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| **Knowledge Organiser for English Year 3 and 4** |
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| **Key Reading Vocabulary (VIPERS)** |
| **V**ocabulary | Give/explain the meaning of words in context eg. Jim was ecstatic because he got 10/10 on his spellings. Ecstatic means excited/happy because it is good to get 10/10 on your spellings.  |
| **I**nference  | Make inference from the text/ explain and justify using evidence from the text. e.g. Sue slammed the door and stomped upstairs. Sue is not happy/upset/angry because she slammed the door rather than shut it normally. |
| **P**rediction  | Predict what might happen from the details stated and implied. |
| **E**xplain | Identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to the meaning as a whole. Identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.Make comparisons within the text. e.g. You must visit this wonderful place NOW! The writer has used capital letters for ‘now’ to show how important it is to go there straight away. |
| **R**etrieval  | Retrieve and record key information/key details from fiction and non-fiction e.g. During April it rained 56mm in one week. |
| **S**ummarise | Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph e.g. In chapter one Bob was mean to Sarah but now in chapter three they are working together as a team to defeat the villain so their relationship has changed. |
| **How to help?**  | **Useful links** |
| * Read to your child
* Visit local libraries
* Read comics/magazines
* Let your child see you read
* Make reading enjoyable- not a battle- let them read what interests them
* Other examples of text that may be around the home – e.g. newspaper articles.
 | **National Curriculum** - available on the school Website**Oxford Reading Tree online** |
| **Writing - Key Vocabulary** |
| Imitation  | Learning a text and repeating it orally by heart  |
| Innovation  | Using and adapting a known text  |
| Independent Application  | Children use what they have learnt and apply it in their own writing  |
| **How to help?**  | **Useful links**  |
| * Ask your child to tell you their Talk for Writing text
* Practise the actions together
* Don’t over correct independent writing- aim for enthusiasm
 | **National Curriculum** - available on the School Website  |

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| **Grammar - Key Vocabulary** |
| Noun  | A person, place or thing e.g. cat, man, Mr Morel, England  |
| Verb  | A doing or being word e.g. jump, run, am, was  |
| Adjective  | Used before a noun to make the noun’s meaning more specific e.g. tall, blue  |
| Adverb | Adverbs describe/modify the verb. e.g. The boy ran **quickly.** She has **almost** finished her work. |
| Tense  | Shows whether you are writing about the past, present or future e.g. I walked to school; I am walking to school; I will walk to school. |
| Main Clause | A sentence which has a subject and a verb and makes sense on its own e.g. The cat sat on the mat. |
| Noun phrase  | A phrase where an adjective is used before a noun to describe it e.g. blue table, fierce fox  |
| Pronoun  | Word that takes the place of a noun e.g. it, he, she  |
| Possessive pronoun  | Words that demonstrate ownership e.g. His, her, their  |
| Co-ordinating conjunctions | Words which join together two main clauses: FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but or, yet, so) e.g. I was happy to see my mum so I ran over to her. |
| Subordinating conjunctions | Words which connect two complete ideas by making one of the ideas subordinate or less important than the other e.g. AWHITEBUS (Although, after, as, when, if that, even though, because, until, unless, since) The tree will fall over **unless** we replace the top soil. |
| Question  | Asks something e.g.: Why aren’t you my friend?  |
| Statement  | States a fact or something that has happened e.g. You are my friend.  |
| Command  | Something you have to do e.g. Be my friend!  |
| Exclamation  | When something is exclaimed- start with ‘what’ or ‘how’ e.g. What a good friend you are!  |
| Inverted comma’s | Used to indicate speech. e.g. “Please be thoughtful and kind, ” said Sophie. |
| Apostrophe | Apostrophes are used for possession and omission: I’m going out and I won’t be long. [showing missing letters]Hannah’s mother went to town in Justin’s car. [marking possessives] |
| Comma | Used to separate a list and can be used to separate clauses |
| Fronted adverbials  | Words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows e.g. Later that day, I heard the bad news  |
| Modal verb  | An auxiliary verb that expresses necessity or possibility e.g. might, should, will, must  |
| **How to help?**  | **Useful links** |
| * Remind your child to speak in grammatically accurate sentences
 | National Curriculum- available on the School Website |