Key Stage 3 Curriculum – Year 9 English

Terms 1 - 6	Pupils will follow a course designed to improve their skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing. They read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, and discuss and write about what they have read in a variety of ways. They undertake five to six units of work which cover the requirements of the National Curriculum. The order of the units is sequenced in the following ways: 1 Understanding Classic Literature – 'Of Mice and Men' 2 Conflict/ War Literature 3 Creative Writing based on an Image or Idea 4 Shakespeare – Much Ado About Nothing 5 Non-Fiction Writing 6 Understanding Classic Literature Revision and Exam Technique Pupils are given regular opportunities for independent reading using the Accelerated Reader programme. Particular aspects of grammar, punctuation, spelling and paragraphing are 1, 3 and 5. Pupils draft pieces of extended writing and the importance of accuracy and punctuation is emphasised. Textual analysis, including language and structure, is taught during units 2, 4 and 6. There is significant emphasis on reflection and improvement time throughout the course.

Recommended Resources:

- Pocket English dictionary – for use in school
- Independent reading books
- At home – large English dictionary
  - thesaurus
  - grammar

How you can help:

- Encourage your child to read every day at home
- Take an interest in your child's work in English by reading or listening to work s/he has written
- Discuss the books your child has chosen for independent reading and, if appropriate, listen to your child read aloud