



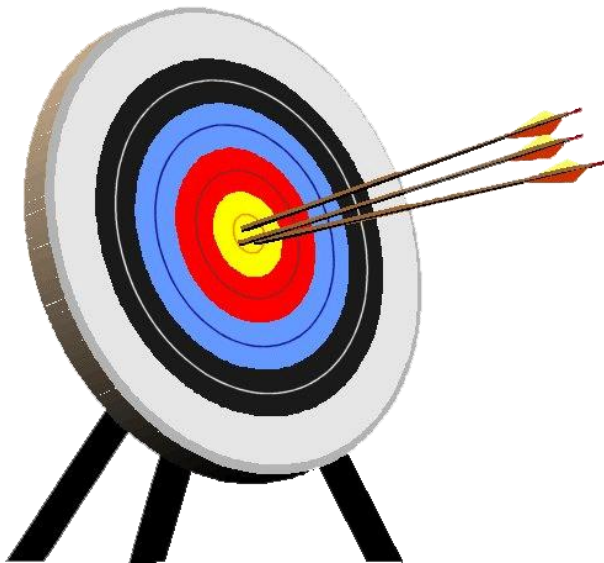
## Reading

Fiction reading remains important in upper Key Stage Two and reading a range of fiction genres should be encouraged. As children become more competent readers, they may want to read on their own. This is fine, but asking questions about what they have read will help with comprehension. Help your child make predictions and think about inferred meanings. Discuss the author's intentions / beliefs with your child, for example- What does the language they use tell you about what they believe; How are they trying to make the reader feel?

It is vital that the children are involved in reading non-fiction texts too. Older children are being asked to write in many different forms and the greater their knowledge of different text types, the greater their ability to write in that form. Share leaflets, mail shots, magazine articles and formal letters (if appropriate) with them. Explain and share information about structure, layout and use of language with your child.

# **Literacy in Year Six**

**Ways to Support Your Child  
and  
Termly Targets**

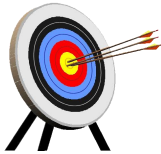




## Termly Targets

At Milton we are focusing on improving our writing.

In Year Six the children will be progressing through the targets below.



1. I can use descriptive words in each piece of writing.
2. I can use a range of vocabulary to make my writing interesting.
3. I can use a range of precise vocabulary and a variety of sentence structures.
4. I can use vocabulary and sentence structures effectively within the writing style to maintain it's purpose.

## Ways to Help at Home



### Writing

Encourage your child to write whenever possible. This can be anything where they have the opportunity to write in different forms, particularly non-fiction forms. For example, writing a set of directions for a destination, a report on how to look after a family pet, an explanation text on how a musical instrument works, an entry about a hotel or holiday destination or a journalistic report about a sport in which they are involved.

In school spelling investigations are used to explore common patterns and rules. Word games such as Scrabble and Boggle will help their spelling as well as give them an opportunity to think about common spelling patterns and rules. Completing easy crosswords also rely on a good knowledge of spelling patterns.



### Speaking and Listening

Encourage your child to be analytical of language they hear on television, is it formal or informal, is it persuasive? How can you tell? Games such as Articulate are good for increasing vocabulary.