


Year 3 Curriculum Vocabulary

This booklet contains all of our mapped out 'Tier 2' and 'Tier 3' vocabulary your child will be taught throughout the school year, across all subjects.

What are tier 2 and tier 3 words?	
Tier 2	Tier 2 words are words which children are likely to encounter across their writing, in written texts and in more formal situations. These words are less likely to appear in everyday conversation vocabulary used by the children. Tier 2 words are deliberately mapped across year groups, ensuring children encounter rich, transferable language. These are priority words for your child to see, say, learn and use.
Tier 3	Tier 3 words are low-frequency, subject-specific vocabulary used within a particular discipline or field of study. These words are often technical or specialised and are not commonly used in everyday conversation.

How we learn vocabulary	
Talk in school 	<p>Each half term, children will be introduced to new vocabulary. We will use 4 strategies to help children learn the new words. During the school day, children will be exposed to and learn Tier 2 words by:</p> <p>See it – Children are exposed to the new word (one at a time), see the word in written form, link it to pictures and actions, teachers provide a child friendly definition of the word, teachers explain how the word is used in sentences and different situations.</p> <p>Say it – Children will practise saying the word for the correct pronunciation, both in isolation and in sentences.</p> <p>Learn it – Children will connect to prior knowledge: helping them to link new words to words they already know. They will explore word parts: prefixes, suffixes, and roots to help pupils decode and understand new words. Children will compare and contrast words, analyse their meanings, and explore their nuances. Finally, we will help children see how new words relate to their own lives and experiences.</p> <p>Apply it – Children will apply the new vocabulary into verbal and written contexts and sentences, across all areas of the curriculum.</p>
Talk at home	<p>This booklet contains all the Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary your child will be exposed to in school, it is broken into half termly learning. As research promotes the use of repetition to learn new vocabulary and embed into children's knowledge, we ask parents to support the learning of the vocabulary at home too. The more children are exposed to and repeat each Tier 2 or Tier 3 word, the more successfully they will retain and be able to use the vocabulary. Therefore, you can support at home by pre-teaching your child the vocabulary for that half term. Ideas for how to do this could be: magnetic letters on the fridge, word splat with flashcards, talking about the words as a family and putting into a sentence, checking your child's understanding of the word and writing in sand! A useful blog with more ideas can be found here: https://bedrocklearning.org/literacy-blogs/21-fun-ways-to-improve-your-child-s-vocabulary/</p>



Year 3 Autumn 1 Vocabulary

<p>Reading</p> <p>Tier 2 – rickety, peered, twined, wreckage, clutching, trailing, broad, perch, shallow, twiddling, stowed, blundered, overhung, copse, faint, anxiously, blunt, sprang, flock, gorging, scowl, strutted, girdle, sprouted, poaching, exposed, peculiar, superior, exclaimed, masterfully, sneered, stoutly, cackled, suspiciously, airily, scornfully, gaped, pursuers, scrambled, panted, admired, rear, lurch, scowled, startled, boasted, slunk, passages, careering, hoisted, poised, quarry, mere, yelping, pursue, restrain, savages</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Tier 2 – factor, place holder, ascending, descending, calculation, estimate, nearest, operations</p> <p>Tier 3 – Roman numerals, rounding, three-digit, column method</p>	<p>Grammar</p> <p>Tier 2 – accurately, adventurous, impact</p> <p>Tier 3 - inverted commas (speech marks), prefix, consonant, vowel</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>Tier 2 – diet, contract, relax, capacity</p> <p>Tier 3 - nutrition, carbohydrates, proteins, dairy, fats, sugars, minerals, fibre, skull, ribcage, pelvis, femur, ball, socket, muscles, biceps, triceps, joints, tendons, diaphragm</p>	<p>Statutory Spellings</p> <p>Tier 2 – accident, actual, although, answer, arrive, bicycle, breath, build, busy</p> <p>Tier 3 -</p>
<p>History</p> <p>Tier 2 – ceremony, ornaments, evidence, constructed</p> <p>Tier 3 - Stone Age, Iron Age, Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, hunter gathers, prehistoric, settlement, Skara Brea, remains, Stone Henge, burial site, healing circle, Bronze Age, trade, hillfort, bronze, roundhouses, spear</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>We are having a rest from this subject this half term.</p>	<p>Art</p> <p>Tier 2 – effects, mood, effective, imitate</p> <p>Tier 3 - application, wash, blending</p>	<p>Design and Technology</p> <p>We are having a rest from this subject this half term.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>Tier 2 – animation, frame, consistency, template, publish, layout</p> <p>Tier 3 - stop-motion, onion-skinning, return, backspace, shift, import</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> <p>Tier 2 – creation</p> <p>Tier 3 - Genesis, Ten Commandments, Hashem, Mitzvah, Kiddush, Bracha, Sefer, Shul, Challah</p>	<p>Physical Education</p> <p>Tier 2 – accurate, power, technique, track, attack, communicate, control, shoot</p> <p>Tier 3 – block, opponent, personal best, possession, defend, delay, invasion, pitch, referee, tactics, tournament</p>	<p>Personal, social, health, economic</p> <p>Tier 2 – appliances, chemicals, warning signs, allergies, vaccinations</p> <p>Tier 3 – police community support officers (PCSO), pressure, permission, antibodies, immune system</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Tier 2 – poem, expressions, features</p> <p>Tier 3 - ballad, ensemble, phrases, stanza, story mountain, summarize</p>	<p>Modern Foreign Languages</p> <p>Tier 3 – bonjour, salut, au revoir, bonsoir, bonne nuit, ça va bien, ça va mal, c'est..., comment tu t'appelles ?, je m'appelle..., non, oui</p>



Year 3 Autumn 2 Vocabulary

<p>Reading</p> <p>Tier 2 – mischief, immediately, dozing, grunion, puckered-up, grouching, griping, fetched, disobedience, screeched, fearsome, brutal, bewitching, frenzied, stammered, goggled, gaped, colossal, tremendous, greasing, hissing, whined, sifted, stirred, spirited, beckoned, reversed, serpent, thrust, mittened, flung, hardships, stifling, stooped, fragments</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Tier 2 – flexible, partitioning</p> <p>Tier 3 – short division, exchange, remainder, divisible</p>	<p>Grammar</p> <p>Tier 2 – accurately, adventurous, impact</p> <p>Tier 3 - inverted commas (speech marks), prefix, consonant, vowel</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>Tier 2 – mould</p> <p>Tier 3 - sandstone, limestone, chalk, granite, slate, marble, petrologist, permeable, impermeable, igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic, durable, fossilisation, fossilised, erosion, weathering, particle</p>	<p>Statutory Spellings</p> <p>Tier 2 – caught, century, circle, continue, decide, difficult, early, earth, enough</p>
<p>History</p> <p>We are having a rest from this subject this half term.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>Tier 2 – protected, endangered, extinct, intense, average</p> <p>Tier 3 - United States of America (USA), time zones, standard of living, peninsula, life expectancy, land mass, Alaska, Iberian, South India, Arabian, Korean, Cape Canaveral, French Guiana, Line of latitude, hurricane, Russian everglades, Greenwich Meridian</p>	<p>Art</p> <p>We are having a rest from this subject this half term.</p>	<p>Design and Technology</p> <p>Tier 2 - fasteners, fabrics, durable, chalk, alter</p> <p>Tier 3 - reverse side, mock-up, eye (Needle), running stitch, over stitch, compartments, seam</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>Tier 2 –</p> <p>Tier 3 - phishing, password, privacy settings</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> <p>Tier 2 –</p> <p>Tier 3 - Trinity, Holy Spirit, prophets, prophecies, The Fall, Salvation, Resurrection, grace, fellowship</p>	<p>Physical Education</p> <p>Tier 2 – contrast, patch, flow, match, extend, feedback</p> <p>Tier 3 – tension, extend, landing position, point, take off, canon, formation</p>	<p>Personal, social, health, economic</p> <p>Tier 2 –</p> <p>Tier 3 – penis, testicles, vagina, vulva, anus</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Tier 2 –</p> <p>Tier 3 - melodic pattern, repeated rhythm</p>	<p>Modern Foreign Languages</p> <p>Tier 3 – rouge, bleu, jaune, vert, orange, un cercle, un triangle, un carré, un rectangle, grand, petit, c'est</p>



Year 3 Spring 1 Vocabulary				
<p>Reading</p> <p>Tier 2 – lumbered, emerged, jostled, loomed, colossal, vicious, indignantly, scoff, yodelled, quiver, formation, vigorously, exchanged, astonished, dimly, momentous, monstrous, grotesque, casket, inlaid, gingerly, surge, exquisite, clattered, pursuer, trembling, bounding, bulged, flared, lolled, ascent, heist, embraced, hovering, fiasco, consumed</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Tier 2 –</p> <p>Tier 3 - millimetre, kilometre, perimeter</p>	<p>Grammar</p> <p>Tier 2 – word families</p> <p>Tier 3 - present perfect, paragraphs, simple past, subordinating conjunctions, pronouns</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>Tier 2 – contact, attracted</p> <p>Tier 3 - forces, motion, gravity, magnet, magnetic, non-magnetic, repulsion, repel, poles</p>	<p>Statutory Spellings</p> <p>Tier 2 – exercise, extreme, famous, February, forward, fruit, group, guide, heart</p>
<p>History</p> <p>Tier 2 – deduce, interpretation, reliable, organs</p> <p>Tier 3 – Ancient Egypt, civilisation, BC, Nile Valley, AD, hieroglyphics, papyrus, sphinx, sarcophagus, mummies and pharaohs, pyramids, tombs, Valley of the Kings, cultural significance, slave, carpenter, stone mason, King Tutankhamun, archaeologists, chariot, burial mask, Anubis, canopic jars, afterlife, society, hierarchy</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>We are having a rest from this subject this half term.</p>	<p>Art</p> <p>Tier 2 – distinctive, iconic, sketching, vertically, replicate</p> <p>Tier 3 – base, handle, secure, circular, coils, ceramicist, pottery</p>	<p>Design and Technology</p> <p>We are having a rest from this subject this half term.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>Tier 2 – execute (run), organise, motion, note</p> <p>Tier 3 – condition-controlled, loop, programming, blocks, commands, code, chord, algorithm</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> <p>Tier 2 –</p> <p>Tier 3 – Five Pillars, Hajib, Ibadah, Madrasa</p>	<p>Physical Education</p> <p>Tier 2 – receiver</p> <p>Tier 3 - opposition, intercept, court, umpire</p>	<p>Personal, social, health, economic</p> <p>Tier 2 – borrowing, stealing, grief, confusion</p> <p>Tier 3 – consequence, irresponsible, responsible</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Tier 2 –</p> <p>Tier 3 - co-ordinated, crotchet, key change, major key, minim, minor key, tension</p>	<p>Modern Foreign Languages</p> <p>Tier 3 – un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq, six, sept, huit, neuf, dix, onze, douze</p>



Year 3 Spring 2 Vocabulary

Reading	Maths	Grammar	Science	Statutory Spellings
Tier 2 – bleak, initiation, groaned, admittedly, ancient, solemnly, courage, scenic, centuries, manoeuvred, taunting, sneered, ominous, stealthily, squirm, frantically, magnificent, monstrous, gesturing, uncivilised, viciously, advanced, menacingly, solemn, reluctance, glinting, vicious, obscene, observant, amateur, plaintive, relieved, extended, contentedly, bustling, guffawing, sweltering, assembled, presumed, tremendous, disapproval, ghastly, peril, ravenous, devoured, amoral, encircling, plumes, murmured	Tier 2 – capacity Tier 3 – vinculum, tenths	Tier 2 – word families Tier 3 - present perfect, paragraphs, simple past, subordinating conjunctions, pronouns	Tier 2 – Tier 3 - movement, reproduction, sensitivity, nutrition, excretion, respiration, growth, arachnids, species, classification, classify	Tier 2 – imagine, important, learn, length, library, minute, natural, naughty, notice, occasion
History	Geography	Art	Design and Technology	Computing
We are having a rest from this subject this half term.	Tier 2 – distribution, evaporated, humid, inhabited Tier 3 - temperate climate, prevailing winds, Tropics of Capricorn, Tropics of Cancer, Northern hemisphere, Southern hemisphere, biomes, tropical rainforest biome, Amazon, mountain range, Arica, Atacama Desert, Andes, non-polar region	We are having a rest from this subject this half term.	Tier 2 – pressure, annotate, reinforce, evaluate Tier 3 - valve, pneumatic systems, syringe	Tier 2 – logic, resize, pen up, set up, design, action Tier 3 – extension, block, debugging
Religious Education	Physical Education	Personal, social, health, economic	Music	Modern Foreign Languages
Tier 2 – Tier 3 – Holy week	Tier 2 – grip Tier 3 – run out, strike, caught out, no ball, short barrier, wicket	Tier 2 – report, respond Tier 3 – ChildLine, chatroom	Tier 2 – control Tier 3 - crescendo, fluency, folk, music, grid notation, harmony, layered melodies, musical, terminology, octaves, pentatonic melody, pentatonic scale, phrases, scale	Tier 3 – un crayon, un taille, crayon, un stylo, un cahier, un sac, une règle, une gomme, une trousse, des ciseaux, j'ai, je n'ai pas, tu as...?



Year 3 Summer 1 Vocabulary

Reading	Maths	Grammar	Science	Statutory Spellings
Tier 2 – ancestor, mightiest, generations, dozing, stealthy, glinting, bristled, snarled, regain, squared, raging, intently, rippling, racking, tremors, lurched, treacherous, staggered, peered, relentless, disgrace, slunk, swarm, bitterly, desolate, potent, barren, emerged, adjusted, tension, probed, sensation, prowling, territory, contempt, reeled, brawny, faintest, scurried, reluctantly, clacked, instincts, captivated, enthralled, triumph, sneered, scornful, agile, intoxicating, avenge, gravelly, marvelled, ferocious, cowered	Tier 2 – duration, digital, leap year Tier 3 - analogue, 12-hour clock, 24-hour clock	Tier 2 – expansion, express time/manner /place, effect, terminology Tier 3 – prepositions, time adverbs	Tier 2 – transport Tier 3 -	Tier 2 – opposite, popular, position, possess, possible, potatoes, pressure, promise, quarter
History	Geography	Art	Design and Technology	Computing
Tier 2 – extracts, government, mandatory, replaced, decent, invention Tier 3 - Sunday school, punishment, mill, agriculture, quarries, Joseph Locke, freight	We are having a rest from this subject this half term.	Tier 2 – observation, comparison, photography, environment Tier 3 - tone, composition, landscape, layer/layering, watercolour, faint	We are having a rest from this subject this half term.	Tier 2 – text, template, content, copy, paste, purpose Tier 3 – font, font style
Religious Education	Physical Education	Personal, social, health, economic	Music	Modern Foreign Languages
Tier 2 – Tier 3 – Rita	Tier 2 – react, co-operation, event, strength, speed Tier 3 - backhand, forehand, rally, baton	Tier 2 – re-use, reduce, recycle Tier 3 – carbon footprint, carbon dioxide, global warming	Tier 2 – Tier 3 - traditional jazz, jazz, off-beat, ragtime, scat, singing, straight quaver, strung quaver, swung rhythm, swing music, syncopated rhythm, syncopation	Tier 3 – un ferry, un train, un autobus, un ballon, un hélicoptère, un vélo, un sous-marin, un avion, une voiture, un bateau, à pied, je vais



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Reading	Maths	Grammar	Science	Statutory Spellings
Tier 2 – brink, toppling, snag, craned, unfurled, jolt, sagging, jagged, groping, writhing, wizened, limply, billowed, ponderous, ragged	Tier 2 – horizontal, vertical, diagonal Tier 3 – polygon, right-angle triangle, heptagon, quadrilateral, acute angle, obtuse angle, perpendicular, parallel, net, axis, bar chart	Tier 2 – expansion, express time/manner /place, effect, terminology Tier 3 – prepositions, time adverbs	Tier 2 – Tier 3 - botanist, petals, stamen, stigma, style, anther, fertilisation, ovary, carpel, ovule, pod, seed head	Tier 2 – question, regular, remember, sentence, straight, strange, strength, thought, woman, women
History	Geography	Art	Design and Technology	Computing
We are having a rest from this subject this half term.	Tier 2 – advantages, disadvantages, impact, satellites, negative Tier 3 - transport links, South Yorkshire, environmental quality, noise pollution, open space, global scale, global environment	We are having a rest from this subject this half term.	Tier 2 – distribute, preferences, stand, finishing, angle, Seasonality, transport, core, combine Tier 3 - set square, cardboard corners, bench vice, groove, backing board, swiss clip/swivel clip, standard sizes, sweeten, sift, environmental impact	Tier 2 – website, device, input, process, output, digital, non-digital, connection Tier 3 – computer network, computer system, network server, network cables, network sockets, router
Religious Education	Physical Education	Personal, social, health, economic	Music	Modern Foreign Languages
Tier 2 – Tier 3 - Waheguru	Tier 2 – Tier 3 –	Tier 2 – distraction Tier 3 – potential, declaration, hoax	Tier 2 – Tier 3 - Bollywood, drone, harmonium, Indian flute, rag, sarangi, sitar, tabla, tala	Tier 3 – un éléphant, un lion, un lapin, un loup, un oiseau, un poisson, un serpent, un singe, un ver, une grenouille, une tortue, une girafe