Frittenden CEP School

Year 4 English Progression of Skills

Spoken Language

- *listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- * ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
- *use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- * articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- * give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- *maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- *use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- *speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
- * participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play/improvisations and debates
- * gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- * consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
- * select and use appropriate registers for effective communication

Text types

- -Poetry using similes
- -Reference books
- -Textbooks
- -Dictionaries
- -Myths and legends
- -Folk tales
- -Non-fiction texts with contents and index pages
- -Plays
- -Poetry (free verse, narrative poetry)
- -Letters
- -Diary
- -Instructions
- -Significant authors and poets

Spelling

- *spell words with endings sounding like —sion, -cian, -tion, -ssion
- * add prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'
- * add prefixes 'anti-' and 'inter-'
- * add suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable ('-ing', '-er', '-en', '-ed')
- * add suffixes '-ous', '-ly' to words ending in 'y', 'le' and 'ir'
- * use possessive apostrophe with plurals
- * spell homophones

Handwriting

- *use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- * increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting (for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch)

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- * understand the grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s
- * use Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms, e.g. we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done
- *expand noun phrases by adding modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)
- * use fronted adverbials, e.g. Later that day, I heard the bad news.
- * use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme
- *choose appropriate pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition
- * use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech, e.g. a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"
- * use apostrophes to mark plural possession, e.g. the girl's name, the girls' names
- * use commas after fronted adverbials

Terminology: determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial

Word Reading

- * apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet
- * read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

Reading Comprehension

Develop positive attitudes to reading, and an understanding of what they read.

- * discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks
- * read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes
- * use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read
- * increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally
- * identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books

Writing: Composition, Cohesion and Effect

Write in a range of genres/forms, taking account of different audiences and purposes.

Planning

- *compose and rehearse sentences orally, varying sentence structures
- * rehearse dialogue
- * discuss and record ideas
- * identify key features in similar texts (structure, vocabulary and grammar)

Drafting and writing

Narrative

- * create settings, characters and plot
- * sequence events clearly to show how one event leads to another using appropriate grammatical structures and vocabulary
- * use paragraphs shift to indicate a change in setting, character, time (rather than simply reflecting stages in planning)
- * use Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms, e.g. we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done
- * include descriptive detail and make writing more vivid using specific nouns, adjectives, expanded noun phrases and figurative language (similes, metaphors)
- * describe characters in such a way to provoke a particular feeling in the reader, e.g. sympathy or dislike

- * prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
- *discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- * recognise some different forms of poetry In books read independently:
- * check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context
- * ask questions to improve their understanding of a text
- * draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence
- * predict what might happen from details stated and implied
- * identify main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph and summarise these
- * identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning
- * retrieve and record information from non-fiction
- * participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say

- *develop mood and atmosphere using a range of vocabulary and dialogue between characters
- * include details expressed in ways that engage the reader
- * use techniques to get the reader on side (address them to engage or influence)
- * imitate authorial techniques gathered from the reading of narrative texts **Poetry**
- * write poems imitating poetic structures studied
- * include details expressed in ways that engage the reader

Non-narrative

- * use simple organisational devices in non-narrative material, e.g. subheadings
- * organise or categorise information based on notes from several sources
- *use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme
- * imitate authorial techniques gathered from reading
- * use techniques to get the reader on side (address them to engage or persuade)

Proof-reading, editing and evaluating

- * proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- * evaluate and edit by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve

consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences

* evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and other's writing and suggesting improvements

Presenting

* read aloud own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the volume so that the meaning is clear