

Year Four Reading

Year 4 Reading: Working at Expected Standard

The Pupil can:

- Read with fluency a range of age-appropriate text types from those specified for YRs 3 and 4 (including fairy stories, myths and legends, poetry, plays and non-fiction books).
- Read at a speed sufficient for them to focus on understanding.
- Read most common exception words effortlessly, noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound.
- Know the full range of GPCs, and use phonic skills consistently and automatically to address unfamiliar or challenging words.
- Determine the meaning of new words by sometimes applying knowledge of root words and their affixes e.g. information, invasion, enclosure, mountainous.
- Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and perform. Demonstrate understanding by using appropriate intonation and volume when reciting or reading aloud.
- Fully engage with and enjoy reading a range of texts, making choices and explaining preferences; know some text types; talk about books enjoyed both in and out of school, making textual references.
- Listen to, discuss and express views about a wide range of fiction (including fairy stories, myths and legends over the two YR cycle), poetry (including those read aloud and performed) and plays. Begin to justify comments.
- Listen to and discuss a range of non-fiction and reference or text books, that are structured in different ways; recognise typical presentational features.
- Identify themes and conventions in a range of books e.g. identify a theme of 'recycling' or 'changes in leisure activities'; recognise the conventions of a myth or play script;
- know how information is signposted in reference books.
- Recognise several different forms of poetry, such as free verse, rhyming, shape, narrative, humorous; explain their differences.
- Draw inferences and justify with evidence e.g. characters' feelings, thoughts and motives, from their actions or words. Draw comparisons.
- Predict what might credibly happen from details stated and implied
- Explain the meaning of words in context; use dictionaries to check meanings.
- Check the text makes sense, reading to the punctuation and habitually re-reading.

- Explain and discuss their understanding of the text e.g. describe a sequence of events; the way a character changes through the story; the reason why Lucy is upset when Edmund lies; the different ways to make a cake.
- Identify and summarise main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph e.g. a poem about funny relatives; a persuasive message to recycle rubbish.
- Retrieve and record information from non-fiction texts.
- Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning e.g. that the word 'threatening' means that the storm is close and could be dangerous; the introduction leads you into the text; each paragraph tells you about a different character.
- Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination.
- During discussion about texts, ask relevant questions to improve their understanding; take turns and build on what others have to say.

Year 4 Reading: Working at Greater Depth

The Pupil can:

- Locate and use information from a range of sources, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Compare fictional accounts in historical novels with the factual account.
- Appreciate the bias in persuasive writing, including articles and advertisements.
- Talk widely about different authors, giving some information about their backgrounds and the type of literature they produce.
- Use inference and deduction to work out the characteristics of different people from a story.
- Compare the language in older texts with modern Standard English (spelling, punctuation and vocabulary);
- Skim, scan and organise non-fiction information under different headings.
- Refer to the text to support predictions and opinions.
- Recognise complex sentences.
- Show awareness of the listener through the use of pauses, giving emphasis and keeping an appropriate pace so as to entertain and maintain interest.