**Year 8 – DEAR**



Term 1 book: **Alan Gibbons’ “Hate”**

* To read and explore a book about a recent true event (The death of Sophie Lancaster in 2007).
* To explore Hate Crime and the impact it can have on victims, their families and wider society.
* To provide opportunities to use oracy to discuss and explore the effects of Hate Crime in all its forms. To explore the wider impacts of Hate Crime on society.
* To develop empathy through characters that are based on real events.



Term 2 **Harper Lee’s** “**To Kill a Mockingbird**”

* To become familiar with and understanding of the events around the Civil Rights movement in America 1960.
* To explore and challenge the prejudicial views people have against anyone who is different to themselves.
* To enhance pupils’ cultural understanding.
* To explore black rights texts in response to Black History Month.
* To show how knowledge and understanding can be enhanced through reading fiction; develop cultural capital in the areas of geography, history, citizenship and human rights.
* To introduce pupils to classic, seminal texts to expand their cultural capital and understanding of the wider world of literature.



Term 3 Tom **Boyle’s** “**Thirteen**”.

* Provide opportunities to discuss adoption.
* To read the first book in a series to encourage pupils to reach out to other books to complete the full narrative.
* To include a modern, prize-winning book that covers the lives of teenagers in the modern world.