

KS3 Literature Links 2025-26

Half Term	KS3 Topic	Linked GCSE Literature Type	Example GCSE Texts	Focus Skill(s) If applicable
HT1	Folktales Around the World	Thematic Poetry & Cultural Identity Texts	Poems from Other Cultures (e.g. Blessing by Imtiaz Dharker, Island Man by Grace Nichols)	Theme, culture, voice, setting, symbolism
HT2	Fairytales	19th-Century Novel	Jane Eyre, The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	Setting, mood, transformation
HT3	Animals	Modern Texts	War Horse by Michael Morpurgo (play version)	Conflict, loyalty, survival, character relationships, empathy
HT4	Hobbies	Modern Drama	Billy Elliot (play) by Lee Hall	Aspirations, social class, individuality, personal growth
HT5	Music	Poetry Anthology + Unseen Poetry	Checking Out Me History by John Agard	Voice, identity, structure, figurative, language
HT6	Holidays	19th-Century Travel Writing + Unseen Poetry	Around the World in 80 Days, Island Man	Description, imagery, unseen poetry