



Skills Academy Teacher Guide

National Curriculum links

Reading

Students should be taught to:

Develop an appreciation and love of reading, and read increasingly challenging material independently through:

- Reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, including in particular whole books, short stories and poems.
- Choosing and reading books independently for challenge, interest and enjoyment.
- Re-reading books encountered earlier to increase familiarity with them and provide a basis for making comparisons.

Understand increasingly challenging texts through:

- Learning new vocabulary, relating it explicitly to known vocabulary and understanding it with the help of context and dictionaries
- Making inferences and referring to evidence in the text
- Checking their understanding to make sure that what they have read makes sense

Read critically through:

- Knowing how language, including figurative language, vocabulary choice, grammar, text structure and organisational features, presents meaning
- Studying setting, plot, and characterisation, and the effects of these
- Making critical comparisons across texts

Spoken English

Students should be taught to:

Speak confidently and effectively, including through:

- Using Standard English confidently in a range of formal and informal contexts, including classroom discussion