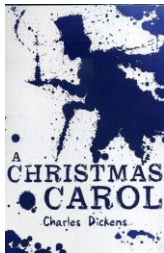
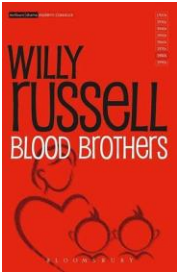


**What have we learnt?**  
 This half term, we have studied ‘Blood Brothers’ by Willy Russell. We have cemented our understanding of the plot, characters and themes of the play. We have completed the knowledge test to check our understanding and have undertaken our first ‘walking talking mock’ – where the students are walked through a mock paper by the head of department. Students get to see how an expert would tackle the paper, whilst being allowed the time to have a go at the answers themselves.



**What are we learning next half term?**  
 We will be feeding back the results of the walking talking mock and the knowledge test and exploring ways to improve our knowledge and skills. In this half term, we will also be studying ‘A Christmas Carol’ by Charles Dickens.

**What can my child be doing at home?**  
 It is important that students learn about the context of ‘A Christmas Carol’ – what life was like in Victorian London and why Dickens wrote the novella in the first place. Students have been provided with a research booklet to complete at home. There are supplementary resources on Google Classroom too. Teachers will also set bespoke homework activities to support their learning.



**When are the key assessment points and important dates?**  
 One of the most important dates is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December when we are going to Leeds to see ‘Blood Brothers’  
 We will be undertaking the knowledge test for ‘A Christmas Carol’ during the week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a walking talking mock for ‘A Christmas Carol’ during the week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Very festive!



**What are this half term’s dinner table topics?**  
 Talking about their learning really helps to cement their knowledge. If they can talk about it, they can write about it. Talking round the dinner table is an easy revision win! Here are some suggested questions you could ask:

- Tell me about the story of ‘Blood Brothers’
- What does nature vs nurture mean? How does this affect Mickey and Edward
- What can you tell me about why Dickens wrote ‘A Christmas Carol’?
- How does Scrooge change throughout the novella?

