



What skills will I acquire in English during KS3 at Stowupland High school?

In our lessons at KS3, students study an integrated English course which will develop core skills for both language and literature. These focus on reading, writing and spoken English. Skills include: reading for implicit and explicit meaning, developing skills of inference, using textual evidence and crafting effective writing.



What will I study in English during KS3 at Stowupland High school?

Students will study a range of engaging and stimulating texts from a range of eras, genres and cultures. Students will become familiar with the key literary forms of drama, poetry, prose and non-fiction. We also aim to ensure that students are encouraged to grow as individual, independent readers and to foster a genuine love of reading.



How will KS3 English prepare me for GCSE English Language and English Literature at Stowupland High School?

The curriculum for KS3 has been designed as a gateway to our GCSEs, developing core knowledge and vocabulary through lessons and homework. You will practise necessary skills from Year 7 and progressively increase the challenge and sophistication of these as you go through the school.





What systems do we have in place to support literacy?

The English department have invested in a variety of opportunities for students to improve literacy. One way to do this is through Accelerated Reader, which is designed to build and develop vital reading skills. Students are given the opportunity to read a variety of books and complete specific quizzes on what they have read. This programme is designed to improve the student's reading age over time, as well as their love of reading.

Students also have the opportunity to complete a weekly session of 'Bedrock'. Bedrock's aim is to address the word gap. This is an extensive online curriculum which delivers excellent progress for students by allowing students to develop their vocabulary. We integrate Bedrock into our lessons once a fortnight, as well as giving the students this as a weekly homework to continue learning a range of new vocabulary.

What books could I read?

- City of Ghosts by V.E. Schwab
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Little Bird Flies by Karen McCombie
- Skellig by David Almond
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- The Haven by Simon Lelic
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio

For a full reading list, please see our website!