

Beaufort Primary School - Supporting your Y5/6 child with Reading

National Curriculum Expectations:

By Year 5 and Year 6, pupils should be able to accurately read aloud a wide range of poetry and books written at an age-appropriate interest level at a reasonable speaking pace. They should be able to read most words effortlessly and work out the pronunciation of unfamiliar written words with increasing automaticity. If the pronunciation sounds unfamiliar, pupils should independently ask for help in determining both the meaning of the word and how to pronounce it correctly. Pupils should be able to read texts aloud with appropriate intonation to show their understanding. They should be able to summarise and present a familiar story in their own words. They should be reading widely and frequently for pleasure and to retrieve information, outside of school as well as in school. They should be able to read silently with good understanding. They should be able to infer the meanings of unfamiliar words and then discuss what they have read. Pupils should continue to expand their vocabulary through exposure to stories, plays, poetry, non-fiction and textbooks, both read by them and to them by others. They should be given the opportunity to listen to books and other writing that they have not come across before – hearing and learning new vocabulary and grammatical structures, and having a chance to talk about this. Their confidence, enjoyment and mastery of language should be extended through public speaking, performance and debate.

By the end of year 6, your child’s reading should be sufficiently fluent and effortless enough for them to manage the general demands of the curriculum in year 7, across all subjects, in order to enable them to learn the necessary subject-specific vocabulary.

Tips to help you support your child:

- Encourage discussion with your child when pronouncing new words if their reasonable attempt does not sound correct.
- Broaden the vocabulary you use when speaking to your child and be prepared to clarify the meaning of a wider range of words, modelling them within sentences.
- Encourage your child to read silently to themselves but check their understanding of what they have read after doing so.
- Read difficult texts to your child and allow them the chance to listen and ask questions.

Year 5 and 6 are expected to:	To support this, you could say/ask:
apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet	Can you find a word which begins with the prefix <i>dis-</i> ? What does the prefix <i>anti-</i> mean? So what could this new word mean? What other words/phrases could the author have used? What does the word ... mean? Find a word that means ... in the text.
maintain positive attitudes to reading and an understanding of what they have read	Did you enjoy that book? Why? What kind of book would you like to read next?
continue to read and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction, reference books and textbooks	What did you think about...?
read books which are structured in different ways and written for a range of purposes	Can you see any sub-headings in this text? Why are they used? In what ways has the author set this book out?
increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions	What type of story is this? Have you ever read a ... myth? What other cultures would you like to read about?
recommend books that they have read to their	Would you recommend it?

peers, giving reasons for their choices	Who do you think would like this book? What makes it so good?
identify and discuss themes (such as loss or heroism) and conventions (such as the use of first person in diary entries) in and across a wide range of writing	Can you see a theme (subject or topic) running through this story? How does this text differ to a story?
make comparisons within and across books	How is... similar to...? Do they differ?
learn a wider range of poetry by heart	Can you recite ... poem?
prepare and perform poems and plays out loud, showing an understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that meaning is clear to the audience	Think about your voice when you read that; how might the character speak?
check that the book makes sense to them; discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of new words in context	Tell me about what you've just read. Were there any words you didn't quite understand?
ask questions to improve their understanding	Is there anything you don't understand that you want to ask me about or look for on the internet?
draw inferences, such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence	How do you think this character is feeling? What makes you say that? Show me in the text. Why do you think this character acted in that way? Can you explain why ... happened?
predict what might happen from details stated and implied	What might happen next? What makes you think that? Show me in the text.
summarise the main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas	What theme (subject or topic) can we see across these paragraphs? Is anything mentioned more than once? What is the most important point in the paragraph?
identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning	Why is this text set out this way? How does that help you as a reader?
discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, and consider the impact on the reader	Can you find an example of figurative language on this page? Why might the author write in this way?
distinguish between statements of fact and opinion	Do you think... is a statement of fact or an opinion? How do you know?
retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts	Find the part of the text about... Where/when does the story take place? Who are the characters in the book? What is happening at this point in the story?
participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously	I think that... do you agree? Why do you agree / why not? Tell me your opinion about... I don't agree. I think that... In my opinion...
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	Can you think of three reasons why...? How is this book similar or different to the last book you read?
provide reasoned justification for their views	Why do you think that? What evidence supports that idea? Describe different characters' reactions to the same event in a story.