Year 5 into Year 6 Bridging Unit

English Unit Planning
The Nowhere Emporium
Guidance for English Unit Planning

Key Learning

The Key Learning in Reading and Key Learning in Writing documents reflect complete coverage of the National Curriculum for English and provide the basis for constructing a unit of English. These frequently need breaking down further to form lesson objectives.

The Teaching Sequence

A suggested unit outline follows the teaching sequence:

- Creating Interest
- Reading:
  - Reading and responding
  - Reading and analysing
- Gathering content
- Writing
- Presentation

The amount of time spent in any one phase needs to be tailored to the needs of the class.

Writing Outcomes

Extended Writing Outcomes:

Each unit of work should result in at least two (and possibly three) extended, written outcomes. This allows children several opportunities to practise and apply newly acquired skills in context.

Outcomes are identified as follows:

1. Scaffolded outcome

   This is completed on a daily basis during the writing phase. It is supported through daily, whole-class, shared and modelled writing. It may be further supported by small-group, guided writing for some pupils. Each section is supported through teaching, with the children working on their own version following the teacher’s model. For a narrative unit, this might appear like this:
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The effectiveness of this model is enhanced by:

- feedback and marking on a daily basis and pupils being given time to respond;
- use of ideas and vocabulary gathered during earlier phases displayed on the working wall;
- displaying the shared and modelled writing from across the writing phase.

2. Independent extended writing outcome

This is a second opportunity for the children to write in the same genre or text-type, but this time, more independently. Generally, this would take one (or at most two lessons) and should take place soon after the completion of the unit. The children should have time to think, plan and discuss their ideas and they should also have access to prompts created through the unit, e.g. content from the working wall, genre checklists, word banks, dictionaries etc.

Crucially however, there should be no adult modelling of writing to support the completion of this second outcome.

As well as giving children another opportunity to apply their skills, this outcome is very useful to inform assessment and next steps in teaching and learning. Consequently, feedback and marking for this outcome might be less in-depth and feature on completion of the piece only. This provides an ideal opportunity for pupils to make improvements to their independent writing via redrafting and self-editing. The piece can still be used for assessment purposes, provided that the process is not over-scaffolded by the teacher and is the result of the child's own improvement.

3. Cross curricular application

This works best for non-fiction units. It usually takes place some time after the completion of the English unit and in another area of the curriculum. This provides opportunity for children to revisit text types and revise skills. Pupils should be given time to refresh their knowledge and understanding of the text type, looking back at their own writing and prompts created. Again, this outcome is particularly useful for assessment purposes and children should be given opportunity to edit and improve their own writing.

Publishing Writing

Children invariably write more effectively when they have a real audience and purpose for their writing. Thought should be given to this at the outset and shared with the children. This might involve:
• writing stories to entertain Year 2, for example: arranging an opportunity for the children to share their stories with them in small groups;
• writing, then redrafting, non-chronological reports to make a class book which is put on display in the school library;
• children reading, rehearsing and performing their own poetry to be recorded and shared on the school website.

Short writing

Of course, all writing must not be left until the writing phase! Writing skills need to be constantly practised and revisited throughout the reading and gathering content phases. Outcomes should be linked to a specific learning objective e.g. LO: To infer character thoughts and feelings – Outcome: diary.

Examples of short writing opportunities include:
- diary entries
- character profile
- dialogue exchange
- fact file
- letter to a problem page
- book review

Grammar and Punctuation

An age-appropriate grammar and/or punctuation focus should be selected for each unit, based on the genre or text type from the unit. However, it is important that teachers consider the children’s current skills in relation to grammar and adjust this focus if necessary. For example, it is not appropriate to teach main and subordinate clauses to a Year 3 class who are not secure with simple sentence construction.

As well as the acquisition of grammar skills, knowledge and terminology, it is important that children are shown how to apply these appropriately in their own writing.

The process involves:

• Short, sharp grammar warm-ups - a highly effective way of introducing and practising the skills initially;
• The teacher modelling the appropriate application during the writing phase;
• Establishing the expectation that the children will apply the skills appropriately in their own writing;
• The children having opportunity to self and peer assess;
• Teacher feedback and marking which reflects the grammar or punctuation focus.

It is advisable to address one or two objectives for grammar and/or punctuation within a unit; this allows skills to be taught and secured through a ‘little and often’ approach.

Spelling and Handwriting

Spelling and Handwriting should be taught regularly with content taken from Lancashire Key Learning in Writing or directly from National Curriculum 2014.
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### English

#### The Nowhere Emporium – Year 5 into Y6 Bridging Unit

This unit can be adapted to the skills taught in either Year 5 or Year 6, or as a bridge from Year 5 to Year 6. For this reason, Key Learning has been referenced from both year groups. It is essential that teachers select the most appropriate Key Learning and adapt the learning strategies recommended in order to tailor the work to the specific needs of the children in their class. This half termly publication consists of a fiction unit based on the novel ‘The Nowhere Emporium’ by Ross MacKenzie and a non-fiction unit themed around magic or the circus. Both units have different skill focuses and writing outcomes.

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#### Year 5 into Year 6

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<td>Listen to and discuss a range of fiction and poetry which they might not choose to read themselves.</td>
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<td>Make comparisons within a text e.g. characters’ viewpoints of same events.</td>
<td>Make comparisons within and across texts e.g. similar events in different books such as being an evacuee in Carrie’s War and Goodnight Mr Tom.</td>
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<td>Explain the meaning of words within the context of the text</td>
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<td>Demonstrate active reading strategies e.g. generating questions to refine thinking, noting thoughts in a reading journal.</td>
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<td>Provide reasoned justifications for their views.</td>
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<td>Predict what might happen from information stated and implied.</td>
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<td>Scan for key words and text mark to locate key information.</td>
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<td>Through close reading of the text, re-read and read ahead to locate clues to support understanding.</td>
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<td>Explore, recognise and use the terms metaphor, simile, imagery.</td>
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<td>Explain the effect on the reader of the authors’ choice of language</td>
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**Year 5**
- Create complex sentences by using relative clauses with relative pronouns **who, which and that** e.g. Sam, who had remembered his wellies, was first to jump in the river. The thief broke into the house which stood on the top of the hill.
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<td>Create and punctuate sentences using simile starters, e.g. Like a fish</td>
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<td>out of water, she conversed awkwardly with the other guests.</td>
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<td>Demarcate complex sentences using commas in order to clarify</td>
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<td>Use devices to build cohesion within a paragraph e.g. firstly, then,</td>
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<td>presently, this, subsequently</td>
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<td>and performances).</td>
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<td>task, audience and purpose, for precision and impact.</td>
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<td>announced, through gritted teeth, “It’s not fair!”</td>
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<td>Use different sentence structures with increasing control (see VGP).</td>
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<td>Suggest changes to grammar, vocabulary and punctuation to</td>
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**Core text** The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie

**Texts to supplement core text**
- Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone by JK Rowling
- Leon and the Place Between by Grahame Baker-Smith
- Madame Pamplemousse and Her Incredible Edibles by Rupert Kingfisher
- The Elsewhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie (Book 2 in trilogy)
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
- The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow by Katherine Woodfine
- The Otherwhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie (Book 3 in trilogy – to be released September 2020)
- The Wonder by Faye Hanson

**Online media links**
- Clip from the film Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (1971 Rating U): YouTube: Gene Wilder: Pure Imagination: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVi3-PrQ0pY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVi3-PrQ0pY)
- Clip from the film Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone (2001 Rating PG): YouTube: Diagon Alley – Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-WEzhyec3DY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-WEzhyec3DY)
- Clip from the film Hugo’ (2011 Rating U): YouTube: Hugo Opening: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSTnmEEotCQ&t=85s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSTnmEEotCQ&t=85s)
- Clip from the film Mr. Magorium’s Wonder Emporium (Rating U): YouTube: ‘Mr. Magorium’s Wonder Emporium – Trailer’: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4jAPm__YYI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4jAPm__YYI)
- Website: The Secret Door – Step Through To The Unknown – Safestyle: [http://www3.safestyle-windows.co.uk/the-secret-door/](http://www3.safestyle-windows.co.uk/the-secret-door/)
- YouTube: Mr Benn – (Full Episodes): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GYJ7H-oqnY&list=PLLhOnau-tupRahc5SSlt7g6huhuJSQeDJ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GYJ7H-oqnY&list=PLLhOnau-tupRahc5SSlt7g6huhuJSQeDJ)
- YouTube: Teachers TV – Writing a Mystery Story – Jewellery Box: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ8onkCF_Il](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ8onkCF_Il)

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### Creating interest

This phase will focus on engaging the children and developing vocabulary which will be used throughout the unit.

- To begin this unit and before you have introduced the core text ‘The Nowhere Emporium’, explore images of magical shops. Below are 4 illustrations of magical shops, one is taken from The Nowhere Emporium’s front cover – the others are artists impressions of magical shops.

- Illustration taken from Nowhere Emporium [scroll down to see image taken from the book – can be enlarged by clicking](https://www.mrripleysenchantedbooks.com/2015/02/mr-ripleys-enchanted-books-ross.html)

Display one of the images below on the board, such as, Magical Shop image 1: [https://cdnb.artstation.com/p/assets/images/images/012/983/059/large/veronika-firsova-fantasy-shop.jpg?1537471794](https://cdnb.artstation.com/p/assets/images/images/012/983/059/large/veronika-firsova-fantasy-shop.jpg?1537471794)

- Ask the children to write a list of all the things they can see in the image (nouns – revision of Y2 skill). List the nouns on the board and now ask the children to describe each item using an adjective (noun phrase – revision of Y2 skill). Remind children that adjectives need to add something new / earn their place. Encourage children to think carefully about their adjective choices by modelling on the board - using either a thesaurus or [www.wordhippo.com](http://www.wordhippo.com) to improve vocabulary.
- Now model how these noun phrases can be expanded (expanded noun phrase – revision of Y4 skill), such as, ‘the glowing lamp’ would become ‘the glowing lamp with ornate glass panels’.

Display the other three pictures on the children’s tables in the classroom. You may wish to assign different tables different images. Ask the children, in groups, to repeat the process modelled on the board: give the children a short amount of time to write down nouns for what they can see, then return to these nouns and add adjectives and finally create expanded noun phrases.

- If possible, allow each group to have the opportunity to see all of the images (by passing the images around) to see if they can edit / add to the other groups images.
- Once the task is completed, ask the children to feedback – selecting the three phrases they think are the most effective. Ask the children to give reasons for their selection and list good examples on the working wall – still

### Learning outcomes

- Children will be able to list nouns based on an image
- Children will be able to select effective adjectives to create noun phrases based on an image
- Children will be able to create expanded noun phrases to describe an image
- Children will be able to, independently and with group support, create noun phrases to describe images.
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- encouraging children to edit and improve and modelling this, if and where appropriate (this vocabulary will come in useful when the children write about their own magical shops in the unit).

- Following this activity, the children could be asked to complete one of the following short written outcomes:

**List poem (a poem which is written as a list of items):**

- Model to the children how to collate some of the noun phrases for one of the images into a list poem. Explore how sometimes the noun or an adjective + noun is more effective than just a list of expanded noun phrases. For further stretch with certain children, you may wish to explore how cohesive devices, such as repetition of words and phrases (Y6 skill), could be used to add emphasis and improve the overall cohesiveness of the poem. An example of a list poem based on The Nowhere Emporium illustration could be:

  Magical shop
  Wonder, awe, intrigue.
  Golden-hued lamps with ornate glass panels,
  Towering bookshelves,
  *Magic in the air.*

  Rich velvet curtains,
  Majestic lion perched,
  Suit of armour levitating
  *Magic in the air.*

**A song based on ‘The Greatest Showman’**

- Alternatively, use the words and phrases generated to create a song about a magical shop.
  - Ask the children to imagine that they have been asked to create a song for a magical shop to encourage customers to visit it. Explore the lyrics to ‘The Greatest Show’ song and discuss how they could be innovated and changed to create a new song based on a magical shop.
  - Allow the children the opportunity to test out new vocabulary to see what works / what is most appropriate.
  - Once the children have written their new songs, you could perform them to the rest of the class / video to place on the school blog / website.

- Children will be able to reflect upon the effectiveness of their noun phrases – suggesting and making changes to enhance effects and clarify meaning.

- Children will be able to write their own list poems based on a magical shop.
- Some children will be able to use cohesive devices to add emphasis to their poem

- Children will be able to write their own songs based on a magical shop.
Reading

Grammar: Warm-ups throughout the reading phase:

- Create and punctuate complex sentences using ing opening clauses. (Y5)
- **Further stretch:** Create and punctuate sentences using simile starters. (Y5)
- Manipulate sentences for effect. (Y6)

- Blend action, dialogue and description within and across paragraphs. (Y5)
- Blend action, dialogue and description within sentences and paragraphs to convey character and advance the action. (Y6)

Ensure a focus on one skill at a time, e.g. for a week, or longer if needed – to ensure thorough exploration before application of the skill.

Reading and responding

This phase will focus on reading sections from ‘The Nowhere Emporium’ and other supporting texts to develop reading skills for Year 5 into Year 6. The plot structure, which the children will use for their own stories, is based on Chapters 1-9 of the novel. All reading skills and outcomes are linked to these chapters only. After the reading phase, and if you choose to do so, completion of the novel can be enjoyed outside of English sessions.

- Before reading the book, share the title ‘The Nowhere Emporium’. Ask the children if they know what an emporium is? *Has anyone been to / heard of the word emporium before? What is the difference between a shop and an emporium? Use a dictionary and thesaurus / www.wordhippo.com to explore the word.* Ask the children to write their own definition in their books. This can be further supported by having pictorial examples of emporiums for the children to look at and placing these on the working wall next to a definition.
- Now look at the title as a whole ‘The Nowhere Emporium’. Ask the children to think about why this book is called the Nowhere Emporium? What does the word ‘nowhere’ suggest? Based on the title alone, ask the children to predict what they think the book is about / might happen. Ask for feedback and get the children to write their own prediction / thoughts down.

Prologue (pages 7-10)

- Before reading the prologue, select vocabulary that you think the children may be unfamiliar with to pre-teach. Words such as ‘abuzz’, ‘hearsay’, ‘ironmongers’, ‘jostled’ and ‘intricate’ may be selected (you may want to differentiate the learning outcomes

- Children will be able to create and punctuate sentences using an ing opening clause
- Some children will be able to create and punctuate sentences using simile starters
- Children will be able to manipulate a range of sentences for effect.

- Children will be able to blend action, dialogue and description within and across paragraphs. (Y5)
- Children will be able to blend action, dialogue and description within sentences and paragraphs to convey character and advance the action. (Y6)

- Children will be able to explain the meaning of new vocabulary within the context of the text verbally and in writing.

- Children will be able to make a prediction based on what is stated.

- Children will be able to explore and explain the meaning of new vocabulary.
words selected for different groups of children within the classroom.) Model to the children how to use a semantic map to explore one of these words. Allow the children the opportunity to create their own semantic map based on one of the selected words.

- Shared read and enjoy the Prologue (pages 7-10) with the children. Allow children the opportunity to visually see the text as it is being read – either through copies of the text or displaying the text on the board. Provide opportunities for the words which the children explored to be discussed within the context of the text. If you had assigned certain groups certain words, they may be given the opportunity to explain their word to the class when it appears and discuss its meaning within the text.

- After reading once, provide the children with a ‘senses table’, such as the one below:

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- Read the prologue again – asking the children to close their eyes and listen for words or phrases in the text which link to these senses.
- After re-reading, model to the children how to scan for these words and phrases in the text and place a few examples in your table, for example:

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- Children will be able to shared read the opening chapter and explain the meaning of their new vocabulary within the context of the text.
- Children will be able to scan for words and phrases from the text related to senses.
After modelling, allow the children the opportunity to complete their own ‘senses tables’. The table may be adapted for different learners by reducing the number of senses you want them to focus on, e.g. the senses of see / touch are easier to find than smell / taste. It may also be useful for the children to have their own copy of this piece of text so that they can highlight when scanning for the information.

Once the children have completed their senses table, allow them the opportunity to explore their findings and reflect on whether they think the opening to the text is effective through class discussions. Pose questions such as, ‘Which senses have been used the most in this prologue? Why do you think this is? Which words or phrases do you think are most effective in this opening and why?’

**Short writing opportunity:**

Using their senses table, ask the children to create a free-verse (no rules) poem titled ‘The Nowhere Emporium’ – selecting the words and phrases from their senses table which they think were the most effective. An example opening to a free-verse poem based on this could be,

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The Nowhere Emporium
Built from bricks the colour of midnight,
Shimmered, sparkled,
Golden gate so fine and intricate
Dazzling fireworks
Sparks and shimmers spelled out:
Bring your imagination
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Return back to the prologue – this time breaking the text up into separate scenes and assigning each scene to a different group of children, such as these six scenes:

- **Scene 1**: Start of page 7, ‘The shop from nowhere…’ to middle of page 8, ‘The Nowhere Emporium’
- **Scene 2**: Middle of page 8, ‘There was a glimmer…’ to end of same paragraph, ‘…atmosphere like mist’.
- **Scene 3**: Page 8, paragraph opening ‘The shop’s door swung open.’ To end of page 8, ‘…melting ice.’
- **Scene 4**: Start of page 9, ‘A dove emerged…’ to end of second paragraph on page 9, ‘…as they fell.’
- **Scene 5**: Final paragraph on page 9, ‘Everybody who gathered…’ to end of same paragraph ‘…find out what was waiting.’
- **Scene 6**: Start of page 10 ‘Two days later…’ to middle of page 10, ‘Within a day he too...’

Ask the children to read their scene as a group and create a freeze-frame to represent this scene (imagining this is the illustration / photograph which could appear in the book below their section of text). Explain that they must think carefully about their facial expressions / body language in order to communicate what is happening in the scene.

- Children will be able to explain the effect on the reader of the author’s choice of language and reasons why the author may have selected these words, phrases and techniques.
- Children will be able to create a free-verse poem based on the prologue.
- Children will be able to create a still based on a scene within the text.
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- Once the children have created their scene, take a photo of each. You may also wish to act as a ‘roving reporter’ whilst the children are representing their freeze-frame: select children within the still to unfreeze and ask them basic retrieval questions such as, *who are you? what is happening?* Your questioning may then move to more inferential questions such as, *why is everyone excited, what do you think this building is? – why?*

Short writing opportunity: Grammar skill application - complex sentences using ing opening clauses / manipulate sentences for effect
- Using the photos taken from the children’s stills, model how to create a descriptive paragraph based on their image. Take one groups photo which depicts one of the scenes listed above. Ask the class to jot down verbs which link to the picture, such as ‘peering’, ‘gawping’, ‘gasping’ etc. Now model how to use one of these verbs to create an ‘ing opener’ sentence. Model how to then develop this into a short paragraph – thinking about other sentence types which you could include. Ask the children to think about which type of sentences would be most effective to describe the paragraph and why?
- For further stretch, if some children have been looking at the grammar skill ‘create and punctuate sentences using simile starters’, ask them to include a simile starter sentence in their descriptive paragraph too.

Chapter 1 – A Chance Encounter (pages 7-10)

- Chapter 1 introduces two main characters, ‘Daniel’ and ‘the man in the suit’ and one minor character, ‘Spud Harper’. You may wish to set up role on the walls for these characters in the classroom which can be added to as the story continues. Alternatively, you may assign different characters to different groups of children in the classroom so that they can create their own role on the walls.
- Shared read Chapter 1 with the children and explore any words or phrases that the children are unsure of. Pose questions, using the Lancashire Reading Domain prompts to support, at key points in the chapter such as,
  - Retrieval (2b): *Who is chasing Daniel? What is St. Catherine’s – how do you know? How does Daniel escape?*
  - Inference (2d): *What impression of Daniel / The man in the suit / Spud Harper do we get in Chapter 1? The shop is magic. Find evidence in the chapter to support this statement.*
- Model how to answer these questions using a range of reading strategies such as, skimming and scanning and close reading.
- Explore the scene when Daniel first enters the shop (page 13, *‘The shop was a cave of wonders.’* to the end of the first paragraph on page 14, *‘…pages trying to get out’*.) Re-read this section to the children and as you are reading, ask the children to close their eyes and visualise the scene. Now ask the children to ‘paint a picture’ of this scene: allow the children a short amount of time to do a quick sketch of the scene in their books. Ask the children to annotate their sketch with words and phrases taken directly from the book. To move the children's learning from basic retrieval to inference, model how to use the prompt, *‘I can say .... because the text says ...’* for this scene, e.g. *‘I can say the battered book seems special or magical because in the text it says it ‘...had begun to tremble’ and books don’t usually move.’* After

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