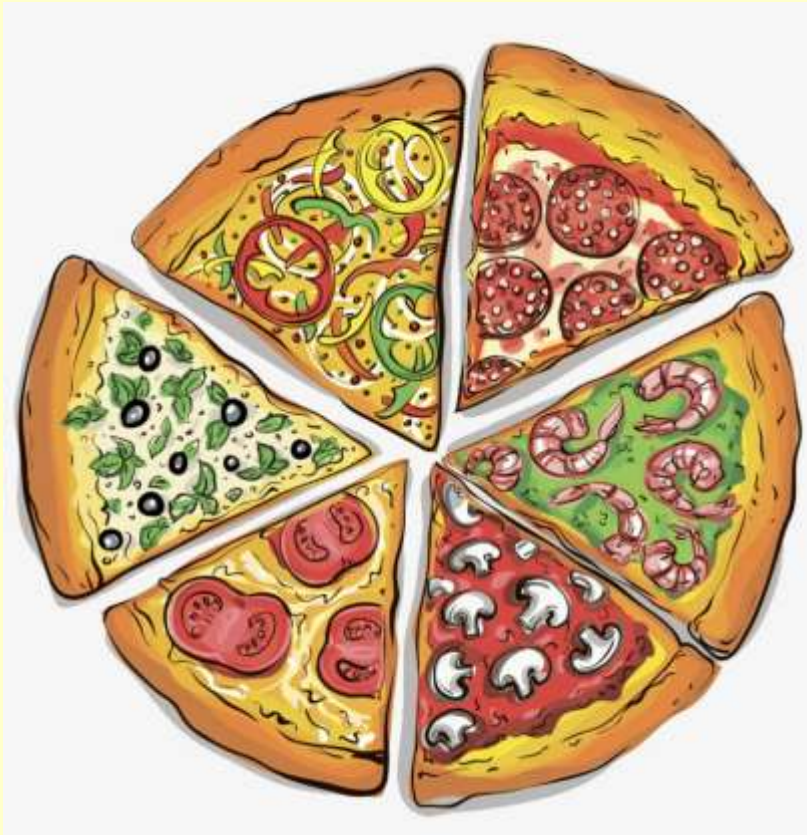
<b>Firstly</b>	<b>Slices of English in Year 7</b>
<b>Then</b>	<b>Exploring each topic slice by slice</b>
<b>Next</b>	<b>Side dish and summer project</b>
<b>Finally</b>	<b>Plenary</b>



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# Slices of English in Year 7

What will you study?



There are six half terms in each school year.  
Each half term you will explore a different topic in your English lessons.



You will also have a 'side dish' of Library lessons!

# Around the World

## Creative Writing

In **Autumn 1** you will learn and apply **creative writing** skills with a theme of **'Around the World'**.

A great way to learn how to write is to look at what other great writers do, so we will be looking at lots of extracts from books set all over the world.



# Places that are hot

## Creative Writing

Here is an extract from a book called 'Lord of the Flies'. Can you find any phrases that make this sound like a hot place?

The shore was fledged with palm trees. These stood or leaned or reclined against the light and their green feathers were a hundred feet up in the air. The ground beneath them was a bank covered with coarse grass, torn everywhere by the upheavals of fallen trees, scattered with decaying coconuts and palm saplings. Behind this was the darkness of the forest proper and the open space of the scar. Ralph stood, one hand against a grey trunk, and screwed up his eyes against the shimmering water. Out there, perhaps a mile away, the white surf flinked on a coral reef, and beyond that the open sea was dark blue. Within the irregular arc of coral the lagoon was still as a mountain lake – blue of all shades and shadowy green and purple. The beach between the palm terrace and the water was a thin bow-stave, endless apparently, for to Ralph's left the perspectives of palm and beach and water drew to a point at infinity; and always, almost invisible, was the heat.

# Places that are hot

## Creative Writing Task

One of the tasks you can choose from to complete over the summer is to write your own description of a place that is hot. You can use this picture and some of these words to help you.



**silhouette**

**tall**

**multi-coloured**

**rays**

**scorching**

**searing**

**burnt**

# Oliver Twist

## Reading a Victorian Novel

In **Autumn 2** you will read and explore a famous Victorian novel called '**Oliver Twist**'.

In this unit, we will be reading Charles Dickens' novel 'Oliver Twist'. Oliver is a poor orphan born in Victorian England and the book follows his journey through a life of cruelty and crime. Will he find his happy ever after?

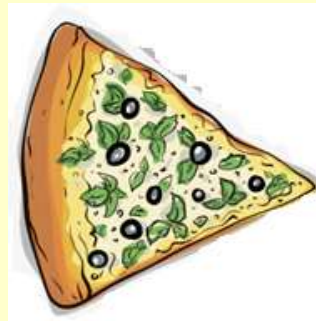


# A Midsummer Night's Dream

## Reading a Shakespeare Play

In **Spring 1** you will **read and explore** a comedy play by William Shakespeare.

After Christmas, you will be reading a Shakespeare play set in Ancient Greece. The funny plot features a fairy king and queen, two pairs of lovers, a man with a donkey head, a love potion that causes havoc and a group of idiotic actors putting on their own play!



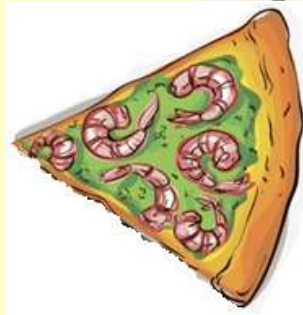
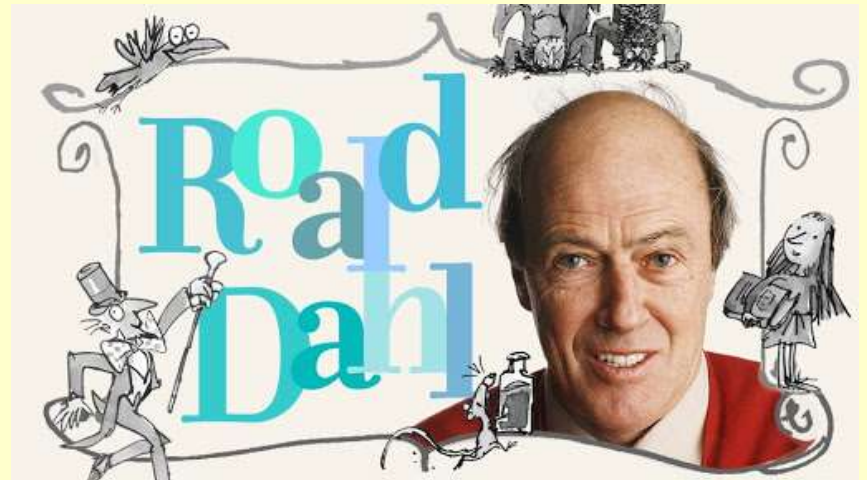


# Biographical Texts

## Exploring Biographies and Autobiographies

In **Spring 2** you will be **reading and exploring** texts written about the lives of some key figures in history.

You will be reading non-fiction texts (these are texts based on real life) which are all in the form of a biography or an autobiography. This is a text about someone's life. You may have heard of Anne Frank who hid in an attic during World War II, or children's writer Roald Dahl.



# Biographical Texts

## Writing your own biography or autobiography

One of the tasks you can choose from to complete over the summer is to write your own biography or autobiography.

### Biography

A biography is all about someone else's life. Perhaps you could interview a friend or relative and write a biography of them.

You could include:

- Where and when they were born
- Who their family members are
- Their hobbies
- Their most terrifying experience
- Their happiest memory

### Autobiography

An autobiography is all about you, so this would be written in the first person (using 'I').

Make sure you answer all the same bullet points, but about yourself!

# Nature Poetry

Exploring poems all about nature

In **Summer 1** you will be **reading** poems written on the theme of nature. These will be about the weather, animals, the seasons and the outdoors.



You will learn how poets use the language and structure of their poems to get their messages across.



# Nature Poetry

Exploring poems all about nature

Here's a short poem called 'Warm Summer Sun' by American writer Mark Twain.

*Warm summer sun,  
Shine kindly here,  
Warm southern wind,  
Blow softly here.*

*Green sod above,  
Lie light, lie light.  
Good night, dear heart,  
Good night, good night.*

The poet is talking to the sun, asking it to shine!

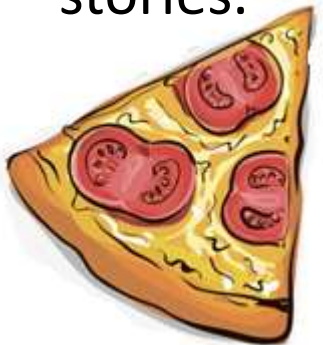
**The final task you can choose to do as your summer project is to write a poem about summer. Try to talk to the sun or the sky too, like this poem.**

# Gothic Fiction

Exploring gothic conventions of stories

In **Summer 2** you will be **reading** extracts from books that are all part of the gothic genre. This means that they are quite dark and scary!

We will look at the techniques writers use and try to write our own scary stories.



# Library Lessons

Your side dish!

Throughout the year, once a fortnight, you will have an hour long **Library Lesson**.

During each library lesson, you will be able to choose a book to read from school's extensive collection of fiction and non-fiction books.

You will also learn how to build a brilliant vocabulary by learning new and interesting words like:

**Revolution**



# Summer Project

Choose you task(s)

Before you join us at Shenley Academy in September, we would love for you to complete one (or more!) of the tasks explained in this session.

## Menu

### Starter

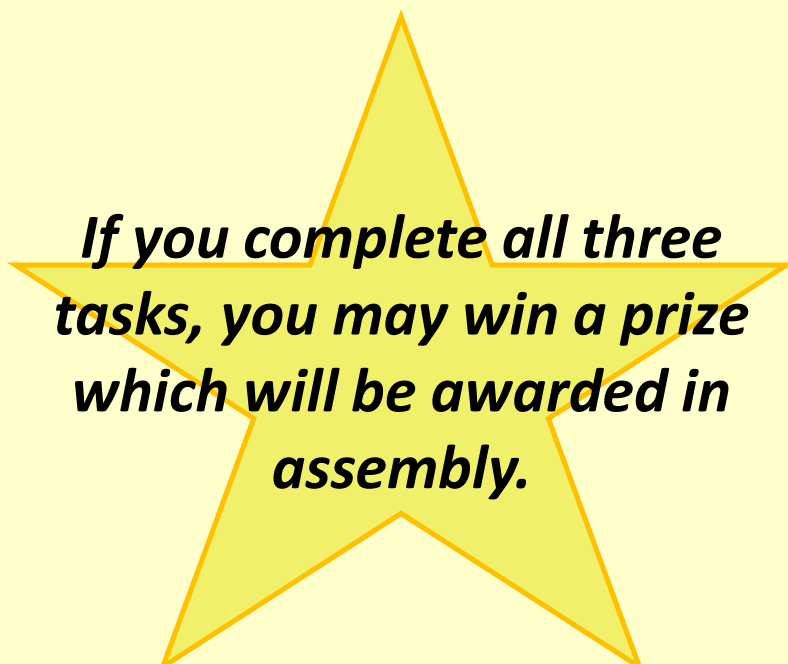
- Description of a hot place

### Main

- Biography or Autobiography

### Dessert

- Poem about summer



***If you complete all three tasks, you may win a prize which will be awarded in assembly.***

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

