



English - Reading

In Year 6, children read with maturity, independence, and insight. They study a wide range of high-quality texts linked to our topics – Who Would Live in a Place Like This?, Ancient Beliefs and Traditions, and War and Peace.

Through reading, they explore complex ideas, make connections across genres, and develop the analytical skills they'll need for secondary school and beyond.

We teach all children to:

- Read fluently, confidently, and with deep understanding.
- Analyse how language, structure, and themes influence meaning.
- Evaluate authors' choices and express informed personal opinions.
- Read widely for pleasure and knowledge.

Area of Study	Year 6
Word Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read fluently, automatically, and accurately across a wide range of texts. • Use knowledge of morphology and etymology to decode unfamiliar vocabulary. • Understand and explain how word choice shapes meaning.
Fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud with confidence, expression, and control. • Use tone, pace, and phrasing to convey meaning and emotion. • Read complex texts with sustained focus and stamina.
Comprehension Retrieval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify, summarise, and synthesise key information across texts. • Use direct evidence to support and justify answers. • Distinguish between fact, opinion, and inference.
Comprehension - Inference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make thoughtful, detailed inferences about character, theme, and motive. • Analyse evidence and justify conclusions with precision. • Identify implied meanings and underlying messages.
Comprehension - Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore how language, punctuation, and structure influence the reader. • Identify techniques such as irony, contrast, and symbolism. • Discuss how style and tone vary across different genres and audiences.
Comprehension - Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in extended discussions, considering and evaluating different viewpoints. • Compare authors' treatment of similar themes. • Support ideas with clear reasoning and textual evidence.
Comprehension - Text Structure & Genre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse and compare how authors structure and present information. • Identify recurring themes and conventions across literature. • Explore narrative viewpoint, dialogue, and cohesion across paragraphs.

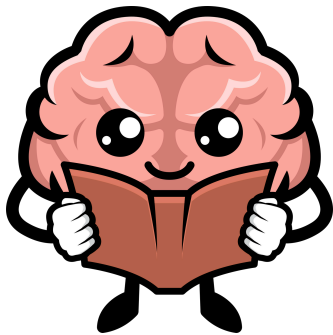


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How can I help my child at home?

Encourage Thoughtful Reading

- Read and discuss a variety of genres – news, novels, poetry, and biographies.
- Ask deeper questions: “What’s the author trying to make us feel or think?”



Build Critical Thinking

- Encourage them to find evidence in the text to support their ideas.
- Discuss themes such as courage, change, or justice in what they read.

Widen Horizons

- Introduce books from different time periods, cultures, and perspectives.
- Explore real-world texts – speeches, articles, or essays – and discuss their impact.



Support Vocabulary Growth

- Encourage curiosity about words: origins, meanings, and alternative uses.
- Keep a shared “interesting words” list or display at home.



Celebrate Reading for Life

- Talk about books you both enjoy and what you’ve learned from them.
- Praise thoughtful opinions and perseverance with challenging texts.
- Remind them that confident readers become confident learners.

