



# CATALYST

## Dilkes Academy

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### English Curriculum

#### **Year 1**

In Year 1, English lessons will be based around a series of different texts including 'The Magic Finger', 'Owl who was Afraid of the Dark', 'The Worst Witch', and 'The Worst Witch Strikes Again'. The children will explore the texts in a variety of ways to aid their language and writing development. The children will also explore stories during our story telling sessions and writing sessions and develop their experience of writing a variety of genres.

#### **Year 2**

During the course of the year, we will explore poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Some of the texts we will read in Guided Reading include 'Poisonous Centipede', 'Don't Cook Cinderella' and 'Fox and the Ghost King'. We write in a range of forms including recounts based on our experiences, non-chronological reports and diaries. We create our versions of the Pie Corbett stories. We also work on comprehension skills through a range of texts and genres.

#### **Year 3**

This year we study a variety of stories from a range of authors, as well as poetry. Some of the books we study include 'Gangsta Granny', 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' and 'Varjak Paw'. In nonfiction, we focus on a variety of genres, including reports, information texts, formal and informal letters and play scripts. Through the texts we read, we develop the children's vocabulary. We concentrate on using powerful verbs, adjectives and adverbs to improve writing, as well as sentence openers and connectives, which we learn to recognise as well.

#### **Year 4**

During the course of the year, we explore poetry, fiction and non-fiction writing. Some of the texts we have explored include 'Demon Dentist', 'The Chronicles of Narnia', 'Beowulf', 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and 'Bridge to Terabithia'. We will write in a range of genres, including persuasive writing, newspaper reports and play-scripts.

#### **Year 5**

During the course of the year, we explore poetry, fiction, non-fiction and journalistic writing. Some of our focus texts will be 'Holes', 'Kensuke's Kingdom', 'Joshua and the Magical Forest', 'Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' and 'War Horse'. Through reading these, we develop our comprehension skills and vocabulary. We write in a range of genre forms, including writing recounts, explanations, letters and reports.

#### **Year 6**

In Year 6, in Guided Reading, we explore 'Private Peaceful', 'Another Twist in the Tale', 'Good Night Mr Tom', 'Pig Heart Boy' and 'The Hunger Games'. These books help us improve our comprehension and fiction writing skills. Reading Comprehension assists our non-fiction writing skills including persuasive, biographical, journalistic and report writing. We will revise our use of sentence structure, including the following: varied sentence structures and extend our use of advanced punctuation.

