



Welcome to English at Great Wyrley Academy!

In your English lessons you will take part in a wide variety of exciting activities to develop your reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. We read a lot because reading is the best and we are lucky to have a wonderful Library for you



to enjoy. English is a subject full of adventures, whether it is exploring the world around us through travel blogs, engaging in debates on current issues or writing your own stories to take yourself off to magical, uncharted lands. In your first term with us you will be reading the play version of the famous story 'Frankenstein' which is all about a scientist called Victor Frankenstein who seeks to create life. Will it be the perfect being he imagines, or a monster? ***You'll have to wait to find out!***



Below are two activities and an optional creative task which we hope you enjoy!

1. Bring your own Monster to life

Draw and design your own Monster; remember a Monster does not have to be scary! Think about how you can create a unique character. Use **verbs, adjectives, adverbs and descriptive techniques such as similes and metaphors** to 'bring your Monster to life' on the page.

Around your Monster, **add labels** that show your best descriptive skills.

Things to consider:

- What does he/she look like?
- What does his/ her voice sound like?
- What is his/ her personality?
- How does he/ she move? Talk? Engage with others?

Challenge: What sort of environment does he/ she live in and how does it reflect his/her personality?

1. Write the opening of a short story focused on the moment your Monster comes to life.

Continue from this opening line:

Everything stopped like this moment was frozen in time...

Optional creative task

We **LOVE** reading at Great Wyrley, so here is an optional final fun mission for you!



Have you ever made a time capsule?

1. Pick a character from a book that you LOVE.
2. Think back to the book or re-read it and pay special attention to your favourite character.

What are their likes? Dislikes? What kind of person are they? Where do they live? Do they wear any jewellery or a specific article of clothing? What is special to them? What is their favourite food/ colour/ lesson at school? What are their hobbies and pastimes? What do they hope to do in the future?

1. Choose a box or container

This can be a shoe box, a jar or even just an envelope or folder.

1. Write a letter

Write a letter to the future person who might find the time capsule from the character to place in your time capsule. Tell them why you created this capsule and why you chose this particular character, what book they are from and why they should definitely read it!

1. Collect objects for the time capsule

Using the list you made for your character, find, draw or describe items that represent the character. 5-8 items should be plenty, but of course you can choose as many as you want.

1. Create your time capsule. Arrange the items in the container and put the letter in with them. Choose a future date to look at the time capsule (a couple of weeks to a couple of months).

1. Keep the time capsule safe and revisit it in the future. Ask someone else to see what they can work out about your character from the items in the capsule. Or, even better, bring it in when you join us at Windsor to show your English teacher!