## **Year 6 - Teaching Reading**

Aims and Intentions
The Reading Planning Platform



Knowledge and skills for reading developed from the 2014 national curriculum for Year 6

**Edition 1** 

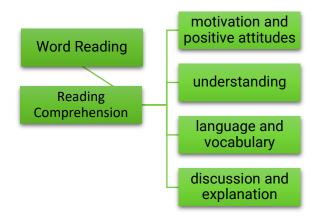




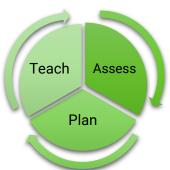
#### **Introduction**

The **Planning Platforms** will support teachers with their daily planning and teaching of reading against the expectations of the national curriculum. Each year group has its own platform of objectives. These have been developed in detail from the statutory statements within the national curriculum, ensuring full coverage. They can be used to offer appropriate stretch, challenge and support across the learning needs KS1 and KS2 pupils.

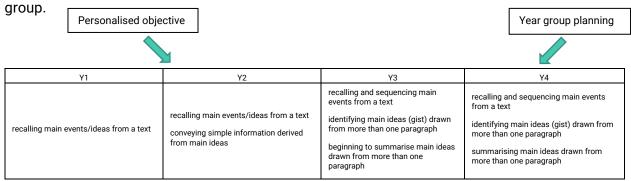
The objectives follow the focuses of the national curriculum as follows:



These statements will support teachers with modelling, planning and text selection, and where appropriate, offer suggestions for teaching strategies. They can be used to ensure that pitch is appropriate for the year group, allowing teachers to integrate the objectives into their own plans. Where relevant, examples are included that illustrate the expectations of a statement. These have been informed by the end of year expectations of the Teacher Assessment Framework (TAF) and Assessing with Age-Related Texts (AART) documents, supporting teachers with delivering the 'assess, plan, teach cycle.



Where needs fall outside of a pupil's own year group (if a personalised curriculum is required), teachers should refer to Progression in Teaching Reading, tracking back to the appropriate year



Phonic objectives have not been reproduced in full, but are available in the national curriculum's English Appendix.



#### Reading - word reading

#### Pupils should be taught to:

- use strategies such as recognising syllables /phonemes to decode new or unfamiliar words
- focus on all the letters in unfamiliar words so that they do not, for example, read 'invitation' for 'imitation' simply because they might be more familiar with the first word
- re-read, as needed to take account of especially challenging word order and phrasing
- read most words effortlessly and with increasing automaticity
- test out different plausible pronunciations for less familiar words
- [children should be able to read further exception words independently. If they are not able to do so, please refer to previous year groups]
- apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology) as listed in English appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet
- read longer words, using syllable boundaries where needed
- [children should be able to read and understand words with contractions independently. If they are not able to do so, please refer to KS1]
- read aloud unfamiliar words or challenging sections of text, where needed, to support accuracy and automaticity
- re-read words or challenging sections of text to ensure understanding through fluency
- read age-appropriate texts fluently (including pausing appropriately, reading in phrases, responding to punctuation)



#### Reading – reading comprehension

#### Pupils should be taught to:

#### Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:

- continuing to listen 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
- empathising with a number of different characters within a book considering actions, motivations, complexities and interactions with other characters
- identifying with, and exploring characters, using a range of drama techniques e.g. through role play, improvisation, using voice, gesture or movement, hot seating, freeze framing; role on the wall; conscience alley
- linking what they read or hear with known experiences in order to make sense of complex text
- 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
- discussing the sequence of events in both linear and non-linear texts and how they the
  different elements relate to one another within the text e.g. 'A linear narrative with some
  flashbacks to the past, interspersed with occasional visits to 'another world'.
- 'Book moves between passages dominated by third person narration and stretches where characters and dialogue move the plot forward.'
- Identifying and discussing themes e.g. resilience, differing responses to hardship or danger, belonging, relationships between people and wildlife, and conventions in a wide range of texts in a wide range of narrative, non-fiction and poetry e.g. symbolic objects; movement between dimensions
- recognise where a text may have multiple themes
- making comparisons within and across books e.g. characters, settings, themes, layout, structure
- discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary
- continuing to use dictionaries to check the meanings of words that they have read
- identifying words and phrases which are unknown e.g. abruptly, requisitioner; tendrils; hind feet dragging
- discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- reading silently with good understanding, working out how to pronounce unfamiliar words
- recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices



#### Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:

- internalising the rhythms/stresses of literary language e.g. snow-covered branches; dance and drift; spread like a heath fire and grammatical structures e.g. questions, a range of conjunctions, fronted adverbials
- 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
- recognising some different forms of poetry

#### Understand what they read by:

- identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning (see Assessing with Age-Related Texts for fiction examples) for language:
  - o 'Darwin thought evolution by Natural Selection was gradual and ongoing'
  - o 'With our ever-increasing modern knowledge,e it came to pass...'

#### for structure:

 More extended blocks of text, featuring more technical tier 3 language. Passive constructions and address content succinctly but add to density.

#### for presentation:

 Text dominates. Illustration may not serve major points and instead address interesting or curious elements. Illustrations more decorative than explanatory (outside of process diagrams)

# Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader by:

- describing and evaluating the use of particular words or phrases, and their effect on the reader
- discussing language choices in the text that provides clues to the author's intent
- discussing the meaning of figurative words and phrases (fiction and non-fiction)
- exploring the effect of imagery sustained within and across paragraphs
- discussing how writers create shades of meaning
- exploring synonyms and idiomatic language (often seemingly simple words working together for a particular meaning) e.g. 'pick up speed' (House with Chicken Legs)
- exploring how the conventions of different types of writing (e.g. language features of specific genres and cohesive devices) are used to support the authors' aims
- discussing the impact of authorial choices on the reader



### Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction by:

- exploring and discussing unknown technical or subject specific vocabulary with increasing independence
- using the navigational features of a range of texts and making choices about which would be most useful for retrieving the information required
- making comparisons between forms, layouts, and the ways in which information is presented
- skimming and scanning a range of texts to find specific information
- retrieving information from several sections or aspects of a text e.g. headings, graphs, illustrations, subheadings
- identifying keywords and main points within and across texts
- recording information gained from reading in a variety of forms e.g. notes, mind maps, flow charts tables, bullet points and questions for further research
- presenting information gained from reading e.g. orally, individual or group written outcomes

#### Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion by:

- identifying facts within a text and beginning to recognise that opinions are sometimes presented as facts
- identifying opinions within a text e.g. viewpoints, beliefs and beginning to identify varying opinions

#### Provide reasoned justification for their views: by

- forming conclusions based on, or inferred from, evidence within the text e.g. Jan does things that you know are wrong, like telling lies, but there are lots of clues that his life must have been awful when he was younger and he must have had to do bad things to survive.
- justifying their opinions, referring to more than one place in the text where appropriate e.g. Jan can't get out of his bad habits because he's been living that way for so long. He steals food for the children when they can't get it any other way, but then
- he carries on when he doesn't need to any longer like when they're in the American unit and the Captain says, it's become a habit.
- expressing and justifying personal preferences regarding authors/named books/poets/genres



## Participate 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 by:

- sustaining attentive listening, building on others' ideas by agreeing or disagreeing
- challenging specific points within an argument for greater clarity/detail/accuracy
- drawing on different points of view when responding
- asking questions for clarification and understanding)
- asking and answering open questions to explore a range of possibilities and justifies responses in relation to the text
- using tentative language (e.g. could it be? I wonder whether?', 'perhaps', possibly) to aid speculative thinking and deepen understanding when considering a line of enquiry/dilemma
- presenting spoken arguments, making use of a range of discursive techniques, such as: sequencing points logically, defending views with evidence and making use of persuasive language
- developing, agreeing and evaluating rules for effective discussion
- acting upon feedback to improve the quality of their explanations and contributions to discussions
- following up and building upon ideas under discussion
- challenging others' views courteously
- considering possibilities and arriving at an agreement
- summarising main ideas from a discussion

# Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary by:

- expressing ideas showing understanding of what has been read, drawing upon personal responses
- communicating ideas with precision and clarity
- · referring to text to support opinions
- rephrasing evidence from the context
- present their understanding of what they have read, sequencing points logically and supporting views with evidence
- making use of notes to support
- taking part in a debate, demonstrating understanding of what they have read



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