

Y7 Term 2 Skills Tracker

This term we are reading a novel where the protagonist is the same age as you and experiences recognisable family, friendship, and social issues. You will track the plot, characters, and themes across the novel to spot patterns and changes. You will analyse and evaluate the writers' methods and intentions.

The tracker helps you monitor your own progress and talk about this with your teacher and people at home.

Speaking and Listening

	Inconsistent Progress	Good Progress	Very Good
Classroom listening	I occasionally interrupt learning by talking when the teacher is.	I listen when my teacher is talking but don't always actively listen to classmates.	I actively listen to my teacher and classmates when they are speaking to the class.
Pair / group listening	I sometimes listen respectfully to my partner(s)	I always listen respectfully to the ideas of my partner(s)	I listen respectfully to and build on the ideas of my partner(s)
Classroom speaking	I answer questions with simple ideas and little explanation	I answer questions in full sentences and give the required amount of explanation	I answer questions clearly building on other people's ideas
Pair / group speaking	I usually contribute during pair or group work	I always stay on task and make useful verbal contributions	I always engage with my partner / group by making useful contributions and ensuring everyone contributes

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Reading for understanding and referencing texts	- I usually give relevant ideas about a text in response to an open question - I occasionally use a direct quotation from the text in my written answers - I have not routinely quizzed for AR meaning I am not completing my 60 minutes of engaged time per week	- I give relevant ideas about a text in response to an open question. - I mostly include a direct quotation from the text in my written answers - I have quizzed routinely for AR, usually having the expected engaged time of 60 minutes per week	- I can offer give an explained idea about a text in response to an open question - I always use a direct quotation to support my points - I have quizzed frequently on AR, consistently having the expected engaged time of 60 minutes per week
Making inferences	I usually make sensible inferences about quotations and explain them e.g. that it is cold because there is frost which implies it's winter.	- I consistently make sensible inferences about quotations and explain them e.g. that it is cold because there is frost which implies it's winter. - I occasionally offer more than one inference and use discourse markers to link my ideas together	- I consistently make sensible inferences about quotations and explain them e.g. that it is cold because there is frost which implies it's winter. - I often offer more than one inference and use discourse markers to link my ideas together - With support, I can make inferences based on earlier textual references
Analysing language methods	- I can define and identify adjectives, verbs, and nouns. - I use my planner to help me define and identify the language methods we're currently learning about - I can usually explain the simple connotations of different word choices	- I can always define and identify the main word classes - I can independently define and identify key language methods we're currently learning about - I can always explain the simple connotations of different word choices.	- I can always define and identify the main word classes and methods learnt this Term 1 and 2. - I use my planner to help me identify language methods I've not yet been explicitly taught. - I can always explain connotations of different word choices.
Analysis of writers' purpose and intended impact	I can usually explain whether a text has a positive or negative tone or perspective.	- I can always explain whether a text has a positive or negative tone or perspective. - I can identify a universal theme the writer was interested in.	- I am beginning to use precise adjectives to describe the overall tone of a text - I can identify when a writer is writing about a universal theme and offer simple explanation about what they wanted to convey.

Reading

Writing

Writing	Inconsistent Progress	Good Progress	Very Good
Write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts suited to purpose, audience and form using writers' methods.	- I write about one idea relevant to the task with sufficient detail - I include a simple language method in my writing	- I write about one idea relevant to the task with well-chosen detail that helps my reader. - I include 2 simple language methods in my writing	- I write about one idea relevant to the task with well-chosen detail that helps my reader. - I include 2 language methods which make my writing engaging
Organise and present whole texts effectively, sequencing and structuring information & ideas	- My writing has a clear beginning middle and end. - I attempt to divide my work into paragraphs but make some errors.	- My ideas are sequenced so there is a link between the beginning, middle and end of my text - I consistently divide my work into paragraphs.	- My ideas are sequenced so there is a link between the beginning, middle and end of my text - I consistently divide my work into paragraphs. - I use basic discourse markers within paragraphs
Vary sentence types and starters for clarity, purpose and effect	- I write in simple and compound sentences which are consistently grammatically accurate. - I can craft grammatically accurate complex sentences with support	- I write in simple and compound sentences which are consistently grammatically accurate. - I can independently craft grammatically accurate complex sentences but only occasionally use them.	- I write in simple and compound sentences which are consistently grammatically accurate. - I regularly use grammatically accurate complex sentences in my writing.
Using punctuation accurately and effectively	- I consistently use full-stops, question marks or exclamation marks and capital letters accurately - I can use apostrophes, speech marks and commas in list but make some mistakes	- I consistently use capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks accurately. - I accurately use apostrophes, speech marks and commas in list. - I occasionally attempt to use commas in complex sentences	- I consistently use capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks, apostrophes, speech marks and commas in list accurately. - I routinely use commas in complex sentences
Select appropriate and effective vocabulary	- I use basic Tier 1 adjectives and verbs in my writing - When prompted, I can use our key words in my writing.	- I use some Tier 2 vocabulary in my writing to improve clarity and engagement - I use our key words in my writing when appropriate	- I regularly use suitable Tier 2 vocabulary in my writing to make it more precise and engaging - I regularly use our key words in my writing when appropriate
Use correct spelling	- I can spell familiar Tier 1 words accurately - Spelling of our Key Words is inaccurate	- I can spell familiar Tier 1 words accurately - I can spell most Tier 2 words accurately / phonetically plausible - I routinely score 5-7 on our spelling quizzes of Key Words	- I can usually spell familiar Tier 1 and Tier 2 words accurately, including those that do not follow typical patterns. - I am successfully practising our key words, usually achieving 7+ on the spelling tests in lesson