



Barn Owls – What to expect

In Literacy Lessons...

The following content will be introduced Year Three and Four.

Word

Year 3

- Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes, such as super-, anti-, auto-
- Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel (e.g. a rock, an open door)
- Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning (e.g. solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble)

Year 4

- The grammatical difference between plural and possessive ·s
- 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)

Sentence

Year 3

- Sentence Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because), adverbs (e.g. then, next, soon, therefore), or prepositions (before, after, during, in, because of)

Year 4

- Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)
- Fronted adverbials (e.g. Later that day, I heard the bad news)

Text

Year 3

- Text Introduction to paragraphs as a way of grouping related material
- Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation
- Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past (e.g. He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play)

Year 4

- Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme



- Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition

Punctuation

Year 3

- Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

Year 4

- Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech e.g. a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas/speech marks (e.g. The conductor shouted, "Sit down!")
- Apostrophes to mark singular and plural possession (e.g. the girl's name, the girls' names)
- Use of commas after fronted adverbials

Terminology

Year 3

- Terminology adverb, preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter
- inverted commas (or 'speech marks')

Year 4

- Determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial

Reading

See additional sheet.