

Year 6 English Challenge

When your child joins us in September they will begin to develop and consolidate their knowledge and understanding of English Literature and English Language. This will provide a solid foundation for their GCSE studies.

There are some activities below which would act as useful preparation for September and could be completed over the summer. The work is not compulsory but there will be prizes for the best pieces and some of the work will be displayed in school in recognition of outstanding achievement.



Reading and Spelling

We also encourage and highly recommend reading as widely as possible to maximise potential and progress at Key Stage Three. Attached is a reading list of recommended fiction and a list of the key vocabulary your child should know and be able to spell before starting in September.

ENGLISH CHALLENGES

- Read some good quality fiction (reading list attached).
- Revise Key Stage Two spellings (list attached).
- Write a letter introducing yourself to your new English teacher.
- Write out a list of the books you have read over the past year and review your favourite.
- Design a new cover (either front, or front and back) for your favourite book.
- Write a story about an interesting event that took place during the summer holiday.

English Spellings

English Spellings – find a definition for each and learn the spellings

accommodate	available	competition	determined
accompany	average	conscience*	develop
according	awkward	conscious*	dictionary
achieve	bargain	controversy	disastrous
aggressive	bruise	convenience	embarrass
amateur	category	correspond	environment
ancient	cemetery	criticise (critic + ise)	equip (–ped, –ment)
apparent	committee	curiosity	especially
appreciate	communicate	definite	exaggerate
attached	community	desperate	excellent
existence	identity	muscle	prejudice
explanation	immediate(ly)	necessary	privilege
familiar	individual	neighbour	profession
foreign	interfere	nuisance	programme
forty	interrupt	occupy	pronunciation
frequently	language	occur	queue
government	leisure	opportunity	recognise
guarantee	lightning	parliament	recommend
harass	marvellous	persuade	relevant
hindrance	mischievous	physical	restaurant



rhyme
rhythm
sacrifice
secretary
shoulder
signature
sincere(ly)
soldier
stomach
sufficient

suggest
symbol
system
temperature
thorough
twelfth
variety
vegetable
vehicle
yacht



English Reading List

English Reading List- We have included a list of suggested reading materials for you to choose from.

Fantasy

Joan Aiken- Midnight is a Place
David Almond- Skellig, Heaven Eyes
Eion Colfer- Artemis Fowl series, The Supernaturalist, Half Moon Investigations
Chris D'Lacey- Icefire, Shrinking Ralph Perfect, The Salt Pirates of Skegness
Helen Dunmore- Ingo
Cornelia Funke- Inkheart, Inkspell, The Thief Lord
Alan Garner- The Owl Service, Elidor
Alan Gibbons- Warriors of the Raven
Elizabeth Goudge- Little White Horse
Anthony Horowitz- The Power of Five series
Erin Hunter- Warrior Cats series
Brian Jaques- Redwall
Diane Wynne Jones- Eight Days of Luke, The Chrestomanci Series



WW2

Nina Bawden- Carrie's War
John Boyne- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
The Diary of Anne Frank
Anne Holm- I am David
Robert Leeson- Tom's War
Michele Magorian- Goodnight Mr Tom

Classics

Frances Hodgson Burnett- The Secret Garden, The Little Princess,
Arthur Conan Doyle- The Lost World
Alexandre Dumas- The Three Musketeers
W. E. Johns- Biggles
C. S. Lewis- Narnia
L. M. Montgomery- Anne of Green Gables
E. Nesbit- The Railway Children
Mary Norton- The Borrowers

Adventure

Jon Blake- The Last Free Cat
Frank Cottrell Boyce- Millions, Framed, Cosmic
Melvin Burgess- An Angel for May
Joe Craig- Jimmy Coates series
Jamila Gavin- The Blood Stone, Surya Trilogy
Carl Hiaasen- Hoot
Charlie Higson- The Young Bond books
Sophie Mckenzie- Girl Missing

Modern Classics

Richard Adams- Watership Down
Joan Aiken- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Lynne Read Banks- The Indian in the Cupboard
Gillian Cross- The Demon Headmaster series, The Great Elephant Chase
Penelope Farmer- Charlotte Sometime
Norman Juster- The Phantom Tollbooth
Jack London- White Fang, Call of the Wild



Happy Reading!

