

## Friesland School's English Department Newsletter: Year 7

Currently we are studying the novel 'Animal Farm' and a module called 'Persuasion'. We will also be doing the '500 Words' short story competition.

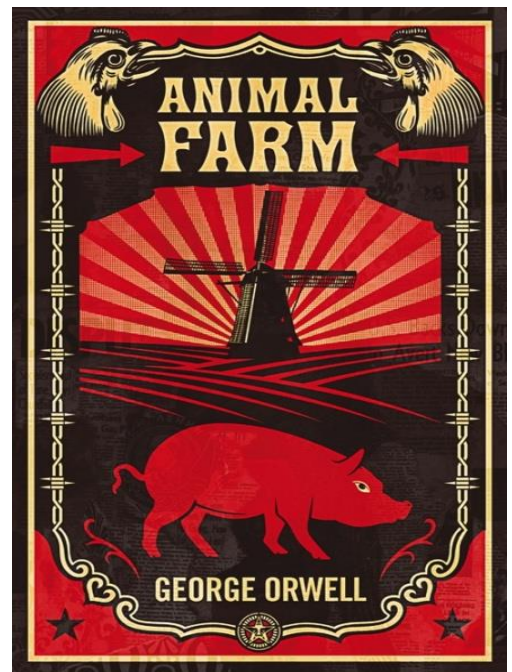


### Key Skills

1. To carefully plan, write and redraft engaging stories using vocabulary and sentence structures effectively
2. To consider how writers have used language and persuasive devices to shape meaning
3. To use persuasive devices and language to persuade and engage your audience
4. To analyse how characters are presented in literature texts and how we respond to them as readers

### How your child can develop their learning at home:

- The BBC named [howtospell.co.uk](http://howtospell.co.uk) as the number one website for spelling. The website contains some fantastic games/quizzes and is a great starting point for any student who needs to learn their spellings/expand their vocabulary
- Visit BBC Bitesize for hints and tips on different types of writing, focusing particularly on persuasive writing
- When reading fiction, think very carefully about how the writer engages the reader
- 'Reject and Replace' vocabulary choices – look back over the work completed in class and strengthen the vocabulary



### Reading

Your child has a reading record and they should ensure they read regularly at home. Every time they read independently, or to someone at home or school, they should get this signed and verified by an adult and they will then be rewarded for this by their form tutor.

#### Magic numbers:

Read 25 times – bronze  
Read 50 times – silver  
Read 75 times – gold  
Read 100 times – platinum  
AND an invitation to our celebration evening  
Read 200 times – diamond  
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