

English Faculty Year 7 Induction Day information

How can you help your child prepare for English at Cirencester Deer Park School?



Practise reading:

The most important thing that your child can do over the summer in order to prepare for English in Year 7 is to read. Read as much as possible: novels, poems, newspapers, magazines, websites, instruction manuals, biographies...read anything!

Use your local library or you can access the library virtually:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/ebooks-eaudiobooks-and-emagazines/>



Some useful websites for exploring reading are:

www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/>



Practise writing:

When your child begins Year 7, it would be helpful if they were able to demonstrate a variety of different writing styles. We always love to see original writing with superb vocabulary choices and a variety of different writing techniques. Over the holiday there may be opportunities for them to practise.

Fantastic images and starters for creative writing can be found here:

www.pobble365.com



A wide range of resources can also be found on BBC Bitesize, look for English Key Stage 3:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>



In September...

Year 7 pupils will be studying an exciting unit entitled 'The Power of Stories'. They will be reading the novel *Ghost Boys*, a gripping and poignant tale about how children and families face the complexities of today's world, and exploring a range of non-fiction texts about significant events linked with the novel.

In Year 7, the English course will include the study of a range of myths from Greek mythology, poetry analysis, and a study of Shakespeare's comedy 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Reading abridged versions of texts or watching DVD or online productions would be beneficial.

