

Year 4 Reading



Word reading	Comprehension
 Pupils should be taught to: Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), as listed in Appendix 1 of the National Curriculum, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet. Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the world. 	 Pupils should be taught to: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by: Listening to and discussing a 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, fairy stories ,myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally Using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read Identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books Preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination Recognising some different forms of poetry (e.g. free verse, narrative poetry).
At this stage, teaching comprehension should be taking precedence over teaching word reading directly. Any focus on word reading should support the development of vocabulary.	 Understand what they read in books they can read independently by: Checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context Asking questions to improve their understanding of a text drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justifying inferences with evidence Predicting what might happen from details stated and implied Identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these Identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning Retrieve and record information from non-fiction Participate in classroom discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say