

## Year 3 & 4 Grammar Glossary: For Writing Activities and Exam Question Practice

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| Common Nouns               | A word that represents a specific object (something you can see)                            | road, cat, door, head,                                                                                                                           |
| Proper Nouns               | Names, places, dates and things. Always have capital letters                                | Mr McNeill, James, Thames, Barcelona, January                                                                                                    |
| Personal Pronouns          | Used so we don't repeat nouns                                                               | I, we, you, he, she, they<br>me, us, him, her, them, it                                                                                          |
| Possessive Pronouns        | Show us who owns a particular item                                                          | mine, hers, ours, yours, theirs, its                                                                                                             |
| Verbs                      | Shows an action within a sentence. Something you can do.                                    | Sit, run, scowl, bellow, hop, jump                                                                                                               |
| Modal Verbs                | They express how necessary or possible something is                                         | Must, shall, will, should, would, can, could, may, might                                                                                         |
| Adjectives                 | A word that modifies (describes) a noun                                                     | Ferocious, immaculate, vibrant                                                                                                                   |
| Expanded noun phrase       | Add more detail to a <b>noun</b> by including a <b>determiner</b> and an <b>adjective</b> . | <b>The beautiful flower. Some delicious apples.</b>                                                                                              |
| Adverbs                    | Tell us when, how and the frequency (how often) of something happening                      |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Adverbs (when)             | Can tell us when something happened                                                         | now, yesterday, soon, later, tomorrow, tonight, last year                                                                                        |
| Adverbs (how)              | Can modify a verb and tell us how something happened                                        | quietly, peacefully, closely, easily, quickly, cheerfully,                                                                                       |
| Adverbs (how often)        | Can show how often something happened                                                       | always, sometimes, usually, occasionally, rarely, never                                                                                          |
| Adverbials                 | Tell us when, where or how something happened                                               | in the morning, within the castle, as quick as a flash                                                                                           |
| Prepositions               | Show a relationship between the subject and object in a sentence                            | Next to, under, above, between, towards, on, through                                                                                             |
| Prepositional Phrases      | Answer questions such as 'which one' or 'how, when or where'                                | The bike, <b>against the lamppost</b> , was old.<br>James kicked the ball <b>over the fence</b> .                                                |
| Determiners                | Show us which noun we are referring too or how many we are talking about                    | <b>a</b> table, <b>the</b> cat, <b>some</b> birds, <b>this</b> pen, <b>many/most</b> people, <b>our</b> dog, <b>each</b> house, <b>every</b> day |
| Subordinating Conjunctions | Used in complex sentences and are ALWAYS within the subordinate clause                      | because, however, as well as, even though, therefore                                                                                             |
| Coordinating Conjunctions  | Used in compound sentences to join clauses together. FANBOYS                                | for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so                                                                                                                  |
| Main Clause                | Can be a sentence by itself                                                                 | <b>The old cat was sleepy</b> , because it played all day.                                                                                       |
| Subordinate Clause         | Cannot be a sentence by itself and ALWAYS contains a subordinating conjunction              | The old cat was sleepy, <b>because it played all day</b> .                                                                                       |
| Inverted Commas            | Used to show what has been spoken (. , ! ?) are also within the inverted commas             | "Sit down quickly," said the teacher.                                                                                                            |
| Apostrophes                | Can show possession or can show a contraction                                               | Boy's toy, schools' classes<br>will not = won't                                                                                                  |

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| Antonyms | <b>Words which are opposite to one another.</b> Hot and cold              |
| Synonyms | <b>Words which have a similar meaning.</b> Scorching, boiling, blistering |

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| Prefixes | A group of letters added to the beginning of the root word to change it into another word | Re- (again) <b>rewrite</b> , un- (not) <b>unkind</b> , dis- (opposite of) <b>dishonest</b> , mis- (wrong/bad) <b>misbehave</b> |
| Suffixes | A group of letters added to the end of the root word to change it into another word       | -ful (full of) <b>beautiful</b> , -less (without) <b>careless</b> , -ness (a state of being) <b>kindness</b>                   |

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| Statements   | They express a general idea and end with a full stop                 | I drank a cup of coffee.         |
| Commands     | They are used to give instructions, starting with an imperative verb | Give me a cup of coffee.         |
| Exclamations | Express strong emotions and end with an exclamation mark             | What a horrendous cup of coffee! |
| Questions    | Used to find out information and end with a question mark            | Can I get a cup of coffee?       |

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| Present Simple:<br>I, We, You, They<br>do/don't<br>He, She, It does/doesn't                      | Talks about things which are true or happen regularly.                                         | I <b>walk</b> to school.<br>They <b>don't like</b> football.                                              |
| Present Progressive<br>I <b>am doing</b><br>He, She <b>is doing</b><br>We, They <b>are doing</b> | Talks about a continuous action which is happening now.                                        | I <b>am running</b> .<br>She <b>is swimming</b> across the lake.<br>They <b>are jumping</b> on the bench. |
| Present Perfect<br>I, we, you, they <b>have done</b><br>He, she, it, <b>has done</b>             | Describes an action that began in the past. Often the action still continues into the present. | I <b>have taken</b> the wrong road.<br>Janet <b>has run</b> two miles.                                    |
| Past Simple:<br>I, he, she, we, you, they<br><b>did/didn't</b>                                   | Tells us something that started in the past and finished in the past                           | I <b>went</b> to Spain<br>Janet ran two miles and then stopped.<br>They <b>didn't talk</b> on the bus.    |
| Past Progressive<br>I, he, she, it <b>was/wasn't</b><br>We, you, they<br><b>were/weren't</b>     | Talks about a continuous event which began and ended in the past                               | While I <b>was walking</b> to school, I saw my best friend.                                               |

## Spelling Words for Weekly Spelling Test

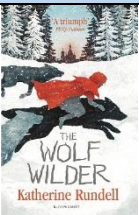
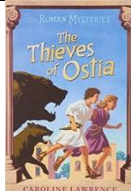
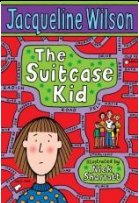
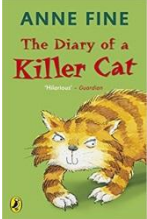
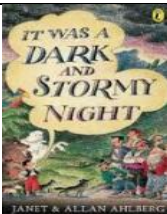
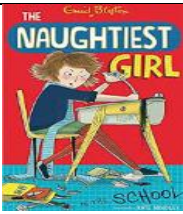
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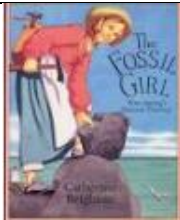
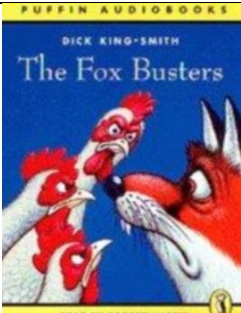
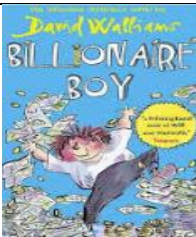
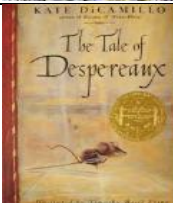
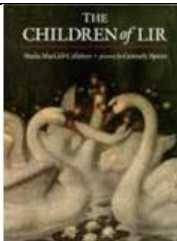
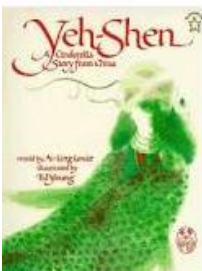
# New Curriculum Spelling List Years 3 and 4

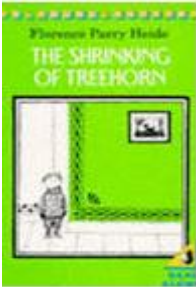
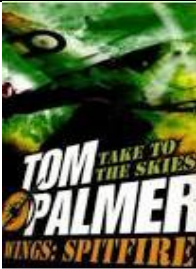
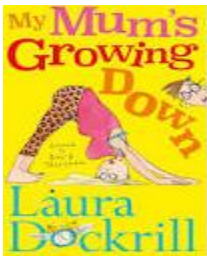
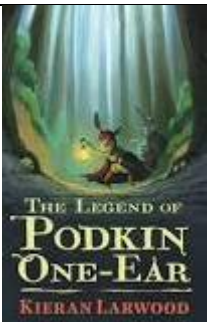
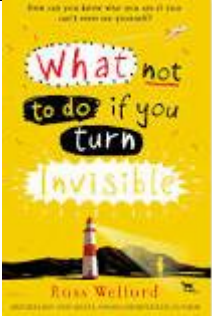
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| accidentally | century   | experiment | interest     | particular | remember  |
| actual       | certain   | extreme    | island       | peculiar   | sentence  |
| actually     | circle    | famous     | knowledge    | perhaps    | separate  |
| address      | complete  | favourite  | learn        | popular    | special   |
| although     | consider  | February   | length       | position   | straight  |
| answer       | continue  | forwards   | library      | possess    | strange   |
| appear       | decide    | fruit      | material     | possession | strength  |
| arrive       | describe  | grammar    | medicine     | possible   | suppose   |
| believe      | different | group      | mention      | potatoes   | surprise  |
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| business     | eighth    | history    | occasionally | question   | weight    |
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| caught       | exercise  | increase   | opposite     | regular    | women     |

## 50 Recommended Reading Books for Year 3

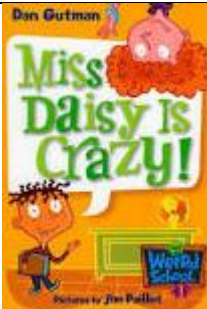
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| The Wolf Wilder                |    | Katherine Rundell | Feo angers the Russian government by training wolves with disastrous effects!<br><br>Adventure                                 |      |
| The Thieves of Ostia           |    | Caroline Lawrence | Flavia and her band of detectives hunt for an evil dog killer<br><br>Adventure                                                 |      |
| The Suitcase Kid               |    | Jacqueline Wilson | Andy's parents have split up meaning she has to adapt to a new home and stepbrothers and sisters.<br><br>Coming of Age         |      |
| The Diary of a Killer Cat      |  | Anne Fine         | Things seem to happen to Tuffy the cat, but nothing ever seems to be his fault!<br><br>Comedy                                  |      |
| The Sheep Pig                  |  | Dick King Smith   | The book that the hit movie Babe was based on. Can a pig really be a sheepdog?!<br><br>Coming of Age                           |      |
| It Was a Dark and Stormy Night |  | Allen Ahlberg     | Antonio is kidnapped by a band of brigands and uses his powers of storytelling! Does he escape?<br><br>Adventure               |      |
| The Naughtiest Girl in School  |  | Enid Blyton       | Elizabeth Allen is a spoiled little girl who is sent to Whyteleafe Boarding School with disastrous consequences!<br><br>Comedy |      |

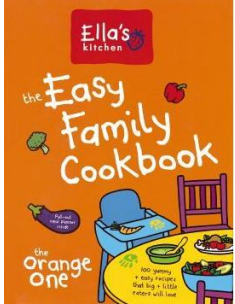
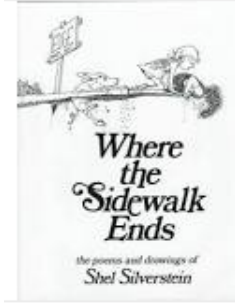
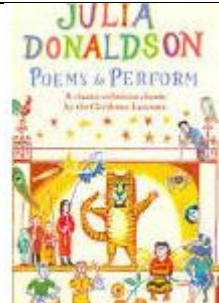
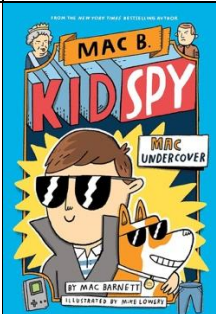


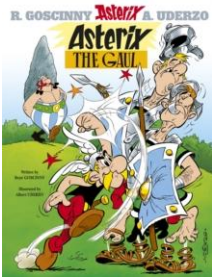
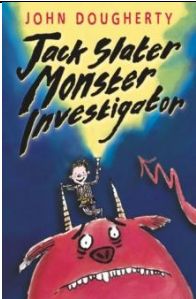
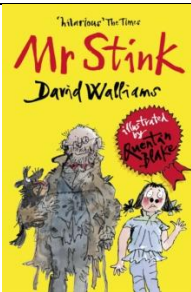
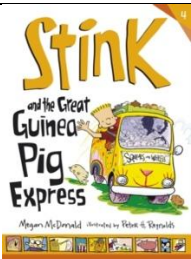
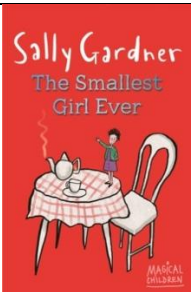
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| The Fossil Girl                         |     | Catherine Brighton      | The true story of ten-year-old Mary Anning who, nearly 200 years ago, discovered the first complete fossil of an ichthyosaurus.                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                         | Non-Fiction - History                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| The Fox Busters                         |    | Dick King Smith         | The chickens of Foxearth Farm are having a terrible time with the foxes, but after one horrifying raid in which they are decimated, the chickens decided that they won't stand for any more of it. Luckily, Spillers has hatched out three remarkable chicks who have all the necessary skills to outwit the crafty foxes. |  |
| Billionaire Boy                         |   | David Walliams          | Joe Spud has more money than he knows what to do with. However, does it make him happy?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                         | Coming of Age                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| The Tale of Despereaux                  |  | Kate DiCamillo          | A crazy tale of love, honesty, friendship, rats, mice and soup! A really heartwarming story.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                         | Coming of Age                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| The Children of Lir                     |  | Sheila MacGill Callahan | A king's children are changed into swans by their evil stepmother and can only be changed back when twin mountain peaks are joined.                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                         | Adventure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China |  | Ai-Ling Louie           | This beautifully written and illustrated is based on Cinderella but set in China.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                         | Classic Fiction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |

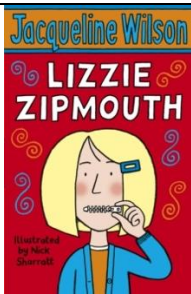
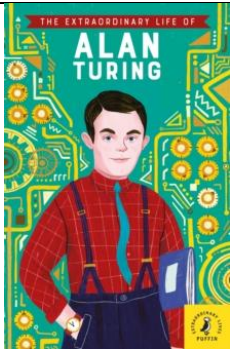
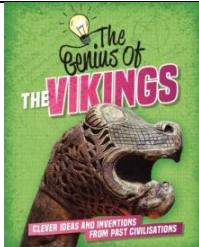
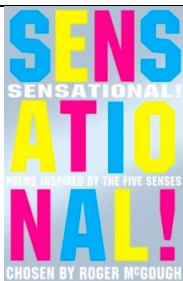
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| The Shrinking of Treehorn            |    | Florence Parry Heide | The main character in the book is Treehorn, whose parents barely notice when he shrinks. How would this make you feel?!                                                                  | Coming of Age |
| Wings                                |    | Tom Palmer           | Greg is only happy when he's active - on the pitch or on his phone, it doesn't matter. A chance meeting with a fighter pilot changes his attitude.                                       | Adventure     |
| My Mum is Growing Down               |    | Laura Dockrill       | A wonderfully entertaining set of poems that features a shrinking mother amongst other imaginative creations.                                                                            | Poetry        |
| Bad Mermaids                         |  | Sibéal Pounder       | Mermaids Beattie, Mimi and Zelda are making the most of visiting land for the first time when a mysterious message urges them to get back to Swirlyshell at once                         | Adventure     |
| Podkin One Ear                       |  | Kieran Larwood       | A mysterious storyteller rolls in from the snow one night and enchants a warren of young rabbits with the tale of Podkin One Ear: the son of a chieftain who went on to become a legend. | Adventure     |
| What Not to Do If You Turn Invisible |  | Ross Welford         | You'd think it would be fun, being invisible. But Ethel is soon thrown into a heart-stopping adventure when she discovers that she is not actually who she thought she is.               | Adventure     |

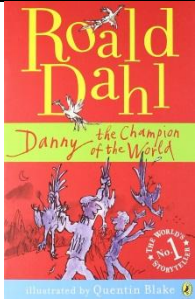
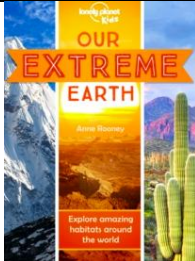
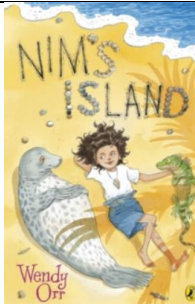
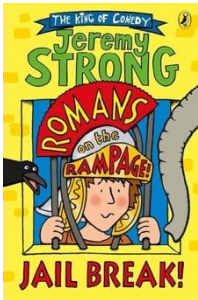


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| Spynosaur                    |     | Guy Bass           | Top spy-entists put the mind of a secret agent inside the body of a dinosaur to create the first ever Super Secret Agent Dinosaur. His codename: Spynosaur.                                           | Adventure     |
| Me and Mr P                  |    | Maria Farrer       | Football crazy boy, Arthur, has an annoying little brother called Liam. He wishes he had an ordinary brother but no, he's ended up with Liam.                                                         | Coming of Age |
| Hamish and the Worldstoppers |   | Danny Wallace      | Nobody knows it yet, but the people of Earth are in big, big trouble. Like - HUGE trouble. Oh, come on, where's your imagination? Double what you're thinking!                                        | Adventure     |
| Miss Daisy is Crazy          |  | Dan Gutman         | Never before has school been this mixed up-or this much fun! Miss Daisy, who teaches second grade, doesn't know how to add or subtract. Not only that, she doesn't know how to read or write, either. | Comedy        |
| Ella Enchanted               |  | Gail Carson Levine | Ella's Childhood. When Ella of Kyrria is born, she is visited by the fairy Lucinda. Ella won't stop crying and Lucinda, aggravated, gives her the gift of obedience.                                  | Coming of Age |

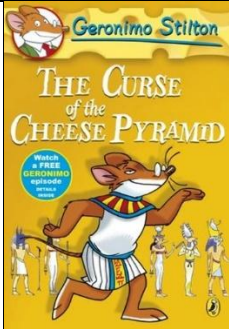
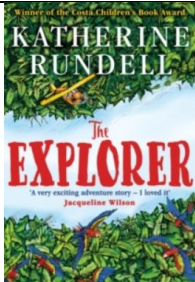
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| The Girl Who Drank the Moon             |     | Kelly Barnhill   | Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town.                                                       |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                  | Fantasy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| Ella's Kitchen: The Big Family Cookbook |    | Ella's Kitchen   | With recipes bursting with simple, natural ingredients, Ella's Kitchen's meals are very appealing to even the fussiest of babies and toddlers. This book has over 100 mouth-watering recipes that the whole family can enjoy together. |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                  | Non-Fiction - Cooking                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| Where the Sidewalk Ends                 |   | Shel Silverstein | 'I will not play at tug o' war. I'd rather play at hug o' war, Where everyone hugs Instead of tugs' Great poems from an amazing man.                                                                                                   |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                  | Poems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| Poems to Perform                        |  | Julia Donaldson  | The author of the Gruffalo and ex children's laureate chooses some of her favourite poems that are great fun to be read out loud.                                                                                                      |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                  | Poems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| Kid Spy                                 |  | Mac Barnett      | Mac is a child spy that works for the Queen of England. He is sent on many adventures where he needs to save the world                                                                                                                 |  |
|                                         |                                                                                     |                  | Adventure                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |

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| Asterix the Gaul                       |    | Renne Goscinny | In a tiny corner of Brittany, one small village of indomitable Gauls hold out against the almighty, all-conquering Romans.<br><br>Comedy                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| Jack Slater Monster Investigator       |    | John Dougherty | Jack Slater is the official monster investigator who seeks monsters lurking under beds. His aim is to stop these monsters terrorizing small children.<br><br>Adventure                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| Mr Stink                               |   | David Walliams | When it looks like Mr Stink might be driven out of town, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed. Now Chloe's got to make sure no one finds out her secret. And speaking of secrets, there just might be more to Mr Stink than meets the eye... or the nose!<br><br>Adventure                                                                                    |  |
| Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express |  | Megan McDonald | Stink and his friends are off on a new mission to find a home for the 101 rescued guinea pigs.<br><br>Adventure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| The Smallest Girl Ever                 |  | Sally Gardner  | The story of a little girl so tiny that she fits into a handbag. Everyone expects Ruby Genie to have the same fantastic magical powers as her famous parents did, but Ruby can't do any magic at all - or so she thinks.<br><br>Then she begins to get smaller . . . and smaller . . . and smaller. With the help of Aunt Hat, the kindly conjuror who is hopeless at |  |

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|                                       |                                                                                     |                        | doing tricks, Ruby finds her own special brand of magic.                                                                                                       |  |
|                                       |                                                                                     |                        | Coming of Age                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| Lizzie Zipmouth                       |    | Jacqueline Wilson      | Lizzie refuses to speak to anyone. She is fed up with having to join a new family and will not talk. That is, until she meets someone just as stubborn as her. |  |
|                                       |                                                                                     |                        | Coming of Age                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| The Extraordinary Life of Alan Turing |    | Michael Lee Richardson | Alan Turing was a mathematician, a scientist and a codebreaker who helped defeat the Nazis during the Second World War. This book tells the story of his life. |  |
|                                       |                                                                                     |                        | Non-Fiction - History                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Save Your Planet                      |   | Ben Hoare              | The world can sometimes seem like a scary place to live in. Here, you can read about all the ways to help save our wonderful planet.                           |  |
|                                       |                                                                                     |                        | Non-Fiction - Science                                                                                                                                          |  |
| The Genius of the Vikings             |  | Sonya Newland          | Discover the brilliant developments in navigation, transport, government and language that have influenced the way we live today.                              |  |
|                                       |                                                                                     |                        | Non-Fiction - History                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Sensational Poems                     |  | Roger McGough          | The wonderful Roger McGough has drawn together a stunning collection of poems inspired by the five senses.                                                     |  |
|                                       |                                                                                     |                        | Poetry                                                                                                                                                         |  |

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| Danny the Champion of the World                    |     | Roald Dahl    | Danny and his father William live in a Gypsy caravan mending cars for a living. Danny's father also has a dangerous side job poaching peasants.                                                                                                                                | Coming of Age                |
| 45. Extreme Earth                                  |    | Anne Rooney   | From the otherworldly landscapes of the Atacama Desert to the thundering Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, journey to jaw-dropping habitats around the world and learn about the people and creatures that have adapted to living in such extreme environments.                      | Non-Fiction - Climate Change |
| 46. Nim's Island                                   |   | Wendy Orr     | Nim lives on a beautiful island in the middle of the wide blue sea with her father, Jack, an iguana called Fred, a sea lion called Selkie and a turtle called Chica. But when Jack disappears and disaster threatens her home, Nim must be braver than she's ever been before. | Mystery                      |
| Jeremy Strong<br>Romans on the Rampage:<br>Fiction |  | Jeremy Strong | Perilus and his family are in trouble again. His dad has been arrested for stealing money. Can Croakbag save the day?                                                                                                                                                          | Historical Fiction / Comedy  |



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| <p>Geronimo Stilton: The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid</p> <p>Fiction</p> |   | <p>Geronimo Stilton</p>  | <p>Exciting adventures with Geronimo Stilton!</p> <p>Mystery</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <p>The Explorer</p>                                                     |  | <p>Katherine Rundell</p> | <p>From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him. As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice.</p> <p>Adventure</p> |  |

## Features of Talk:

### Poetry

**Purpose:**

There are many purposes of poetry.

Expressing emotions, teaching moral lessons, expressing your opinions and entertaining the audience.

**Success Criteria for performing poetry:**

Clear Speech: Speak clearly and confidently and at an appropriate volume

Eye Contact: Make eye contact with the audience

Hand Gestures: Use hand gestures and make movements when presenting

Tone and Pauses: Deliberately use pauses for effect and vary the tone of your voice

Passion: Speak with flair and passion

### Presentations

**Purpose:**

To **convey information** to an audience. You may wish to inform, inspire, persuade or entertain the audience during your presentation

**Success Criteria for presentations:**

Vary tone of your voice: Speak authoritatively when showing your expertise on a subject

Clear Voice: Project your voice to a large audience

Sentence Starters: Use a range of sentence stems to introduce and link your ideas.

### Discussions / Debates

**Purpose:**

To **explore different views** on a topic and attempt to reach an informed decision

Success Criteria for discussions/debates:

Build on points made: Use your subject knowledge to build upon/argue against a point made

## Features of Writing: Non-Fiction

### Non-Chronological Reports

**Purpose and Examples:**

To **inform/teach** the reader about a topic. Often, they are based on History or Science.

- An encyclopaedia report about Tutankhamun

**Grammatical Features:**

Factual (no opinions) , Written in the third person , Formal tone , Sub-headings to separate sections , Connectives (conjunctions and adverbs)

**Example Sentences:**

Tutankhamun was buried with a range of personal items, because the Egyptians believed their possessions could be used again in the Afterlife.

### TV Reports

**Purpose and Examples:**

To **inform/teach** the reader about an event that has just happened.

- A report about a robbery

**Grammatical Features:**

Report is factual , Opinions within interviews , Report is written in the third person , Quotes from witnesses in the first person , Formal report with chatty/informal interviews , Sub-headings to separate sections , Connectives (conjunctions) ,

**Example Sentences:**

We can reveal that Starjik has once again attacked a local village.

We met with Ivar, who stated, "I will do everything I can to save my brother."

### Diaries/Informal Letters

**Purpose and Examples:**

To **share your opinion** about an important event with yourself (diary) or someone close to you (letter).

Would probably be slightly more honest/emotional in a diary entry

- A diary entry after seeing a ghost in the woods

**Grammatical Features:**

Opinions and Emotions , Written in the first person , Chatty/informal language , Questions  
A range of tenses , Connectives (conjunctions and adverbs) ,

**Example Sentences:**

I'm literally still shaking! I can't believe what I just saw. Was it real? It's giving me the creeps thinking it might still be out there.

## Features of Writing: Fiction

### Stories

#### Purpose and Examples:

To **entertain the reader** using your imagination and ability to create characters, settings, and plots.

Historical Fiction, Mystery, Fantasy, Science Fiction, Horror

#### Grammatical Features:

Can be written in first or third person , Expanded Noun Phrases and Prepositional Phrases , Connectives (conjunctions and adverbs) , Inverted Commas , A range of sentence starters

#### Example Sentences:

Geronimo slowly walked down the wide street and began to search for clues.

"There must be something here," he mumbled.

### Stories with tension

#### Purpose and Examples:

To **entertain the reader** using your imagination and ability to create characters, settings, and plots.

Often set within a dark and abandoned area.

The protagonist often ends up alone.

Often set at night.

Sometimes ends on a cliff hanger

#### Grammatical Features:

Withholding Information

Use short, sharp sentences

Use show don't tell (emotions)

#### Example Sentences:

She finally managed to get inside the room. The staircase creaked. She held her breath.

The creaking became louder as footsteps rapidly approached. She ducked and hid.

Catching her gasp with her hand, she couldn't believe the figure that appeared from the shadows.

### Simple Overview of Genres of Writing

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| Historical    | <p>Historical Fiction stories are set before the time they are written. They often include past events and historical people within their stories. They combine invented scenes and dialogue with authentic and believable details.</p> <p>Often, historical fiction stories include themes such as friendship, adventure, and war.</p> | <p>Romans on the Ramage</p> <p>Letters from the Lighthouse</p> <p>Secrets of A Sun King</p> |
| Mystery       | <p>A story where a crime is committed and the perpetrator is unknown.</p> <p>The main character will try and solve the crime. Will often search for clues to help them solve the mystery.</p>                                                                                                                                           | <p>Murder Most Unladylike</p> <p>The London Eye Mystery</p> <p>Agatha Oddly</p>             |
| Coming of Age | <p>A story where a young protagonist matures over time.</p> <p>These stories are often set in difficult and frightening circumstances, where the protagonist needs to develop resilience to survive</p>                                                                                                                                 | <p>Tracy Beaker</p> <p>Once</p> <p>Wonder</p>                                               |
| Horror        | <p>A scary story written to frighten the reader.</p> <p>Building tension is essential. Detailed descriptions are important to create a scary atmosphere.</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>The Night of the Living Dummy</p> <p>Spook School</p> <p>The Graveyard Book</p>          |
| Fantasy       | <p>A story about an imagined place and people.</p> <p>A whole new world is often created with fantastical creatures and magical events.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Harry Potter</p> <p>How to train your dragon</p> <p>The Hobbit</p>                       |
| Myths         | <p>A made-up story used to explain why things happen the way they do.</p> <p>Often, gods, goddesses and mythological creatures exist within these stories. Links closely to fantasy.</p>                                                                                                                                                | <p>Who Let the Gods Out</p> <p>Percy Jackson</p> <p>Odysseus</p>                            |



## New Writing Content: Year 3

### To Use Inverted Commas

Inverted Commas are used to show when someone is speaking.

They go around the words that are spoken out loud.

The punctuation is included inside the inverted commas.

When a new person speaks, you skip a line.

Mum said , "It's time to go to school."

### Use adverbs to express when, how and how often

Adverbs modify (describe and explain) a verb.

They tell us when , how or how often something happens.

When - She arrived **yesterday**.

How - He ran **quickly** down the road.

How often - I **always** brush my teeth before school.

### Use Personal Pronouns to avoid repetition

We use Personal Pronouns to avoid repeating Proper Nouns.

Example: James and Hannah went to the shops. James and Hannah bought some sweets.

Instead of repeating the Proper Nouns (James and Hannah) we can use a personal pronoun.

James and Hannah went to the shops. **They** bought some sweets.

## Features of a Historical Story

Historical Fiction stories are set before now. They often include past events and historical people within their stories. They combine invented scenes and dialogue with authentic and believable details. For example, Julius Caesar was a real Roman; however, any conversation with a Celtic Britain would be invented.

**Setting:** These stories can be set at any point in history. Many historical fiction stories are set during WW1 and WW2.

**Characters:** Characters can be invented or real. Perilus, in *Romans on the Rampage*, is a made-up character. Magnus, in *Anglo-Saxon Boy*, really was the son of Harold Godwinson; however, his adventures and interactions are invented by the author.

**Plot:** Often, historical fiction stories include themes such as friendship, adventure, and war. Characters will travel great distances throughout their historical world and meet many new characters (invented and real).

## Vocabulary Words from Romans on the Rampage

| Word        | Definition                                                           |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| abounds     | To be present in large numbers                                       |
| blaring     | To sound loud or harsh                                               |
| pounding    | To hit something hard repeatedly                                     |
| shudder     | To tremble or shake with fear                                        |
| blare       | A loud sound                                                         |
| cantering   | A horse running slightly slower and smoother than a gallop           |
| mourning    | To feel or show sadness about the loss of something/someone          |
| strutted    | To walk proudly                                                      |
| remorseful  | Feeling deep regret due to guilt                                     |
| flustered   | Feeling nervous and confused                                         |
| engulfed    | Being completely surrounded, soaked or covered                       |
| wistful     | Feeling sad because you want something but you know you cant have it |
| crestfallen | Very sad and disappointed                                            |
| slumped     | To drop or slide down suddenly                                       |
| blathering  | When you speak or write in a continuous silly way                    |

## Vocabulary Words from Geronimo Stilton: Secret Agent

| Word         | Definition                                                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| shuffled     | To move or walk while dragging your feet                     |
| gobbled      | To swallow or eat greedily                                   |
| mistook      | Failing to understand something                              |
| smirk        | To smile in a fake or smug manner                            |
| manicured    | Having your nails cut and groomed                            |
| glimmered    | To shine with a weak light or a light that is not continuous |
| ushered      | To show someone where they should go                         |
| babbled      | To talk foolishly or without meaning                         |
| lingered     | To stay in a place longer than is usual or expected          |
| irritable    | Easily annoyed or bothered                                   |
| bewilderment | A state of being confused or puzzled                         |
| indignation  | Feeling anger about something that is unfair                 |
| surge        | A sudden strong swelling                                     |
| gushed       | To flow or send out quickly and in large amounts             |

## Vocabulary Words from The Iron Giant

| Word        | Definition                                                                        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| brink       | the edge at the top of a steep place                                              |
| crane       | to stretch out one's neck in order to see something                               |
| dart        | to move suddenly or rapidly                                                       |
| scuttle     | to run hurriedly with short, quick steps                                          |
| puzzled     | confused because you do not understand something                                  |
| stupendous  | extremely impressive                                                              |
| looming     | appearing as a vague or shadowy form, especially one that is large or threatening |
| wallow      | to roll about in something                                                        |
| jagged      | having a sharp, uneven edge                                                       |
| grope       | to feel about blindly with your hands                                             |
| deceive     | to make someone believe something that is not true                                |
| delicacy    | something pleasing to eat that is considered rare                                 |
| dreadful    | extremely bad                                                                     |
| monstrosity | something that is very ugly and usually large                                     |
| weep        | to cry                                                                            |
| dismay      | concern and distress caused by something unexpected                               |
| utmost      | the most or best that is possible                                                 |
| cowardly    | not having any courage                                                            |
| astounded   | feeling great surprise                                                            |
| sprawled    | to lie or sit with arms and legs spread out                                       |
| wizened     | wrinkled and shrunken                                                             |

## Vocabulary Words from The Ice Palace

| Word        | Definition                                            |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| hissing     | making a sharp 's' sound like a snake                 |
| crisp       | when something is a little bit cold and refreshing    |
| wept        | to cry tears                                          |
| whined      | to make a high-pitched complaining noise              |
| shutters    | wooden or metal objects that cover a window           |
| longingly   | doing or looking at something when you really want it |
| desperately | when someone really needs or wants something          |
| glanced     | taking a quick look at something                      |
| snarling    | making an aggressive growl                            |
| slavering   | saliva running from the mouth                         |
| startled    | feeling shocked by something                          |
| roused      | causing someone to stop sleeping                      |
| scattering  | spreading things around in different directions       |
| lunged      | making a sudden movement toward something             |
| yelp        | to cry out quickly and sharply                        |
| clambering  | climbing using your hands and feet in a difficult way |
| jerked      | to move suddenly and quickly                          |
| dangled     | something hanging or swinging                         |
| hurtled     | moving very fast and very powerfully                  |
| ghastly     | Something that causes a lot of fear                   |



## Vocabulary Words from The Dragon's Hoard

| Word       | Definition                                                            |
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| Mischief   | Annoying behaviour that isn't meant to cause too much damage          |
| Dangling   | Hanging loosely and usually swinging                                  |
| Sorceress  | A woman who practices magic or witchcraft                             |
| grasped    | Grabbing something with your hand                                     |
| jabbing    | Poking something quickly or suddenly                                  |
| flung      | Throwing something aggressively                                       |
| sniggering | Laughing at something in a silly way                                  |
| glimpse    | Taking a short look at something                                      |
| wavered    | When you start thinking something is not a good idea                  |
| forbid     | To not allow something to happen                                      |
| consulted  | To ask for advice or guidance about something                         |
| satisfy    | When you do something that someone needs or wants                     |
| fertile    | An area of land that is able to produce a good amount of food         |
| Hauled     | To pull or drag or something using a lot of effort                    |
| prodded    | To poke something                                                     |
| clambering | Climbing something usually using your hands and the rest of your body |
| resistance | Refusing to accept something                                          |
| swarm      | A large group of flying insects                                       |

## Vocabulary Words from The Firework Maker's Daughter

| Word          | Definition                                                                 |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| toddled       | To walk with short steps like a child would                                |
| flared        | To shine with a sudden light                                               |
| glimmer       | A weak or unsteady light                                                   |
| custom        | Something many people do, and have done for a long time                    |
| obnoxious     | If something is annoying and unpleasant                                    |
| mournfully    | Sadly                                                                      |
| bankrupt      | When you run out of money                                                  |
| detest        | Hate                                                                       |
| idleness      | Having nothing to do                                                       |
| solemn        | Formal, calm, and serious                                                  |
| drastic       | Extreme                                                                    |
| self-igniting | Something that goes on fire by itself                                      |
| jostled       | Pushed around                                                              |
| laboriously   | Difficult, taking a lot of work                                            |
| vigorously    | Doing something with a lot of power                                        |
| vague         | Unclear                                                                    |
| melancholy    | Sad and thoughtful                                                         |
| transfixed    | When you can't look away                                                   |
| trudge        | Walking slowly because you're very tired or it's a difficult place to walk |
| daubed        | Painted or covered in something                                            |
| billowing     | A sheet blowing in the wind                                                |
| commotion     | A lot of movement and noise                                                |
| frivolous     | Pointless                                                                  |
| plunged       | To push or jump quickly, especially downwards                              |
| smothered     | Completely covered                                                         |
| merriment     | Joy and happiness                                                          |