

Year 6 Writing Learning Sequence



Autumn Term							
Writing unit:	Autobiography A	Discursive writing and speeches A	Poems that create images and explore vocabulary (War poetry) A	First person stories with a moral A	Shakespeare Sonnets A	Explanatory text A	
By the end of this unit children will know:	The past progressive tense shows actions that took place in the past over time An autobiography contains a balance of facts and opinions	The passive voice conveys a formal tone Multiple viewpoints need to be represented in a discussion	How figurative language can be used to enhance images for the reader Body language such as eye contact, facial expression and gestures adds impact to words	How to plan a narrative and interweave a moral Characters are portrayed through their actions, what is said and how it is said	Who Shakespeare was and his significance to our literary heritage A sonnet has fourteen lines of ten syllables	The progressive present tense indicates actions that are ongoing now The passive verb form places emphasis on the object of a sentence	
By the end of this unit children will be able to:	Sequence and describe events chronologically and factually Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause	Edit their writing against specific criteria Deliver a speech using appropriate formality and expression	Use a given poetic structure to inform their own writing Learn a poem by heart and perform it using intonation, volume and movement	Balance description, action and dialogue in a narrative Use and sustain the first person perspective	Use technical terms to explain the structure and style of a sonnet Compare poems and justify reading preferences	Use precise Tier 3 vocabulary to convey an expert voice Use organisational and presentational devices to help the reader navigate a text	

Spring Term							
Writing unit:	Extended third person narrative A	Explanatory text B	Newspaper report A	Autobiography B	First person stories with a moral B		
By the end of this unit children will know:	A range of descriptive devices and techniques How to develop an extended narrative over time How to balance description, dialogue and action	The progressive present tense indicates actions that are ongoing now The passive verb form places emphasis on the object of a sentence	Different ways to present a news report The structure and register of a news report How to form the progressive form of the past and present tense	The past progressive tense shows actions that took place in the past over time An autobiography contains a balance of facts and opinions	How to plan a narrative and interweave a moral Characters are portrayed through their actions, what is said and how it is said		
By the end of this unit children will be able to:	Plan, structure and execute an extended narrative Consciously vary sentence structures Use dialogue to help tell the story	Use precise Tier 3 vocabulary to convey an expert voice Use organisational and presentational devices to help the reader navigate a text	Consciously control formality Write precisely and concisely Use modal verbs to indicate possibility and certainty	Sequence and describe events chronologically and factually Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause	Balance description, action and dialogue in a narrative Use and sustain the first person perspective		

Summer Term								
Writing unit:	Extended third person narrative B	Newspaper report B	Discursive writing and speeches B	Poems that create images and explore vocabulary B	Shakespeare (Sonnets) B			
By the end of this unit children will know:	Short sentences can provide impact The past progressive tense indicates actions that took place in the past over time	The main conventions used in the organisation and presentation of a news report Colloquialisms and contractions are examples of informal language structures	Opinions should be supported by facts Humour can be used to engage the listener in a formal speech	Free verse poetry lacks a consistent rhyming pattern or meter A haiku has seventeen syllables	Who Shakespeare was and his cultural significance A sonnet has fourteen lines of ten syllables			
By the end of this unit children will be able to:	Use precise language and specific devices to develop atmosphere Write a cohesive narrative sustaining use of the third person	Plan in note form under headings Use and sustain a formal tone, making deliberate exceptions for direct quotations	Select emotive language to convey strength of meaning Sustain a formal tone using the subjunctive verb form and the passive voice	Make precise vocabulary choices to enhance meaning Learn a poem by heart and perform it using appropriate intonation, volume and movement	Use technical terminology to comment on the themes and structure of a sonnet Write part of a sonnet replicating the key conventions			