



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

English - KS1– The Bear Under the Stairs Overview



Text: The Bear Under the Stairs by Helen Cooper

Outcomes: Letters, retellings, own version narratives

Main Outcome: Information text

Overview and Outcomes: This is a planning sequence in which children will look at the book The Bear Under the Stairs and use it as a model to write letters from the main character to the bear and back. Children write their own story of a child who is scared of something that might be in the house. Children write a comparison between real bears and toy bears.

Coverage from National Curriculum 2014: Reading and Writing coverage from Curriculum 2014. Spoken language is covered throughout.

Word Reading

- Continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent
- Read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered
- Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes
- Read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
- Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation

Writing Transcription (Spelling and Handwriting)

- Learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones
- Distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones

Vocabulary, Grammar & Punctuation

- Joining words and joining clauses using and
- Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but)
- How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command
- Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences

Reading Comprehension

Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:

- Continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear
- Recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry

Understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by:

- Drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher

Writing (Composition)

Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:

- Writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)

Consider what they are going to write before beginning by:

- Encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence

Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by:

- Re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
- proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly]