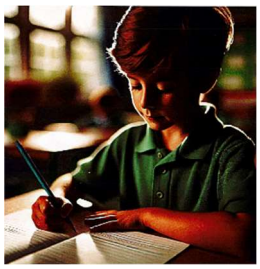

Y6 Writing Expectations

By the end of Year 6, children are expected to:

- ✓ Write in clear sentences – using different openers and sentence lengths.
- ✓ Use paragraphs – to organise ideas logically.
- ✓ Choose ambitious vocabulary – selecting powerful words to make writing interesting.
- ✓ Use grammar correctly – keeping tenses the same, using clauses and using the passive voice (e.g. The cake was eaten).
- ✓ Spell accurately – including challenge words from the Year 5/6 list.
- ✓ Handwriting should be joined, neat and fluent.
- ✓ Punctuate accurately, including:
  - Full stops, commas, question marks and exclamation marks
  - Speech marks for dialogue
  - Brackets, dashes or commas for extra information
  - Colons and semi-colons where appropriate
- ✓ Link ideas together – using words such as however, meanwhile, therefore.
- ✓ Write for different purposes – stories, reports, letters, explanations, persuasive pieces.
- ✓ Edit and improve work – checking spelling, punctuation and making better structural and word choices.

How you can help at home

- ❖ Encourage daily reading to broaden vocabulary.
- ❖ Talk about new words and their meanings.
- ❖ Have discussions together about a variety of topics and interests
- ❖ Ask them to choose words carefully to explain their ideas, queries or demands clearly when speaking.
- ❖ Let your child write for fun – stories, shopping lists, notes or letters.
- ❖ Help them practise challenging spellings and punctuation.
- ❖ Ask them to read their writing aloud – it helps spot mistakes and improve flow.