



# Bolshaw Primary School

## END OF YEAR EXPECTATIONS

### *Information for Parents*

*This booklet provides information for parents and carers on the end of year expectations for children in Year 6 in our school. The National Curriculum outlines these expectations as being the minimum requirements your child must meet in order to ensure continued progress.*

*All the objectives will be worked on throughout the year and will be the focus of direct teaching. Any extra support you can provide in helping your children to achieve these is greatly valued.*

*If you have any queries regarding the content of this booklet or want support in knowing how best to help your child please talk to your child's teacher.*



Successful Learners    Confident Individuals    Effective Contributors    Responsible Citizens

# YEAR 6 - ENGLISH

# English

By the end of Year 6 your child is expected to be competent in following areas:



## Reading - word reading

Our children will be taught:

- \* To apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology), as listed in Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet.

## Reading - comprehension

Our children will be taught:

- \* to maintain positive attitudes to reading, and an understanding of what they read by:
  - continuing 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
  - 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
  - recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices
  - identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing
  - making comparisons within and across books
  - 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
- \* to understand what they read by:
  - checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context
  - asking questions to improve their understanding
  - drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from the actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
  - predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
  - summarising the main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas
  - identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning
- \* to discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader
- \* to distinguish between statements of fact and opinion
- \* to retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction
- \* to 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
- \* to 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
- \* to provide reasoned justifications for the views.

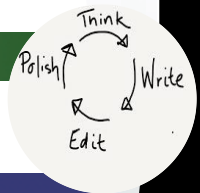
The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss



Dream Big  
READ!





## Writing - composition

Our children will be taught:

**\* to plan their writing by:**

- identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own
- noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary
- in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed

**\* to draft and write by:**

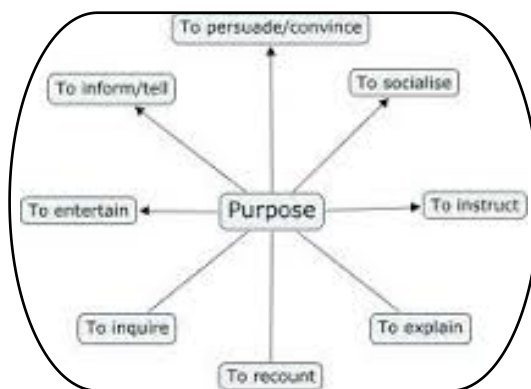
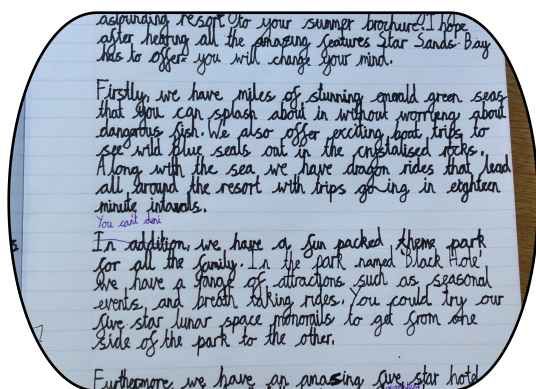
- selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
- in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action
- précising longer passages
- using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
- using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader (for example, headings, bullet points, underlining)

**\* to evaluate and edit by:**

- assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing
- proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
- ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
- ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register

**\* to proofread for spelling and punctuation errors**

**\* to perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.**



## *Spelling* – [see English appendix 1](#)

- \* To use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them
- \* To spell some words with 'silent' letters (for example, knight, psalm, solemn)
- \* To continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused
- \* To use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically
- \* To use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words
- \* To use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary
- \* To use a thesaurus

## *Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation*

Our children will be taught:

- \* **to develop their understanding of the concepts set out in [English appendix 2](#) by:**
  - recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms
  - using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence
  - using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause
  - using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely
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  - using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility
  - using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (ie omitted) relative pronoun
  - learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in [English appendix 2](#)
- \* **to indicate grammatical and other features by:**
  - using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing
  - using hyphens to avoid ambiguity
  - using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
  - using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses
  - using a colon to introduce a list
  - punctuating bullet points consistently
- \* **to use and understand the grammatical terminology in [English appendix 2](#) accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading.**

## *Handwriting and Presentation*

- \* to choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters
- \* to choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task.