



Literacy Overview - Years 4, 5 and 6

Year Group	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading	Secure decoding of unfamiliar words Read for a range of purposes Retell some stories orally Discuss words & phrases that capture the imagination Identify themes & conventions Retrieve & record information Make inferences & justify predictions Recognise a variety of forms of poetry Identify & summarise ideas	Apply knowledge of morphology & etymology when reading new words Reading & discuss a broad range of genres & texts Identifying & discussing themes Make recommendations to others Learn poetry by heart Draw inference & make predictions Discuss authors' use of language Retrieve & present information from non-fiction texts. Formal presentations & debates	Read a broad range of genres Recommend books to others Make comparisons within/across books Support inferences with evidence Summarising key points from texts Identify how language, structure, etc. contribute to meaning Discuss use of language, inc. figurative Discuss & explain reading, providing reasoned justifications for views
Writing	Correctly spell common homophones Increase regularity of handwriting Plan writing based on familiar forms Organise writing into paragraphs Use simple organisational devices Proof-read for spelling & punctuation errors Evaluate own and others' writing Read own writing aloud	Secure spelling, inc. homophones, prefixes, silent letters, etc. Use a thesaurus Legible, fluent handwriting Plan writing to suit audience & purpose Develop character, setting and atmosphere in narrative Use organisational & presentational features Use consistent appropriate tense Proof-reading Perform own compositions	Use knowledge of morphology & etymology in spelling Develop legible personal handwriting style Plan writing to suit audience & purpose; use models of writing Develop character & setting in narrative Select grammar & vocabulary for effect Use a wide range of cohesive devices Ensure grammatical consistency
Grammar	Use wider range of conjunctions Use perfect tense appropriately Select pronouns and nouns for clarity Use & punctuate direct speech Use commas after front adverbials	Use expanded noun phrases Use modal & passive verbs Use relative clauses Use commas for clauses Use brackets, dashes & commas for parenthesis	Use appropriate register/ style Use the passive voice for purpose Use features to convey & clarify meaning Use full punctuation Use language of subject/object
Speaking & Listening	Articulate & justify opinions Speak audibly in Standard English Gain, maintain & monitor interest of listeners	Give well-structured explanations Command of Standard English Consider & evaluate different viewpoints Use appropriate register	Use questions to build knowledge Articulate arguments & opinions Use spoken language to speculate, hypothesise & explore Use appropriate register & language