



“Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.” Rita Mae Brown

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Learning About Language is a subject students are taught once per fortnight in Years 7 and 8. In lessons, students learn from where our English language originates and how various historical, social and technological factors continue to influence its on-going development.

Students are given the opportunity to step aside from the writing of prolonged essays and stories in order to consider and collectively discuss and research the building blocks of how modern English came to be. This understanding of common prefixes, suffixes and their Greek, Latin, Norse, Norman, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic genesis provides grounding in English as a language that aids study in subjects across the curriculum and broadens students' vocabulary.



Farmor's School Learning about Language



	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 7	Using a dictionary Prefixes, Roots, Suffixes Where does English come from? Old English / Middle English Latin Greek		Latin and Greek Roots Neologisms and Compounding Portmanteau words and re-purposing Word Classes		Speech vs. Writing Register Academic Language Standard English / Accent / Dialect / Idiolect	
Year 8	Review of Year 7 content Register and Academic Language pt. ii Standard English / Accent / Dialect pt.ii Latin and Greek prefixes and roots pt.ii Suffixes and word building		Roots pt.ii Neologisms pt. ii Semantic change World English Alternative 'Englishes' Formality, idioms and phrasal verbs		Literary influencers When language goes wrong What's in a word? Review of the year Language project	