

Knowledge Organiser

Year Group	Subject	Topic
3	English	Clean up

The Big Picture

In this unit, pupils will explore the text *Clean Up!* and learn how authors create exciting narratives with clear story structures, detailed character descriptions and engaging dialogue. Pupils will imitate and innovate the story before writing their own sequel. They will also explore lyric poetry linked to caring for the environment and develop their understanding of speech, paragraphs and descriptive language.

Enquiry Question

Narrative Writing

- What are the features of a good story?
- How can I describe a character effectively?
- How can I use dialogue in my writing?
- How can I create an exciting sequel?
- How can I improve my writing through editing?

Poetry

- What are the features of a lyric poem?
- How do poets express emotions and feelings?
- How can poetry encourage people to care for the environment?

Narrative - A story.

Character - A person or animal in a story.

Setting - Where a story takes place.

Plot - The events in a story.

Dialogue - Speech between characters.

Pollution - Harmful waste in the environment.

Recycling - Turning waste into new materials.

Environment - The natural world around us.

Social Action - Taking action to help others or improve something.

Sequel - A story that continues after the original story.

Simile - A comparison using like or as.

Adverb - A word that describes an action.

Conjunction - A word that joins ideas together.

Preposition - A word showing position.

Lyric Poem - A poem that expresses thoughts and feelings.

What I Need to Remember

- ★ Every story has a beginning, build-up, problem, resolution and ending.
- ★ Dialogue uses inverted commas.
- ★ Expanded noun phrases make writing more detailed.
- ★ Similes create strong images for the reader.
- ★ Adverbs and conjunctions improve sentence structure.
- ★ Lyric poems express feelings and emotions.
- ★ Writers plan, draft, edit and improve their work.
- ★ Stories can inspire people to care for the environment.

Sticky Knowledge

- 🌍 *Clean Up!* teaches us about protecting the environment.
- 📖 Good stories have a clear structure.
- 💬 Dialogue helps bring characters to life.
- 🔗 Similes and expanded noun phrases add detail.
- ♻️ Small actions can make a big difference to our planet.
- 🗣️ Poetry can communicate powerful messages and emotions.

CLEAN UP! – CORE KNOWLEDGE



1. STORY STRUCTURE

Every narrative has:

	BEGINNING Introduces characters and setting. Explains where and when the story takes place.	
	BUILD-UP Events begin to happen. Tension and excitement increase.	
	PROBLEM A challenge occurs. Characters must respond.	
	RESOLUTION The problem is solved. The story concludes.	
	ENDING The story finishes. The reader learns what happens next.	

2. CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

Good character descriptions tell the reader:

- ★ What a character looks like.
- ★ How a character behaves.
- ★ How a character feels.
- ★ What makes a character unique.

EXAMPLE:

Rocket was a caring and determined girl who loved helping animals.



3. DIALOGUE

Dialogue is spoken conversation between characters.

EXAMPLE:

"We need to help the turtle," said Rocket.

Dialogue helps:

- ✓ Develop characters
- ✓ Show feelings
- ✓ Move the story forward



5. SIMILES

Similes compare one thing to another using like or as.

Examples:

- as bright as the sun
- like a sparkling diamond



9. POETRY – LYRIC POEMS

Lyric poems express:



Lyric poems often include:

- Repetition
- Rhyme
- Imagery
- Powerful vocabulary

6. CONJUNCTIONS

Conjunctions join ideas together.

Examples:

- and
- but
- because
- so
- when
- therefore

EXAMPLE:

Rocket felt worried **because** the turtle was trapped.



7. ADVERBS

Adverbs add detail and help link ideas.

Examples:

- suddenly
- carefully
- quickly
- nervously
- later

EXAMPLE:

Carefully, Rocket untangled the plastic.



8. DIRECT SPEECH

Direct speech shows exactly what a character says.

EXAMPLE:

"I will help you," said Rocket.

REMEMBER:

- ✓ Use inverted commas (" ").
- ✓ Begin speech with a capital letter.
- ✓ End speech with correct punctuation.

ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES

-  Recycling
-  Pollution
-  Protecting wildlife
-  Caring for the environment
-  Reducing litter