



# English overview of learning - year 6

## Suggested Genre Overview from Literacy Strategy Document

Narrative 11-12 weeks	UNIT 1 Fiction genres* (4-5 weeks)	UNIT 2 Extending narrative* (2 weeks)	UNIT 3 Authors and texts* (2 weeks)	UNIT 4 Short stories with flashbacks* (3 weeks)	
Non-fiction 12 weeks	TRANSITION UNIT Persuasion*	UNIT 1 Biography and autobiography* (3 weeks)	UNIT 2 Journalistic writing* (3 weeks)	UNIT 3 Argument* (3 weeks)	UNIT 4 Formal/impersonal writing* (3 weeks)
Poetry 3 weeks	UNIT 1 The power of imagery* (2 weeks)		UNIT 2 Finding a voice* (1 week)		
Revision 8 weeks	UNIT 1 Reading and writing narrative (and plays)* (3 weeks)	UNIT 2 Reading and writing non-fiction* (3 weeks)	UNIT 3 Reading poetry* (2 weeks)		
Additional text-based units	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom (3 weeks)	The Midnight Fox (3 weeks)	Street child (3 weeks)	The Highwayman (3 weeks)	Sensational! (2 weeks)

### Year 6: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)

WORD	The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, find out – discover; ask for – request; go in – enter] How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms [for example, big, large, little].
SENTENCE	Use of the passive to affect the presentation of information in a sentence [for example, I broke the window in the greenhouse versus The window in the greenhouse was broken (by me)]. The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, the use of question tags: He's your friend, isn't he?, or the use of subjunctive forms such as If I were or Were they to come in some very formal writing and speech]
TEXT	Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: repetition of a word or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of adverbials such as on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence], and ellipsis Layout devices [for example, headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, or tables, to structure text]
PUNCTUATION	on Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses [for example, It's raining; I'm fed up] Use of the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists Punctuation of bullet points to list information How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example, man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover]
KEY VOCABULARY	subject, object active, passive synonym, antonym ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points

## Ardleigh Green Half-Termly Overview with Key Texts



- Recommended Read for Year 6

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AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
The Jabberwocky - Lewis Carroll Treason - Bertie Doherty Spray -DH Lawrence + Poetry by Grace Nicholls OR	Treason - Bertie Doherty (History topic link)	Philip Pullman - Grimm Tales	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets - J.K Rowling	Kensuke's Kingdom	Alex Rider - Anthony Horowitz

<p>Suspense Writing (Read/Write/Perform) - Shark!</p>					
<p>Poetry - Language and Imagery - The Jabberwocky and Journalistic Writing</p> <p>Storm Poetry - Reading and Writing</p>	<p>Persuasive and Letter Writing - Letter to a fictitious villain.</p> <p>Journalistic and formal/informal writing - Hello Magazine - Interview with Henry VIII</p>	<p>Fairy Tales - Narrative Writing - Snow White</p> <p>Suspense and Narrative writing - Alma opening (scene setting)</p> <p>Balanced Argument - Batman and Robin - Should Robin go back to school?</p>	<p>Authors and Text - Instructional Writing - Potions</p> <p>Narrative Writing - Howler</p>	<p>Kensuke's Kingdom - Message in a bottle.</p>	<p>Recount Writing - Sealyham + Activity Week</p>

## Reading and Writing Objectives - Years 5 + 6

Reading	Writing
<p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.</li><li>● maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:</li><li>● continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks</li><li>● reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes</li><li>● 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</li><li>● recommend books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices</li><li>● identifying and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing</li></ul>	<p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <p><b>Spelling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Pupils should be taught to:</li><li>● use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them</li><li>● spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn]</li><li>● continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused</li><li>● use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English Appendix 1</li><li>● use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words</li><li>● use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary</li><li>● use a thesaurus.</li></ul> <p><b>Handwriting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Pupils should be taught to: write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed</li></ul>

- making comparisons within and across books
- learning a wider range of poetry by heart
- prepare 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
- 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 their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
- predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
- summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas
- identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader
- distinguish between statements of fact and opinion retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction
- 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
- 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 provide reasoned justifications for their views.

by:

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

### Writing

- Pupils should 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
- 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]
- 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
- proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.

### Grammar & Punctuation

- Pupils should 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  
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 (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun
- learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in English Appendix 2
- 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 semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses
- using a colon to introduce a list punctuating bullet points consistently
- use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading.