

# Reading at School



## Year 6



To meet the expected standard by the end of Year 6, your child will be learning through our Learning Objectives. These are written in 'child friendly' speech. Here are some of the key Learning Objectives.

- I can use skimming, scanning and note-taking to identify key points in a text.
- I can make up questions that help me review a text and improve my own understanding.
- I can point to parts of the text that support an idea or an opinion.
- I can distinguish between fact and opinion and explain how I know.
- I can make predictions from what might happen next by stated and implied details in the text.
- I can answer questions that require me to think beyond the text.

How we support reading in school:

- Reading is embedded as a skill that is learnt across the curriculum.
- We use rich and engaging texts to inspire and enthuse reading.
- At times, in their English, specific lessons will be taught on Reading Objectives and allowing time to practise and consolidate them. E.g. explain which is fact and which is opinion and how do you know?
- Reading across the curriculum E.g. In History today, when researching to find the information you will need to use skimming, scanning and note-taking to find the key points to answer the question.
- Encouraging the children to read as much as possible across the curriculum.
- Regular practise of Reading VIPERS - Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explain/Evidence, Retrieve and Summarise.

# Reading at Home



Make reading fun by:

- Reading at home needs to be fun, something you both enjoy, a time for talk and laughter.
- You could consider a magazine subscription for an area of interest for them. This will give them something new to read every month. Some websites and companies also provide free magazines too.
- Talk about the lyrics in songs and where they come from and how it is similar to poetry.
- These websites are helpful too and share information about age appropriate books to read with your child. - <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/great-books-guide/>

Talk about reading:

- There are prompt questions at the back of your child's reading journal to help you.
- Encourage your child to read different types of stories and texts such as; websites, recipes, road signs, newspapers, magazines, fiction and non-fiction texts.
- At this age, talk about what you are reading too.
- Encourage your child to research and read about topics of interest. Take notice of what currently interests them and if using the internet ensure they follow safe searching rules.
- Share what you think about characters and stories and our opinions of them too, it's great to have that discussion with your children.

# Recommended reading for Year 6

Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr
Forgotten Voices of the Second World War	Max Arthur
The Diamond of Drury Lane	Julia Golding
Framed	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Homecoming	Cynthia Voigt
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman
Knife Edge	Malorie Blackman
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$	Sue Townsend
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeve
Clockwork	Philip Pullman
Dragon Keeper	Carole Wilkinson
Peter Pan	J M Barrie
Wizard of Oz	F Baum
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
The Railway Children	E Nesbit
The Borrowers	M Norton
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain
Alex Rider series	Anthony Horowitz
My Story series	Various authors
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Ed. Otto H Frank
Boy Overboard	Morris Gleitzman
Sabriel	Garth Nix
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll

As older readers, it can still have a huge and positive impact to still read with your child to discuss the story.