YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 ENGLISH

READING (WORDS)

Year 5/6 pupils will be taught to:

- apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.

READING (COMPREHENSION)

Year 5/6 pupils will be taught to maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:

- continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks

- reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes

- increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions

- recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices

- identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing

- making comparisons within and across books

- learning a wider range of poetry by heart

- preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience

They will be taught to understand what they read by:

- checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context

- asking questions to improve their understanding

- drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence

- predicting what might happen from details stated and implied

- summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas

- identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning

- discussing and evaluating how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader

- distinguishing between statements of fact and opinion

- retrieving, recording and presenting information from non-fiction

- participating in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously

- explaining and discussing their understanding of what they have read, including through foral presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary

- providing reasoned justifications for their views.
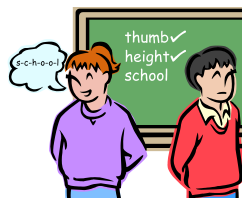
WRITING - Spelling

Year 5/6 pupils will be taught to:

- use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them

- spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn]

- continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused

- use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically

- use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words

- use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary

- use a thesaurus.

HANDWRITING

Year 5/6 pupils will be taught to write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:

- choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters

- choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task.

WRITING – COMPOSITION

Year 5/6 pupils will be taught to plan their writing by:

- identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own

- noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary

- in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed

<u>They will be taught to draft and write by:</u>

- selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning

- in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action

- précising longer passages

- using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs

- using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]

<u>They will be taught to evaluate and edit by:</u>

- assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing

- proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning

- ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing

- ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register

- proof-reading for spelling and punctuation errors

- performing their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.

<u>WRITING – VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION</u>

Year 5/6 pupils will develop their understanding of their concepts by:

- recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms

- using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence

- using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause

- using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely

- using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility

- using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun

- learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 below

They will be taught to indicate grammatical and other features by:

- using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing

- using hyphens to avoid ambiguity

- using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis

- using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses

- using a colon to introduce a list

- punctuating bullet points consistently

- using and understanding the grammatical terminology below

YEAR 5 GRAMMAR

Word

*Converting **nouns** or **adjectives** into **verbs** using **suffixes** [for example, –ate; –ise; –ify]*

***Verb prefixes** [for example, dis–, de–, mis–, over– and re–]*

Text

*Devices to build **cohesion** within a paragraph [for example, then, after that, this, firstly]*

*Linking ideas across paragraphs using **adverbials** of time [for example, later], place [for example, nearby] and number [for example, secondly] or tense choices [for example, he had seen her before]*

Sentence

***Relative clauses** beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun*

*Indicating degrees of possibility using **adverbs** [for example, perhaps, surely] or **modal verbs** [for example, might, should, will, must]*

Punctuation

Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis

Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity

YEAR 6 GRAMMAR

Word

The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, find out – discover; ask for – request; go in – enter]

How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms [for example, big, large, little].

Text

Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of **cohesive devices**: repetition of a **word** or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of **adverbials** such as on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence], and **ellipsis**

Layout devices [for example, headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, or tables, to structure text]

Sentence

Use of the **passive** to affect the presentation of information in a **sentence** [for example, I broke the window in the greenhouse versus The window in the greenhouse was broken (by me)].

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Punctuation

Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent **clauses** [for example, It's raining; I'm fed up]

Use of the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists

Punctuation of bullet points to list information

How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example, man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover]

Terminology for pupils

subject, object
active, passive
synonym, antonym
ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points