

## **DARK BLUE**

Dark Blue books provide a selection of stories and non-fiction books, including a range of content, narrative styles and points of view. This level encourages readers to form opinions and discuss their own reading tastes. These books will have more complex text features, such as an overarching plot and deeper structures of character relationships and themes.

### **PUPIL TARGETS**



- Understand how the use of chapters and paragraphs are used to build up ideas
- Compare and discuss the work of an author whilst discussing the positives and negatives of a book
- Read more elaborate descriptive vocabulary
- Challenge themselves when reading and learn new things from texts
- Observe and explain the purpose, audience and viewpoints of different texts

### **How to support your child with Dark Blue level books**

Books at Dark Blue level are more complex which means that it is important that the reader is conscious of the structure, language and vocabulary the writer is using. Although your child should enjoy them, the books will provide a challenge and need the reader to be alert and willing to learn. You can support them by:

- Continuing to make a time available for regular quiet reading sessions, and reading your book while your child reads.
- Sometimes asking them to choose a part of the text to read aloud, showing their understanding by using expression, tone and pace.
- Before a reading session, asking your child to find and note down some particular information. It could relate to the plot or it could be something like: a really good descriptive passage; three words which are adventurous; two words you want to use in your next piece of writing; an example of something typical a character does or says; how one character's reaction to another shows their relationship ... These types of questions don't mean you have to read the book yourself, but they help to alert your child to its possibilities. Don't forget to discuss what they found!