

Reading and Viewing – Responding to Texts

Choose a text (that challenges you a little bit) from your bookshelf. Complete some or all of the following:

- Find 5 interesting words in the text. Write down the meaning of each word and then use each one in a sentence of your own
- Make a list of 10 common nouns and 5 proper nouns in the book
- Find 10 adjectives in the text and write them down. Make up some sentences. Each sentence must contain at least 3 adjectives
- Draw a picture of your favourite character from your book. Write a description of who they are and what you have learnt about them from your reading
- Write 5 questions you could ask someone to find out if they have read this book carefully
- Draw a picture of one of the settings in the story and write a description of where it was and what happened there.

Story Writing

The boy leant to his left and swooped around another corner. He never felt more alive than when he was on his magic carpet. Finding a straight stretch of road, he urged the carpet to top speed, sending plumes of dust from the ground all around him. He quickly approached a woman dressed in black carrying a bowl of fruit...

Can you continue the story?

Can you write instructions about how to fly a magic carpet?

When you are ready to start planning your story, read the story starter and answer the questions to help you organise your thoughts. How will you plan your writing? You could choose a planning method you prefer.

When you have finished your story, read it through carefully, underlining any words or phrases that do not make sense, or that you would like to improve. Re-read it a second time and check your punctuation. Have you missed any capital letters, full stops, commas, questions marks, exclamation marks? If there is character speech, have you used quotation marks correctly?



Mathematics – Problem Solving

Choose some or all of the following maths problems:

Number Investigation – If the answer is 256, what could the equation be? For example, $257 - 1 = 256$. What are the most complicated equations you can come up with?

Time Challenge – How long have you been at school in your life? You will need to estimate and answer as accurately as you can. Try to use the exact number of days, hours, minutes or even seconds?

Multiplication Tennis - Select a multiplication fact. With another person, alternatively, say multiples of the selected fact. If you make an error, start again. Try to complete every multiplication fact from 2 to 10 with your partner.

Shape Challenge - Find a 2D shape in your home. Calculate the perimeter and area of the shape. For a challenge, find a 3D shape in your home and calculate its volume.

Data Handling - Create a questionnaire and gather data about the perfect night in from your family and/or friends. Consider the entertainment, the dinner, snacks and drinks. You could present the data in graph form.