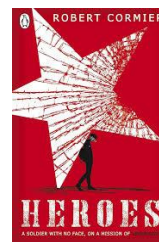


What have we learnt?

This half term, we have started to study 'Heroes' by Robert Cormier. We are enjoying learning about the characters and getting to grips with this complex story. We have also been developing our skills as creative writers.



What are we learning next half term?

Next half term, we will be completing our study of 'Heroes'. We will continue to hone our own craft as writers.

What can my child be doing at home?

Your child will be set regular homework by their teacher. This could be related to their study of 'Heroes'. Students are also encouraged to read as much as they can. Our Reading Routes programme encourages students to read widely. They can also access our digital library, ePlatform, from home.



When are the key assessment points and important dates?

Each term, your child will take part in an enrichment week, which enhances their experience of studying English. This term, the enrichment week is the week commencing 18th November. We will be taking part in a 'budding journalist' competition with the other Coast and Vale schools. Students will get the opportunity to learn about journalism and compete to have their work considered by a panel of professional writers. This term's common assessment test will be undertaken during the week commencing 2nd December. This assessment tests their reading comprehension and creative writing skills.



What are this half term's dinner table topics?

Talking about their learning really helps to cement their knowledge. Your child is learning some brilliant things. Talking round the dinner table is a great opportunity to hear all about it Here are some suggested questions you could ask:

- Tell me about the story of 'Heroes'
- Tell me about Francis. What are your impressions of him?
- What has Francis' experience of war been like?
- Are you reading one of the Reading Routes books at the moment?

