

# English Parent Workshop Miss Lear – English Coordinator



- In key stage 2, the teaching of reading focusses on pupils' comprehension and the teaching of key comprehension strategies.
- This is moving away from teaching word reading.
- By the beginning of year 3, pupils should be able to read accurately and at a speed that allows them to focus on understanding what they read rather than on decoding individual words.
- Lots of phonics work and extra reading is put into place in Year 3 for pupils who are still struggling to decode (more so this year).
- They should be able to decode most new words.
- Teaching is directed more towards developing pupils' vocabulary and the breadth and depth of their reading, making sure that they become independent, fluent and enthusiastic readers.

### Can't read, won't read

'A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.'

– Mark Twain





In our Federation, we try to promote 'the love of reading' in all our children and we want every child to leave the school being confident, fluent readers. We try to develop the habit of reading in lots of different ways:

- Allowing pupils to read for pleasure in class.
- Pupils can choose a (fiction/non-fiction or poetry) book from the class reading corner and a non-fiction/fiction book from the school library.
- Teachers and teaching assistants to listen to pupils read aloud.
- Further reading support/ intervention is given to pupils who are struggling with their word reading and comprehension.
- Weekly reading homework is set parents are to listen to their child read at least once a week and fill in the reading records in their planners.



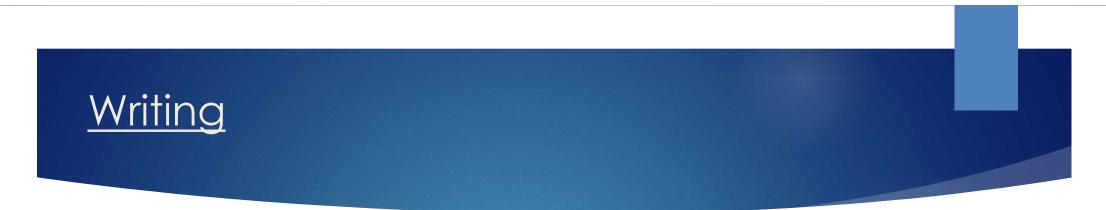
## <u>Guided Reading</u>

- Guided Reading lessons are timetabled every day.
- Guided Reading lessons follow the same book as is being taught/ used in English lessons.
- Each Guided Reading session is part of a carefully planned sequence of lessons.
- Each lesson focusses on the teaching of a key comprehension strategy, in line with the national curriculum reading objectives.
- These lessons involve whole-class teaching where the teacher will demonstrate and model the application of key comprehension strategies.
- Pupils are challenged to become increasingly independent with using these so that they develop the necessary skills to enable them to have a good understanding of what they read independently.

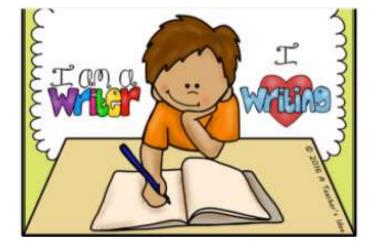
## **Comprehension Strategies**

- Predicting
- Vocabulary
- Making Inferences
- Retrieval
- Summarising

- Using information from graphics, text and experiences to anticipate what will be read/viewed/heard.
- Pupils learn to pose and answer questions that clarify meaning and promote deeper understanding of the text.
- Using what you know to make a guess about what you don't know or reading between the lines.
- ---- Pupils find key details or information in the text.
  - Pupils identify and accumulate the most important ideas and restate them in their own words.



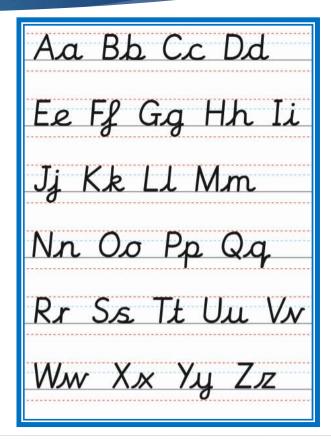
- Writing opportunities are identified from the class text, giving the pupils a clear context and purpose for their writing.
- There is a key SPAG focus for the writing.
- This is recapped daily and then is the focus for the marking of the long writing task.
- ► The rest of the week then centres around the long writing task with lessons on:
- studying key features,
- planning,
- writing,
- proofreading/ editing and redrafting.



## <u>Handwriting</u>

Pupils are taught to:

- use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters.
- increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting.
- Handwriting is taught as a separate lesson once a week, more in year 3.
- Pupils work towards a 'Pen Licence'.
- When redrafting a piece of writing, handwriting is focused on as well as proofreading and editing.



## <u>Spellings</u>

- Teach spelling rules, patterns and sounds.
- We use the 'No Nonsense' spelling scheme.
- This involves 2-3 lessons a week, each focusing on a different spelling objective i.e. rule, pattern, sound etc.
- Statutory Word Lists
- Pupils are tested on these at the start and end of each half term.
- Some spelling lessons are dedicated to practising words that the pupils are finding difficult from these.
- Helping Hand Books
- Used to record work on spellings. They include sections for: spelling lessons, wider curriculum (topic words), and personal spellings (like a mini, personalised dictionary).



### During practise sessions, pupils are taught lots of different strategies to help them.

Look, say, cover, write, check	This is probably the most common strategy used to learn spellings. Look: first look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the word that is difficult, look at that part in more detail. Say: say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable. Cover: cover the word. Write: write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so. Check: Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again – look, say, cover, write, check.
Trace, copy and replicate (and then check)	This is a similar learning process to 'look, say, cover, write, check' but is about developing automaticity and muscle memory. Write the word out on a sheet of paper ensuring that it is spelt correctly and it is large enough to trace over. Trace over the word and say it at the same time. Move next to the word you have just written and write it out as you say it. Turn the page over and write the word as you say it, and then check that you have spelt it correctly. If this is easy, do the same process for two different words at the same time. Once you have written all your words this way and feel confident, miss out the tracing and copying or the tracing alone and just write the words.

Segmentation strategy	The splitting of a word into its constituent phonemes in the correct order to support spelling.
Quickwrite	Writing the words linked to the teaching focus with speed and fluency. The aim is to write as many words as possible within a time constraint. Pupils can write words provided by the teacher or generate their own examples. For example, in two minutes write as many words as possible with the /it/ phoneme. This can be turned into a variety of competitive games including working in teams and developing relay race approaches.

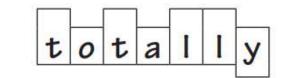
Pupils should use some of these strategies when practising spellings at home.



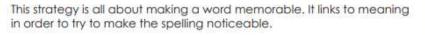


Draw around the words making a clear distinction in size where there are ascenders and descenders. Look carefully at the shape of the word and the letters in each box. Now try to write the word making sure that you get the same shape.

Drawing around the word to show the shape



Drawing an image around the word





You can't use this method as your main method of learning spellings, but it might work on those that are just a little more difficult to remember.



## <u>Spellings</u>:

	This strategy is useful where the vowel choices are the challenge in the words. Write the words without the vowels and pupils have to choose	Other strategies				
Words without vowels	the correct grapheme to put in the space. For example, for the word field:	<ul> <li>Other methods can include:</li> <li>Rainbow writing. Using coloured pencils in different ways can help to make parts of words memorable. You could highlight the tricky part s of the word or write the tricky part in a different colour. You could also write each letter in a different colour, or write the word in red, then overlay in orange, yellow and so on.</li> </ul>				
Pyramid words	This method of learning words forces you to think of each letter separately. p py pyr pyra pyram	<ul> <li>Making up memorable 'silly sentences' containing the word</li> <li>Saying the word in a funny way – for example, pronouncing the 'silent' letters in a word</li> <li>Clapping and counting to identify the syllables in a word.</li> </ul>				
	pyrami pyramid You can then reverse the process so that you end up with a diamond.	No Nonsense Spelling				

## <u>Spellings</u>:

- Here is an example of a half-termly overview and of an individual lesson plan.
- Lesson types include: Teach, Learn, Practise and Apply.
- These are short, fun sessions involving discussions, word lists, writing sentences, matching games etc.

Lesson	Year 4, block 2, lesson 4
Lesson type	Teach
Lesson focus	Prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'
Resources needed	Supporting Resource 4.7 (list of words for adding prefixes)
Teaching activity	Write up the prefixes 'in-', 'ii-', 'im-' and 'ir-'on the board and explain that these prefixes all mean 'not'. Revise the fact that prefixes can change the meaning of words. Ask pupils to think about prefixes that create the opposite when added to a word, for example, 'dis-', 'un-' and 'mis-'. Apply them to words such as happy. Give pupils the new prefixes and the list of words. Which words do they know go with which prefixes? Pupils sort them into groups and record them in their spelling journal.

#### Spelling

No Nonsense Spelling Programm

#### Block 2 - autumn second half term

Week 1	Lesson 1 Revise Strategies for learning words: words from statutory list learnt previously Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go	Lesson 2 Revise Strategies for learning words: words from statutory list learnt previously Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go	Lesson 3 Teach <b>Proofreading</b>
Week 2	Lesson 4 Teach Prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'	Lesson 5 Practise Prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'	
Week 3	Lesson 6 Apply Prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'	Lesson 7 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 8 Assess Words from statutory and personal spelling lists: pair testing
Week 4	Lesson 9 Revise from Year 3 Words with the /eI/ sound spelt 'el', 'eigh' or 'ey' Words with the $/\int$ / sound spelt 'ch' and the / $\Lambda$ / sound spelt 'ou'	Lesson 10 Practise/Apply Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh' or 'ey' Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt 'ch' and the /ʌ/ sound spelt 'ou'	
Week 5	Lesson 11 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 12 Assess Words from statutory and personal spelling lists: pair testing	
Week 6	Lesson 13 Teach Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable ('-ing', '-er', '-en', '-ed')	Lesson 14 Practise Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable ('-ing', '-er', '-en', '-ed')	Lesson 15 Apply Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable ('-ing', '-er', '-en', '-ed')

## **Spellings:** Statutory Word Lists

- These word lists are from the National Curriculum.
- The word-lists for years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6 are statutory.
- The lists are a mixture of words pupils frequently use in their writing and those which they often misspell.
- These words need to taught and learned during Key Stage 2.

#### English - Appendix 1: Spelling

#### Word list - years 3 and 4 accident(ally) early knowledge purpose actual(ly) earth learn quarter address eight/eighth length question library answer enough recent appear exercise material regular arrive experience medicine reign believe experiment mention remember bicycle extreme minute sentence breath famous natural separate breathe favourite special naughty build February notice straight busy/business forward(s) occasion(ally) strange calendar fruit often strength caught grammar opposite suppose surprise centre group ordinary century guard particular therefore though/although certain quide peculiar thought circle heard perhaps heart through complete popular consider height position various continue history weight possess(ion) decide possible woman/women imagine describe increase potatoes different important pressure difficult interest probably disappear island promise

#### English - Appendix 1: Spelling

accommodate	embarrass	persuade
accompany	environment	physical
according	equip (-ped, -ment)	prejudice
achieve	especially	privilege
aggressive	exaggerate	profession
amateur	excellent	programme
ancient	existence	pronunciation
apparent	explanation	queue
appreciate	familiar	recognise
attached	foreign	recommend
available	forty	relevant
average	frequently	restaurant
awkward	government	rhyme
bargain	guarantee	rhythm
bruise	harass	sacrifice
category	hindrance	secretary
cemetery	identity	shoulder
committee	immediate(ly)	signature
communicate	individual	sincere(ly)
community	interfere	soldier
competition	interrupt	stomach
conscience*	language	sufficient
conscious*	leisure	suggest
controversy	lightning	symbol
convenience	marvellous	system
correspond	mischievous	temperature
criticise (critic + ise)	muscle	thorough
curiosity	necessary	tweifth
definite	neighbour	variety
desperate	nuisance	vegetable
determined	occupy	vehicle
develop	occur	yacht
dictionary	opportunity	
disastrous	parliament	

Word list - years 5 and 6

## End of Key Stage Tests - SATs

At the end of Year 6, children usually sit SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) in:

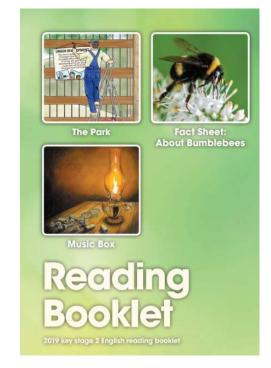
- Reading
- Maths
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS or SPAG)
- ► There is no test for English writing.
- Pupils' writing is teacher assessed, based on your child's work at the end of key stage 2.
- Schools are externally moderated each year.



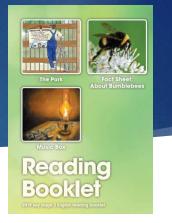
### End of Key Stage Tests - SATs

What does a Reading SAT look like?

- The Reading test consists of a reading answer booklet and a separate reading booklet.
- Pupils have a total of one hour to read the 3 texts in the reading booklet and complete the questions at their own pace.
- Pupils are encouraged to work through one text and answer the questions before moving on to the next.



### End of Key Stage Tests - SATs



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### **The Park**

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"It's the park ... they've shut it down." For a second no one said a word. Joe and Ajay looked at each other, then back at Joe's mum. Her face was paile, her jaw dropped open. She stared at the letter, her eyes watery and ready to spill over with tears.

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"Shut the park!" Joe said furiously. 'They can't do that, it's... it's the park!" 'Yeah, everyone loves that place!' Alay joined in.

'You boys best get to school, or you'll be late,' said Mum, her voice all shaky. "But what about ...?' Joe started to say.

Too ware added. If you same to see, "You leave that one, I don't wart you worrying." Mum tried to smile, but It didn't reach her eyes. If she was trying to reassure don, it want't working. He knew his mum needed that job - how else was she supposed to put sweet-and-sour spaghettion in the table:

Don't worry, Mum, I'll... I'll think of something. Joe's mum just nodded, turning away to wipe her eyes. (4)

#### Joe and Ajay grabbed their bags and reluctantly headed out of the door. Neither of them said anything for what seemed like ages. 'You all right, man?' Ajay asked, breaking the silence. "I don't know... I can't believe they've closed the park. I mean, why?!' Joe said in disbelief.

'Dunno,' Ajay shrugged. 'But I know a man who might,' he said, pointing down the road. As they turned the corner at the top of Joe's street they saw a man in the distance. He had a ladder and toolbox and was busy hammering a sign into the park gates. This made Joe's blood boil. If Mum had been there she would have given him what for – no one hammers anything into anything without her say-so first. 'Oi!' Ajay yelled, 'what are you doing?'

Joe read the sign: 'Under development "What's going on?' Joe asked. "Why have you closed the park?" The man stopped what he was doing and shrugged. They don't tell me anything, I'm just the bloke who hammers things." Joe read the rest of the sign:



Underneath the notice was a drawing of a posh building, tail and made of glass. It had pictures of smilling people chatting and drinking coffee outside. Joe and Alay looked through the park gates and could already see diggers moving in, ready to tear the

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#### Fact Sheet: About Bumblebees

At the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, we are passionate about saving bees. Here is why.

#### Save our bees

ave our Dees Bumblebees are among the most loved and familiar of garden insects. The sight and sound of them buzing from flower to flower is an essential part of summertime, but sadly these fat, furly little creatures are struggling to survive. A Pro A

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What's so different about the bumblebee? To most proget, bees are instantly recognisable but there are distinct differences between the apparence and live of bumblebees and honepatees. Bumblebees are a larger and haired than their cousins which makes them pericely suited for cobler climate. Bumbleber nets are used and thely do not so lor large quantities of hones, so the retars furry cost allows them to venture out on cobl days to collect poten and nectar when honepates start just and the source of th

#### Don't 'bee' confused

Don't confused Don't confuse bumblebees with wasps. Bumblebees do not swarm and are not aggressive. Only female bumblebees can sting and they will only do so if they feel very threatened. Bumblebees will never interrupt your picnic or steal your sandwiches!

#### tuzz polinitation Only burblebes are capable of buzz polinitation. This is when the bee grabs the flower and produces a high-pitched buzz. This releases policy that would otherwise tay trapped inside. Key ingredients in our did such as tomates are polinitated in this way. Many other common floods what a beens and peas would also be harder to produce and much more expensive without Britch bumblebes. **Buzz** pollination

Well they do and they're quite useful! After feeding, they leave a scent on the flower which lets other bumblebees know to avoid wasting energy landing – the flower will contain very little nectar or pollen.

Did you know that bumblebees have smelly feet?

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Energy drink for bees If you find a stranded or sleepy bumblebee, you can help to boost its energy levels with a simple sugar and warm mix. Me cault parts white sugar and warm water then pour into a small container or sponge. Place both the bee and th artificial nectar near to some flowers.

Act now You can also help by supporting our work to conserve humblebee habitats and raise public awareness. There are wroncy ways to draw your support including valunteering, fundhasing and becoming a nember of the Bumblebee Conservation Tout. For more information on all of the above, including access to our bee Kind gardening web page, soit: www.kumblebeccumservation or go



Micab brought the music box to her on the night of the meteor storm. Piper never skpt on these nights, when debris from other works delf from the sky. Restlessness kept her awake in bod, staring at the slanted ceiling of her boses. She counted the widening cracks in the gray series pine planks and then counted the seconds as they ticked by on the turnished silver watch she were around her neck. Beneath her exiton nightfress, the metal lay warm and counfortable ngainst her skim. Micali's knock made her loss count, but the watch ticked on steadily

She pulled on a pair of her father's old boots, slung his brown coat over her nightfress, and opened the door. Wind blew a harsh breath of snow and ice crystals into her face. Piper wiped her eyes and fixed a look of annoyance on the boy huddled in the doorway.

I must be seeing things," piper said. 'This can't be Micah Howell standing at y door, dragging me out of bed in the drop dead of night. Look at me – I'm tunned stiff. I'm speechless.' Micah snorted. 'That'll be the day, then. Let me in, Piper, will ya?' He tonned snow off his boots. 'Stinks out here, and it's so cold my teeth are

cracking togetter. That's your own fault for being out on a storm night. Most scrappers have the sense to stay inside.' He was right, though: The air already recked of brimstone. The storm was coming. Piper moved to let him in, then shart the door behind blur. He immodiately ran to the casa-iron stove to warm his hands Piper mudged him aside and adjusted the controls. 'Hand me a log before you make yourself at home,' she said. It was her habit to pretend to be bothered b her friend, even though she was happy to see him.

Micah handed her a piece of wood from the basket near the stove and reached nto the bulky sack he had slung over his shoulder. 'I brought it, just like I said That's great, kid, but I thought you were going to bring it a few hours ago – you know, before I made a comfortable next in the middle of my bed. <sup>3</sup>Piper tended the store, and then the west to the window and locked out at the dy, which had begun to lighten, though it was still several hours until darm. The more was a sickly greenish colour, as it always was before the meteors fell, making the clouds around it holk like swelling thouses on the sky.

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Course 1 and: The boy was indegrand. "You think 1 m stupper? Plore glanced up from the box and maised an eyborow. "Ha-har You watch - the coin I get from that thing will feed my family and me for a month. She'll look summ in ence of those famery manisons in Ardra. Don't you think she will, Piper?" His excitement faltered, and he looked at hor any simula.

ner anknows. "Veah, it'll bods amart, Just make sure you find a buyer with a stiff hip at the market, 'Piper said. "They're the ones who'll be looking for these kinds of pretices'. She fid the coulder and its timp prins. Micah hand done a decerti job cleaning it, but flexks of dirt still called the comb, and something was keeping the cylicale from turning. She heard the soft, trangled notes of a song trying to play.

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2019 national curriculum tests								Fa		ns 14–27 are about ut Bumblebees (pages 6–7)	
Key stage 2 English reading Reading answer booklet	Look at page 4. Find and copy one word which shows that Joe is angry.	1 mark	-	Look at the paragraph beginning: Under of page 5. What is happening inside the park straig the sign?				14 What is the nar about bumbleb		tion that produced this fact sheet	T mark
Officienter           Instructions           Questions and answers           You have one hour to complete this test, answering the questions in the answer booklet. Read one test and answer the questions about that test before moving	5 Look at page 4. In Ajay's opinion, how do people feel about the park?	1 mark	13	Using information from the text, tick one each statement is <b>true</b> or <b>false</b> .	box in each	row to show w	hether	-	bee 1 Trust is it bees.	e our bees. ne piece of evidence from the leaflet to Evidence	
on to read the next text. There are three texts and three sets of questions. In this bocklet, there are different types of question for you to answer in different ways. The space for you arawer shows guo what type of answer is needed. Write your answer in the space provided. Do not write over any barcodes. <b>Short answers</b> Some questions are followed by a short line or box. This shows that you only need to write a word or a few words in your answer. <b>Severa line answers</b> Some questions are followed by a thort line or box. This gives you space to write more words or a sertence or two. <b>Longer answers</b>	Look at the paragraph beginning: 'You boys best get to school' to the end of page 4.     'But what about?' Joe started to say.     Which words would best complete Joe's question?     Tick one.     your breakfast			The park has been looked after by a park warden. The park is going to be replaced with a shopping centre. Building work in the park will start at the end of July. The warden had two week' notice of the park's closure.			2 marks	32 What impression	ons do you get of Pi	liper's house? ance from the text to support	2 marks
Some questions are followed by more answer lines. This shows that a longer, more detailed answer is needed. You can write in full sentences if you want to. Selected answers For some questions you do not need to write anything at all and you should tick, draw lines to or cincle your answer. Read the instructions canefully so that you know how to answer the question. Marks The number under each line at the side of the page tells you the number of marks available for each question. As this is a reading test, you must use the information in the texts to help you to	our games your job our homework	1 mark					2 mins	In	npression	Evidence	
answer the questions. When a question includes a page reference, you should refer to the text on that page to help you with your answer. You have one hour to read the texts in the reading booklet and answer the questions in this booklet.											3 marks

### How can I support my child at home?

- Concentrate on reading quality.
- Asking questions can they summarise/ make predictions / discuss what they have read?
- Practise fun spelling strategies.
- Keep reading enjoyable and for pleasure take time to listen to your child read and read with them.



## Your Questions:



