

Reading

- Secure at phase 6 phonics. At this stage the children should be able to spell words phonemically although not always correctly. The main aim is for children to become more fluent readers and more accurate spellers.
- Read ahead to help with fluency & expression.
- Comment on plot, setting & characters in familiar & unfamiliar stories.
- Recount main themes & events.
- Comment on structure of the text.
- Use commas, question marks & exclamation marks to vary expression.
- Read aloud with expression & intonation.
- Recognise:
 - speech marks
 - contractions
- Identify past/present tense.
- Use content and index to locate information.



Writing

- Write different kinds of sentence: statement, question, exclamation, command.
- Use expanded noun phrases to add description & specification.
- Write using subordination (when, if, that, because).
- Correct & consistent use of present tense & past tense.
- Correct use of verb tenses.
- Correct & consistent use of:
 - Capital letters.
 - Full stops.
 - Question marks.
 - Exclamation marks.
 - Commas in a list.
 - Apostrophe (omission).
 - Introduction of speech marks.
- Write under headings.
- Evidence of diagonal & horizontal strokes to join handwriting.



