



YEAR 4 READING EXPECTATIONS

These end of year expectations show you what your child is expected to achieve at the end of their year.

Working towards expected standards means that your child is still working towards the expectations for the year group.

Working at the expected standard means that your child is confidently achieving the end of year expectations.

Working at greater depth means that your child is confidently achieving above the expectations for the year group.

Working towards expected standard for Year 4 using stage appropriate texts

Read with growing confidence and fluency.

Read aloud beginning to use intonation to show understanding.

Read many of the Year 3/4 word list, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound.

Begin to apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to both reading aloud and to understanding the meaning of new words.

Retrieve information from books that are structured in different ways.

Make inferences about a character's actions and feelings.

Increase their familiarity with a wide range of books and genre.

Working at expected standard for Year 4 using age appropriate texts

Read most of the Year 3/4 word list, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound.

Read age-appropriate books with confidence and fluency (including short novels).

Read aloud with intonation that shows understanding.

Use known punctuation correctly to aid meaning when reading aloud.

Work out the meaning of words from the context.

Use dictionaries to check the meaning of unfamiliar words that have been read.

Apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to both reading aloud and to understanding the meaning of new words.

Retrieve basic information from texts.

Summarise more than one paragraph.

Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, drawing basic inferences from character's feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions - justifying these with evidence.

Make basic predictions about what might happen from details stated.

Identify how structure and presentation contribute to meaning.

Identify words and phrases that interest the reader.

Make links between books.

Greater depth at Year 4
Read more challenging books with confidence and fluency.
Read aloud with intonation and controlled pace to show greater understanding.
Apply knowledge of a greater range of root words, prefixes and suffixes to both read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words.
Retrieve subtle information from texts.
Identify basic themes and conventions.
Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, drawing more subtle inferences from character's feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions - justifying these with evidence.
Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.
Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.
Identify how words and phrases affect the reader.

WHAT IS GREATER DEPTH?

In addition to the term ***end of year expectations***, the term ***greater depth*** is used to measure a pupil's level of understanding. Achievement is focussed on the **depth of understanding** of the areas taught and the ability to apply this understanding in a variety of contexts.

This means that pupils working at greater depth are expected to be able to:

- apply their learning to different contexts, including other areas of the curriculum.
- work independently after some initial input.
- apply their skills and knowledge consistently, confidently and fluently.
- organise their ideas to make connections with other areas of learning.
- use their ideas to help them work with new areas of learning.
- clearly explain what they have been doing and why they know they are correct to others.
- have a secure understanding of the audience and purpose for their writing.

GREATER DEPTH IS NOT:

- working on content from the next year group.
- practising the same concept with bigger numbers.
- reading a more challenging text.
- an extension activity at the end of a lesson.

HOW IS GREATER DEPTH TAUGHT AT MARSH GIBBON SCHOOL?

When ready, pupils are provided with the opportunity to work at greater depth through carefully planned lessons and activities. Teachers will provide pupils with the time and opportunity to explore the learning objectives taught and will allow pupils the independence to apply their learning at a deeper level. Pupils may access greater depth challenges at any point in the week and across a range of subjects, as the teacher assesses their knowledge and progress. Greater depth cannot be awarded overall until the teacher has seen sufficient evidence across the subject and not just in a specific area e.g. punctuation, spelling, calculation, scientific investigations etc.