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.





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

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existence
explanation
familiar
foreign
forty
frequently
government
guarantee
harass
hindrance

available
average
awkward
bargain
bruise
category
cemetery
committee
communicate

community

identity
immediate(ly)
individual
interfere
interrupt
language
leisure
lightning
marvellous
mischievous

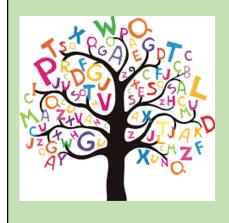
competition
conscience*
conscious*
controversy
convenience
correspond
criticise (critic + ise)
curiosity
definite
desperate

muscle
necessary
neighbour
nuisance
occupy
occur
opportunity
parliament
persuade
physical

develop
dictionary
disastrous
embarrass
environment
equip (-ped, -ment)
especially
exaggerate
excellent

determined

prejudice
privilege
profession
programme
pronunciation
queue
recognise
recommend
relevant
restaurant



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

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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



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

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

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

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





