

Cycle A English Year 5 & 6

Unit of Work: Legends Term: Autumn 1 Length: 3 weeks

Writing outcome: Plan and write a legend of their own based on a model & tell their story to an identified audience.

- King Arthur
- Outlaw by Michael Morpurgo.
- Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo.
- Beowulf (Graphic Novel) by Gareth Hinds. The Fairies of Merlin's Craig - Storynory website (here).
- Finn McCool and the Giant's Causeway Youtube (here).



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Unit of Work: Persuasion

Term: Autumn 1 Length: 3 weeks

Writing outcome: Persuasive Film/TV broadcast about a country within the British Isles/ A formal presentation.

Y5 Reading Key Learning	Y6 Reading Key Learning	Y5 Writing Key Learning	Y6 Writing Key Learning
 Analyse the conventions of different types of writing e.g. formal presentations, persuasion. Scanning for key words and text marking to locate key information. Distinguish between statements of fact or opinion within a text. Identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning e.g. persuasive speech. Explaining the effect on the reader of the authors' choice of language. Preparing formal presentation individually or in groups. Using notes to support presentation of information. Responding to questions generated by a presentation. 	 Distinguish between statements of fact or opinion across a range of texts. Scan for key information. Skim for gist. Explain the effect on the reader of the author's choice of language and reasons why the author may have selected these words, phrases and techniques. Participate in discussions about books, building on their own ideas and others' ideas and challenging views courteously. Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates. Prepare formal presentation individually and in groups. Use notes to support presentation of information. Respond to questions generated by a presentation. 	 Explore, collect and use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility e.g. might, could, shall, will, must. Select the appropriate language and structures for audience and purpose Note and develop ideas. Draw on reading and research. Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary. Suggesting changes to grammar, vocabulary and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. 	 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. Punctuate bullet points consistently Explore and collect vocabulary typical of formal and informal speech and writing e.g. find out – discover, ask for - request, go in request. Selecting the appropriate language and structures. Drawing on similar writing models, reading and research. Selecting appropriate vocabulary and language effects, appropriate to task, audience and purpose, for precision and impact. Using a range of planning approaches e.g. storyboard, story mountain, discussion group post-it notes, ICT story planning. Make conscious choices about techniques the engage the reader including appropriate tone and style e.g. rhetorical questions, direct address to the reader. Evaluate and improve performances of compositions focusing on: Intonation and volume. Gesture and movement. Audience engagement.

Possible texts:

Junior Dragons' Den BBC Children in Need - Youtube (here).



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Unit of Work: Classic narrative poetry

Term: Autumn 1 Length: 2 weeks

Outcome: An oral performance of a poem and a new poem, or verse for a poem, based on a model

Short writing opportunity: Written response to the poem in another text type and form, e.g. newspaper report, series of diary entries, letter of complaint, accident report, cartoon strip.

Y5 Reading Key Learning	Y6 Reading Key Learning	Y5 Writing Key Learning	Y6 Writing Key Learning
 Prepare poems to read aloud and perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action so the meaning is clear to an audience. Discuss and evaluate how authors us language including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader. Explore, recognise and use the terms metaphor, simile, imagery. Explain the effect on the reader of the authors' choice of language. 	 Use etymology to help the pronunciation of new words e.g. chef, chalet, machine, brochure – French in origin. Explore, recognise and use the terms 'style' and 'effect'. Analysing the conventions of different types of writing e.g. use of dialogue to indicate geographical and/or historical settings for a story. Listen to, read and discuss an increasingly wide range of poetry. CHECK Y6 SKILLS 	 Create and punctuate sentences using simile starters. Select the appropriate language and structures. Use similar writing models Assess the effectiveness of own and others' writing in relation to audience and purpose. Suggest changes to grammar, vocabulary and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. 	 Explore and collect vocabulary typical of formal and informal speech and writing e.g. find out – discover, ask for - request, go in – request. Find examples of where authors have broken conventions to achieve specific effects – e.g. non-standard English for effect in monologues - and using similar techniques in own writing. Identify audience and purpose. Choose appropriate text-form and type for all writing. Select appropriate vocabulary and language effects, appropriate to task, audience and purpose, for precision and impact. Evaluate, select and use a range of organisation and presentational devices for different purposes and audiences. Make conscious choices about techniques to engage the reader including appropriate tone and

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Possible texts:

- The Highwayman, Alfred Noyes
 Timothy Winters by Charles Causley.
 Chip the glasses and crack the plates, JRR Tolkien YouTube clip (here).