Key learning in reading – y6 Word Reading	Comprehension		
As year 5 and:	Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding what they read by:		
Use knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to investigate how the meanings of words change e.g. <i>un+happy+ness, dis+repute+able,</i> <i>dis+respect+ful, re+engage+ment</i>	 Listening to, reading and discussing an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction. 		
 Use suffixes to understand meanings e.g. <i>–cious, -tious, -tial, -cial</i> Read and understand meaning of words on Y5/6 word list – see bottom Use etymology to help the pronunciation of new words e.g. <i>chef, chalet, machine, brochure – French in origin</i> Employ dramatic effect to engage listeners whilst reading aloud 	 Regularly listening to whole novels read aloud by the teacher from an increasing range of authors, which they may not choose themselves. Recognising themes within and across texts e.g. <i>hope, peace, fortune,</i> 		
	 survival Making comparisons within and across texts e.g. similar events in different books, such as being an evacuee in Carrie's War and Goodnight 		
 Read extensively for pleasure Skim texts to ascertain the gist 	Mr Tom Comparing texts written in different periods 		
 Use a combination of scanning and close reading to locate information As above and: Evaluate texts quickly in order to determine their usefulness or appeal Understand underlying themes, causes and consequences within whole texts Understand the structures writers use to achieve coherence; (headings; links within and between paragraphs; connectives) 	 Analysing the conventions of different types of writing e.g. use of dialogue to indicate geographical and/or historical settings for a story Independently read longer texts with sustained stamina and interest 		
	 Recommending books to their peers with detailed reasons for their opinions 		
	 Expressing preferences about a wider range of books including modern fiction, traditional stories, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions 		
Recognise authors' techniques to influence and manipulate the reader	Learning a wider range of poems by heart		
	 Preparing poems and playscripts to read aloud and perform using dramatic effects Understand what they read by: 		
	 Using a reading journal to record on-going reflections and responses to personal reading 		
	Exploring texts in groups and deepening comprehension through discussion		
	Exploring new vocabulary in context		
	 Demonstrating active reading strategies e.g. challenging peers with questions, justifying opinions, responding to different viewpoints within a group 		
	Inferring characters feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions,		
	justifying inferences with evidence e.g. <i>Point</i> + <i>Evidence</i> + <i>Explanation</i>		
	Predicting what might happen from information stated and implied		

• Re-read and reads ahead to locate clues to support understanding and
justifying with evidence from the text
Scanning for key information e.g. looking for descriptive words
associated with a setting
Skimming for gist
• Using a combination of skimming, scanning and close reading across a
text to locate specific detail
Identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to
meaning e.g. persuasive leaflet, balanced argument
Discuss and evaluate how authors use language including figurative
language, considering the impact on the reader
Exploring, recognising and using the terms personification, analogy, style
and effect
• Explaining the effect on the reader of the authors' choice of language
and reasons why the author may have selected these
Distinguish between statements of fact or opinion across a range of texts e.g.
first-hand account of an event compared with a reported example such as Samuel Pepys' diary and a history textbook
Participate in discussions about books 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
Preparing formal presentations individually or in groups
Using notes to support presentation of information
Responding to questions generated by a presentation
Participating in debates on issues related to reading (fiction/non-fiction)
Provide reasoned justifications for their views
Justifying opinions and elaborating by referring to the text e.g. Point +
Evidence + Explanation

Writing

Composition		Transcription	
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation	Composition	Spelling	Handwriting
 Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation Manipulate sentences to create particular effects Use devices to build cohesion between paragraphs in persuasive, discursive and explanatory texts e.g. on the other hand, the opposing view, similarly, in contrast, although, additionally, another possibility, alternatively, as a consequence Use devices to build cohesion between paragraphs in narrative e.g. in the meantime, meanwhile, in due course, until then Use ellipsis to link ideas between paragraphs Identify and use colons to introduce a list Identify and use semi-colons to mark the boundary between independent clauses e.g. It is raining; I am fed up. Investigate and collect a range of synonyms and antonyms e.g. mischievous, wicked, evil, impish, spiteful, well-behaved Explore how hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity e.g. man eating shark versus man-eating shark Punctuate bullet points consistently 	 Plan their writing by: Identifying audience and purpose Choose appropriate text-form and type for all writing Selecting the appropriate language and structures Drawing on similar writing models, reading and research Using a range of planning approaches e.g. storyboard, story mountain, discussion group, post-it notes, ICT story planning Draft and write by: Selecting appropriate vocabulary and language effects, appropriate to task, audience and purpose, for precision and impact Introducing and developing characters through blending action, dialogue and description within sentences and paragraphs e.g. Tom stomped into the room, flung down his grubby, school bag and announced, through gritted teeth, "It's not fair!" Using devices to build cohesion Deviating narrative from linear or chronological sequence e.g. flashbacks, simultaneous actions, time-shifts Combining text-types to create 	 Be secure with all spelling rules previously taught Write increasingly confidently, accurately and fluently, spelling with automaticity Use a number of different strategies interactively in order to spell correctly Develop self-checking and proofchecking strategies Use independent spelling strategies for spelling unfamiliar words 	 Write with increasing speed Choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task (e.g. <i>quick notes, letters</i>)

Explore and collect vocabulary	hybrid texts e.g. persuasive speech	
typical of formal and informal	 Evaluating, selecting and using a 	
speech and writing e.g. find out –	range of organisation and	
discover, ask for - request, go in –	presentational devices for	
request	different purposes and audiences	
 Identify the subject and object of 	 Finding examples of where 	
a sentence	authors have broken conventions	
• Explore and investigate active and	to achieve specific effects and	
passive e.g. I broke the window in	using similar techniques in own	
the greenhouse versus the window	writing – e.g. repeated use of 'and' to convey tedium, one word	
in the greenhouse was broken	sentence.	
	Make conscious choices about	
	techniques to engage the reader	
	including appropriate tone and	
	style e.g. rhetorical questions,	
	direct address to the reader	
	 Use active and passive voice to 	
	achieve intended effects e.g. in	
	formal reports, explanations and	
	<i>mystery narrative</i> Evaluate and edit by:	
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	Reflecting upon the effectiveness	
	of writing in relation to audience and purpose, suggesting and	
	making changes to enhance	
	effects and clarify meaning	
	 Proofreading for grammatical, 	
	spelling and punctuation errors	
	Evaluate and improve performances	
	of compositions focusing on:	
	Intonation and volume	
	· Gesture and movement	
	Audience engagement	