

## Non - Fiction Text Studies at Newlyn School - OVERVIEW

#### Intent:

- Reason text was chosen
- Link to topic/experiences
- Context of text
- Increased familiarity with a range of text types.
- Pupils read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes.

### Implementation:

- Vocabulary: Higher level vocabulary related to nonfiction texts.
- Vipers and NC: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval, Summarising
- Key features of a nonfiction text

### Impact:

- Pupil voice- passion for the text. Are the children able to discuss the text?
- Pupils effectively use a non-fiction text e.g. for research.
- Pupils have greater understanding of technical language and features of non-fiction text.
- Pupils able to identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of texts.
- Impact on writing non-fiction texts.
- Comprehension activities
- Termly test results

# What does a Non-fiction book studies session look like at Newlyn School?

## **Termly expectations:**

- 1 x Novel Studies (at least half a term for studying the novel then book read as class reader if not completed)
- Non-fiction studies (2- 3 weeks and non-fiction texts referred to across the curriculum e.g. research in English, Science, Geography and History)
- Poetry studies (2 3 weeks)

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## Weekly expectations (when a non-fiction text focus):

- Daily sessions
- Daily Session sequence followed
- Varied Main focus throughout the week specifically tailored to non-fiction text types.

All relevant VIPERS covered by end of unit.

## **Non-fiction book studies Session Sequence**

1. Starter:





**Recap** CONTEXT of the non-fiction text.

**Recall** and review previous reading – Quick fire questions.

**Review** key vocabulary from last session.

**Review** key features studied last session.

2. Session Focus:

## Set **Learning objective** for the session:

- based on the focus on the non-fiction text. (year group specific / linked to Newlyn School reading curriculum)

**V** – vocabulary **I** – Inference **P** – predictions **E** – explanation **R** – Retrieval **S** – summarise.

**Non-fiction text features**: Heading, sub-headings, contents, glossary, index, diagrams, photographs and illustrations, captions and labels, use of bold text.

3. Whole class reading:







## Throughout whole class reading session:

- Teacher reads to model prosody.
- Individuals read to whole class (record readers in diaries and class list)
- Children read independently

### While reading:

• Children **respond** to text – Session Learning Objective

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### Inference:

- What does that sentence imply about the person/topic/event?
- What can you infer from the photographs that have been included?
- How do you know that ...? Explain your answer.
- Which words give you the impression that ...?

**Vocabulary Check**: Children / adult notes down any new, unknown words and discuss the meaning of them in context.

- Which word in this section do you think is the most important? Why?
- Which words do you think should have been included in a glossary? Why?
- Write a definition of the word ...
- Look at that sentence/section and circle the word/phrase that means the same as

### Explain:

- Look at the section called ... Why has this section been included?
- How does the layout of the text help the reader to ...?
- When might someone choose to use this text?
- How do ... and ... differ?
- 4. Retrieval / Vocabulary Check:

Quick Fire **Retrieval** - answer questions and retrieve/ record information about what has just been read.

- •What is this information text about?
- What is the main idea of the text?
- Give five facts from the text and explain how you know they are facts.
- From whose perspective is this text written? Give evidence to show how you know.

**Vocabulary Check** - discuss the meanings of words in context (These may have already been discussed in whole class reading)

5. Summarise / Predict





- Summarise the main ideas of the text in a logical order.
- Explain the author's main argument using 15 words or fewer.
- Write three sentences to sum up the first section of the text.
- In light of what you've read, write a new blurb for this book.

**Predict** what might happen next in the text from the details given and implied.

- If we were to add another step to the method, what would it be?
- Predict what the article/section/entry might be about based on its headline/title/sub-heading.
- Based on the front cover of this book, what sections would you expect to find in it?