

ABC Links to literacy

We develop literacy through reading and writing and through exposure to a wide variety of texts. We encourage discussion of texts and ideas through the use of versatile vocabulary.

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SPRING - 2

Topic name: **The Harlem Renaissance**
This topic celebrates the beauty, diversity and power of art made by black Americans in New York City in the early 20th Century. African Americans of all social classes joined together in Harlem, which became the focal point of a growing interest in African American culture: jazz, blues, dance, theatre, art, fiction, and poetry. African American artists reclaimed their identity and pride in defiance of widespread prejudice, racism and discrimination. Pupils will explore how the genre remains hugely influential in contemporary culture, prose and poetry.

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SUMMER - 2

Topic name: **Subversion and Satire**
This unit introduces pupils to George Orwell's allegory "Animal Farm" and Angela Carter's subversive "The Bloody Chamber". Animal Farm is an allegory that uses animals on a farm to describe the overthrow of the last Russian Tsar, Nicholas II, and the Communist Revolution of Russia. Pupils will begin to link texts to historical contexts, an essential component of GCSE KS4 literature.

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Subject Intent statement

We want our students to gain confidence in reading, writing, speaking and listening. We want them to have the courage of their convictions and to enable them to express those convictions with pride and confidence. Above all, we want them to become confident **L**eaders, **E**xcel in themselves, **A**spire to be the best, **A**chieve outstandingly and to **N**urture their talents (**LEARN**).

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123 Links to Numeracy

In English, we use mathematics to organize and give context to the periods of time that texts were written. We give life to past events and times using statistics and logical thinking.