

Reading and Literacy Support at Blue Coat

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Why is reading important?

- The ‘reading age’ of the GCSE papers is **15 Years and 7 months**
- Reading skills are actually more important for **maths and science** than subjects like **history and English**
- “Young people who leave school without good **literacy skills** are held back at every stage of life. The outcomes are poorer on almost every measure, from **health and wellbeing**, to **employment and finance.**” (Education Endowment Foundation, 2018)
- Encourages **imagination, empathy** and **mindfulness** of others.



GCSE Questions from 2022 – How would you do? What words would you struggle with?

L is the straight line with equation $y = 2x - 5$

C is a graph with equation $y^2 = 6x^2 - 25x - 8$

Using algebra, find the coordinates of the points of intersection of L and C.

Starting with this speech, explore how Shakespeare presents Macbeth's fears.

Write about:

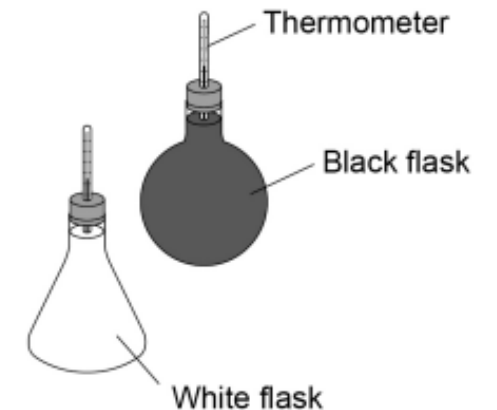
- how Shakespeare presents Macbeth's fears in this speech
- how Shakespeare presents Macbeth's fears in the play as a whole.

[30 marks]
AO4 [4 marks]

of a surface affects the amount of infrared

colours.

Figure 7



that the wars were aimed at their freedoms and religion in England, as much as against the Dutch.

at 20 °C into each flask.

and thermometer into each flask.

ask in front of the infrared lamp.

temperature of the water every 30 seconds for 10 minutes.

END OF INTERPRETATIONS



Academic Vocabulary

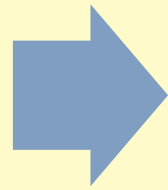
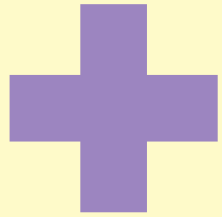
- Equation
- Graph
- Algebra
- Coordinates
- Intersection
- Explore
- Adapted
- Interpretation
- Grant
- Naval
- Fleets
- Figure

The GCSEs are more rigorous than ever so Y7-9 is vital as the foundation of learning.

- **Repetition** and **overlearning** of key words
- Use **context** clues to help out
- **Rewordify.com** provides pupil friendly definitions to help give **alternatives** when practicing.



Word
recognition

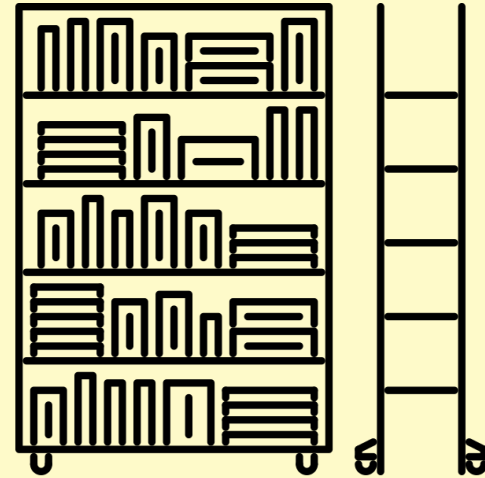
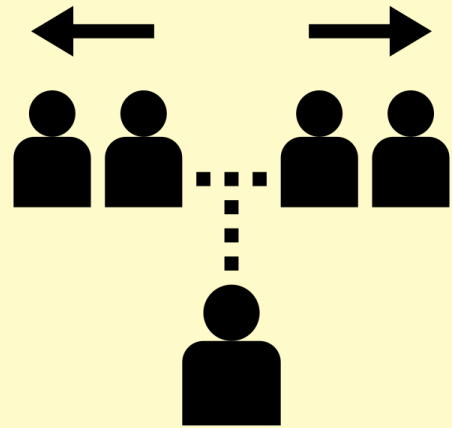
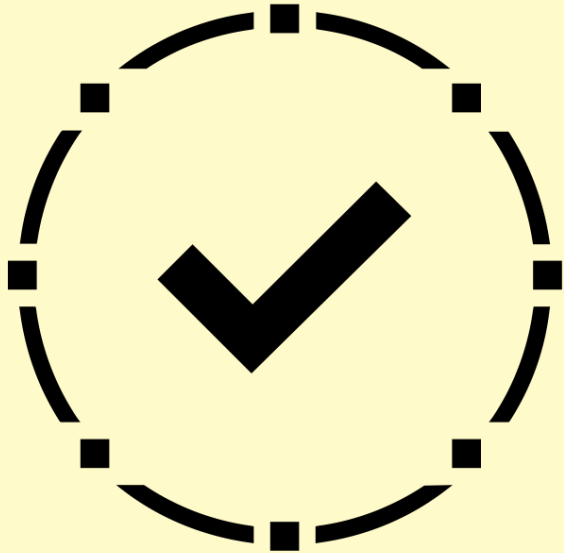


Language
Comprehension

Reading
comprehension
and Fluency

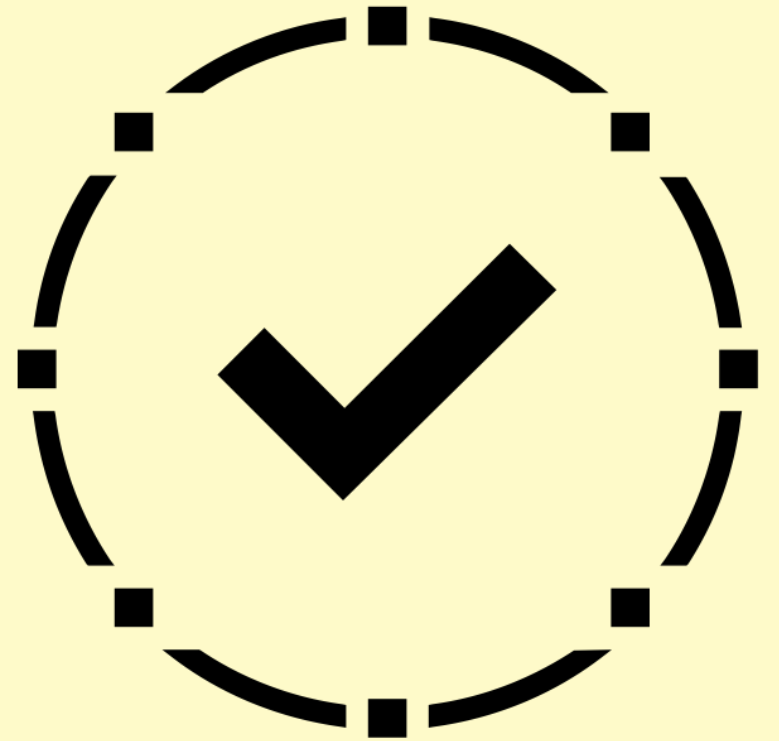


What do *we* do in school?



What do **we** do?

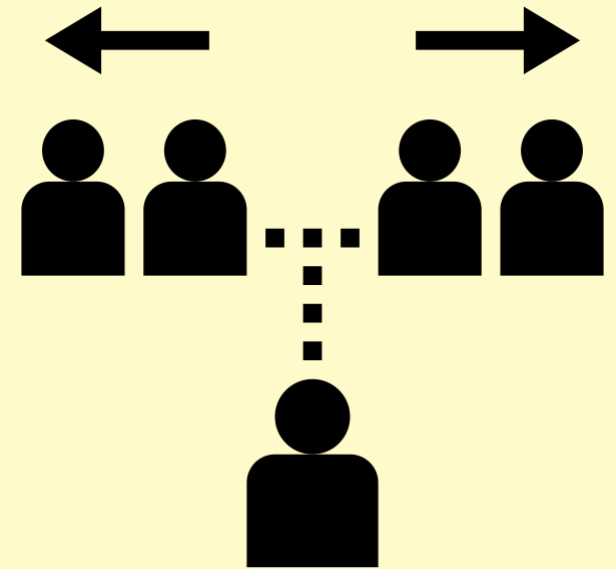
- Quality teaching, first
 - **Every** teacher is a teacher of reading and literacy:
 - Explicit teaching of **vocabulary** in **every** subject
 - Modelling of **reading**
 - **Recall** and **repetition** of key words and instruction words



What do **we** do?

- **Intervention**

- 7/12 Readers
 - Lunch time, by invitation
- 7/12 Writers
 - Lunch time, by invitation
- Author visits
 - Reading and writing workshops, by invitation
- The Green curriculum
 - As part of wellbeing, 1 hour a fortnight



What do **we** do?

- **The library**

- Open to all students
- Expert advice
- Reading lists for each year group
- New and classic books
- Choice and variety
- Author visits
- Reading and writing competitions



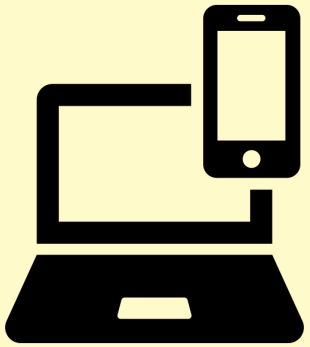
What do **we** do?



- The library and English
 - Book Buzz
 - Gives pupils a choice
 - 1 in 5 children in 2022 didn't have their own books at home

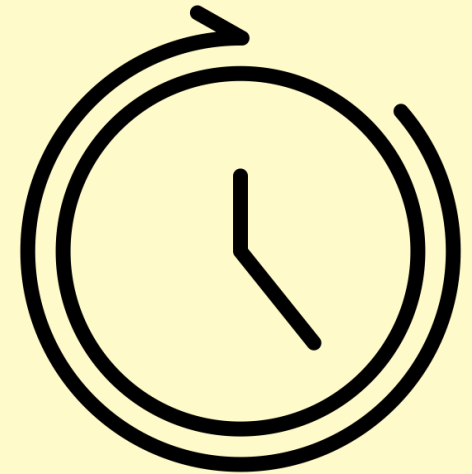


How can you help?



How can **you** help?

- If children are reading and understanding on a daily basis **for 19 to 24 minutes** a day there's substantial growth in their reading age and skills
- If they are reading and understanding for **less than 3 minutes** a day, they regress.



How can *you* help?



- **Talk about reading**
 - ‘What made you choose this book?’
 - ‘What has happened so far?’
 - ‘Can you give me a 1 minute summary?’
 - ‘What might happen next?’
- **Link into the child’s own experience by asking questions like...**
 - ‘Has this ever happened to you...tell me about it?’
 - ‘Have you ever been to a place like this... what was it like?’
 - ‘Have you ever done anything like that... what happened?’
 - ‘How do you think the character is feeling... have you ever felt like that?’
- **Acknowledge reading can be hard!**



How can *you* help?



- **Talk about reading – Context clues**

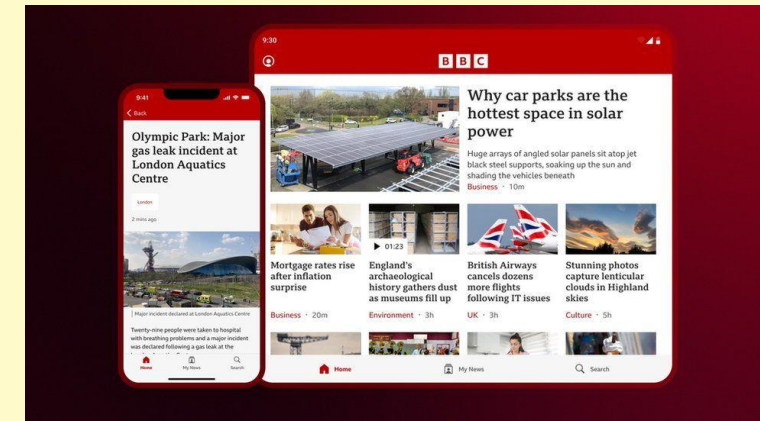
- ‘That’s a **tricky** word, what does it mean?’
- ‘You said ‘**meritorious**’ which **sounds like** ‘**merit**’ can you **work out** the meaning from that?’
- ‘Can you think of a **similar** word to that?’
- ‘Can you think of an **opposite** word to that?’
- ‘How would **you use** that word **in your own words**?’
- ‘Let’s look up the meaning **together**’





How can you help?

- **Technology: apps**
- **BBC News, BBC Sports and Newsround**
 - Headlines
 - Bitesized news
 - Non-fiction vocabulary and form

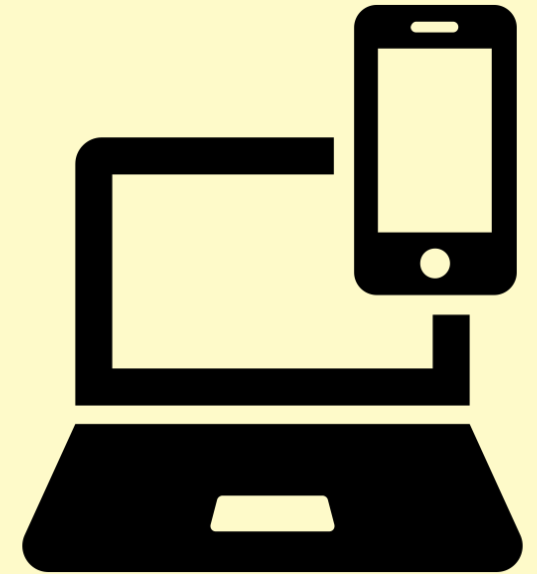


How can you help?



• Technology

- Turn on the subtitles!
 - Word recognition
 - Spelling
 - Context



How can *you* help?

• **Technology: Audiobooks**



- YouTube
- 10 hours free on some Spotify accounts
- Oldham council library **BorrowBox**



What to read?

- What Should I Read Next? Book recommendations from readers like you

If you liked *I Shall Wear Midnight* by Terry Pratchett, here are some books like this:

	<p>Bite Me: A Love Story Christopher Moore</p> <p>Paranormal Romance Stories Fiction California San Francisco ...</p>	<p>Info/Buy</p> <p>Add To List</p>
	<p>The Rithmatist Brandon Sanderson</p> <p>Science Fiction & Fantasy Fantasy & Magic Children's Books ...</p>	<p>Info/Buy</p> <p>Add To List</p>



How can **you** help?

- **Start the conversation**
- **Variety!**
 - Fiction reading
 - Graphic novels and comics
 - Non-fiction
 - Sports reporting
 - The news
- Model it – make reading **normal** in your home



Useful websites

- **National literacy trust** – literacy.org.uk – the latest in reading and writing events and research
- **Oldham libraries** - oldham.borrowbox.com – borrow ebooks and audio books
- **Newsround** - www.bbc.co.uk/newsround - non fiction news and events
- **Rewordify** – rewordify.com – gives pupil friendly definitions and quizzes
- **What should I read next** - <https://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/>



To do Tonight

✓ Download BBC News



✓ Turn on Subtitles

✓ Ask 'what have you read recently'

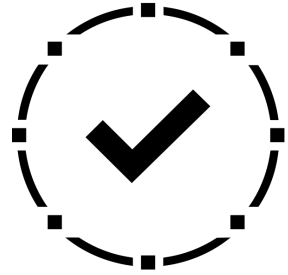


What next?

- Talk to our staff
- Pick a novel to take home
- Pick up a bookmark and flyer to help start the reading conversations

Thank you for coming!





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