KS3 English -Discussion texts - Climate Change

Subject curriculum intent:	Students should use speaking and listening skills to discuss the key facts and elements of the text; and to use role play / hot seating to quiz the expert. Students should use reading skills to identify features that writers use to provoke readers' reactions (language and structure, e.g. descriptive language). Students should use writing skills to create and shape their own texts, to write texts linked to a theme; to organise information following a n information or discussion structures; and to develop understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar. Reasoning - Children will explain facts about different subjects and identify differences and similarities Evaluation - Children will express their own views and preferences against agreed criteria to evaluate their own work and the work of others. Empathy - Writing, reading and listening to stories will help children to understand what others might be thinking or feeling in a particular situation. Social skills - When working collaboratively, children will listen to and respect other people's ideas. They will undertake a variety of roles in group contexts. Communication - Children will develop their ability to discuss as they work collaboratively in paired, group and whole-class contexts. They will communicate outcomes orally, in writing and through ICT when appropriate
Intent for this topic:	Students will revisit and build upon skills and knowledge developed in studying non fiction texts in previous years. In this unit pupils will learn how to write discussion texts. They will develop or build upon their understanding of the difference between fiction and non fiction texts. They will look at discussion texts on hot topics and learn to write one on subjects that they learn about this half term. Students will use this knowledge to develop appropriate skills to think and reflect and communicate ideas in their reading, watching and listening and produce texts that inform and engage the reader. Students will learn how to plan, write, edit and proofread their own information or discussion text related to climate change. Key Features of Text Type Audience Someone interested or involved in the topic under discussion Purpose To present a reasoned and balanced view of an issue Structure Opening/Intro, stating what is being discussed and why; chunks of info in logical order (one side of argument then other side or both side of each point) poss incl. subheadings, images etc; paragraphs with topic sentence headings; ending incl wow fact. Language Features Sentence signposts to guide reader through the discussion e.g. the first reason, on one hand, on the other hand, many people believe In conclusion, Looking at both sides subj specific / technical vocabulary; third person and generally present tense; formal; detail and description. Suggested Texts: Usborne Climate Change for Beginners, Planet rescue by Patrick George
Key vocabulary taught within this topic:	Vocabulary revisited: Non -fiction, information, introduction, conclusion, hook, describe, setting, verb, adverb, adjective, simile, noun, pronoun, dialogue, language, structure Topic specific vocabulary: Additionally, furthermore, also, moreover, however, on the other hand, sequence, Generalisers - most, many, all, a few, the vast majority, usually, occasionally Adverbs - amazingly, intriguingly, surprisingly, interestingly Comparisons - is similar to, unlike, identical to, related to, in the same way
Links to other subjects:	History -Changing landscapes Science- Living things and their environments Geography - Extreme weather Drama - Role play and hot seating activities PSHE - The United Convention on the rights of the world - realising rights ICT - Researching information about topics, drafting, editing and presenting written work. British values / Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development RRS Articles: This unit of work is linked to Articles 17 & 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Article 17 Children have the right to reliable information from the media. Mass media such as television, radio and newspapers should provide information that children can understand and should not promote materials that could harm children. Article 24 Childreen have the right to good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that they will stay healthy. Richer countries will help poorer countries achieve this.

Wks	Stage of Talk for Writing Approach	Aim	Main activity
Wks 1-2	Immersion & imitation	Students learn and internalise model text. Students identify transferable ideas and structures	Cold Task / Have a Go Task on a familiar subject Use an interesting stimulus/ starting point with minimal teaching and students to write an discussion or informal text on a climate related issue Immersion - explore a range of information tand discussion texts Tuning into the subject - identify technical language and definitions - matching games Signposts & generalisers - join two short sentences with different conjunctions, add on extra facts using additionally, moreover, furthermore etc, select the correct generaliser the majority, most, some etc Power of 3 - use 3 phrases or words to describe. Role play - interview an expert on chosen subject Introduce model information text- story map and learn text. Box up model text, sequence the textIntro /what it is - hook in the reader - power of 3 -Sequence information what it is, why it is a problem and what we can do to help. Link info together, language of comparison, language of description -Conclusion/important fact/ warning Use Narrative Therapy & Colourful Semantics to learn model text
Wks 3-4	Innovation	Students use ideas and structures Students co-construct new versions of original text with support	Students identify and arrange key features of an information or discussion text Students explore structure of an information or discussion text Use word bank and structure of original text Use mind map to generate and record different ideas. Box up text - Intro / what it is, why it is a problem and what we can do to help Conclusion/important or amazing fact/ warning Students begin to describe new problems and solutions Use Narrative Therapy & Colourful Semantics to revise model text Play alternative word games eg big - large, huge, enormous etc Shared writing to improve text Use Narrative Therapy & Colourful Semantics to innovate model text
Wks 5-6	Invention / Independent application	Students create original texts as independently as possible	Students use structure of an information or discussion text Use word bank and structure of original text Use mind map to generate and record different ideas. Students plan, review, edit and revise their writing Box up text - Intro / what it is, why it is a problem and what we can do to help, Conclusion/important or amazing fact/ warning Students to plan information, present it logically and box it up Students to hook the reader with interesting fact Students to use topic sentences with headers to guide reader, linking information Students use generalisers and language of comparison. Students vary sentence length for emphasis. Students use technical language and descriptive language Use Narrative Therapy & Colourful Semantics to create new text Hot Task / Show us what you have learnt - An independent task on a similar type of writing Use Narrative Therapy & Colourful Semantics to plan new text

	B2 P4-6	B2 P7-8	B2 Step 1	B2 Step 2	B2 Step 3		
Key Learning Theme: Information / Discussion Texts							
Speaking and Listening Subject specific knowledge How to communicate ideas effectively. How to respond to others appropriately.	Students know some key ideas and concepts used to communicate information. Students know the key element in questions about an information text e.g. 'What is the text about?' Students know how to respond to requests and instructions containing at least two key words, signs or symbols. Students know how to initiate and maintain short and simple conversations about a subject. Students know how to take turns and to listen to others in conversations and in role play. Students know how to repeat, copy and imitate between 10 and 50 single words. Students know at least 50 words, including the names of familiar objects.	Students know up to four key words, signs or symbols to communicate key information. Students know that events and experiences happen in the present, past and future. Students know the importance of turn-taking, listening to /watching others and how to speak/ act in role play with confidence. Students know conjunctions that communicate cause to link ideas e.g. because & so. Students know how to form regular plurals.	Students know the key vocabulary to share information about a specific subject. Students know the vocabulary to talk about a specific subject e.g. climate change Students know how to gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener when retelling a story. Students know how to add detail to extend their ideas.	Students know a range of descriptive words that can be used to add detail and interest. Students know how to complete the last phrase of a. key sentence. Students know the main elements of an information or discussion text. Students know that information or discussion texts have different sections. Students know an expanding vocabulary.	Students know the main themes of non fiction texts. Students know some of the differences between written and spoken English and are beginning to be aware when Standard English is used .		
Speaking and Listening Subject specific skills How to communicate ideas effectively. How to respond to others	Students are able to respond appropriately to questions about familiar or immediate events or experiences. Students are able to combine two key ideas and concepts. They are able to combine single words, signs or symbols to communicate	Students are able to initiate and maintain short conversations. Students are able to use phrases with up to three key words, signs or symbols to communicate. Students are able to attend	Students are able to use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events. Students are able to extend their vocabulary, exploring the meanings and sounds of new words	Students are able to explain ideas and processes using imaginative, technical and adventurous vocabulary and non-verbal gestures to support communication. Students are able to listen to others' recounts of their experiences, responding	Students are able to explain a process or sequence of events, ensuring that items are clearly sequenced, relevant details are included and accounts are ended effectively. Students are able to recount an event in the past		
appropriately.	meaning and create desired impact on listeners.	to and respond to questions from adults and their peers	Students are able to interpret a text by reading	appropriately.	which has been notable.		

Students are able to respond appropriately to questions about a specific subject

Students are able to follow requests and instructions containing at least two key words, signs or symbols.

Students are able to initiate and maintain short and simple conversations about specific subjects and experiences e.g. experiencing a thunderstorm etc

Students are able to take turns and to listen to others in conversations about a specific subject or experience.

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Students are able to communicate ideas about present, past and future events and experiences, using simple phrases and statements.

Students are able to link ideas using conjunctions that communicate cause e.g. because & so.

Students are able to use regular plurals correctly.

Students are able to take part in role play with confidence.

Students are able to link up to four key words, signs or symbols to communicate about specific subjects and experiences in a group or one-to-one.

Students are able to select and use specific vocabulary related to a chose subject to convey desired meaning to the listener.

Students are able to take turns, listen and watch others and speak/ act in role play with confidence.

aloud with some variety in pace and emphasis

Students are able to select a range of vocabulary to share information on a specific subject in their own words.

Students are able to talk about matters of immediate interest relating to a specific subject e.g. the weather, extreme heat etc.

Students are able to convey simple meanings to a range of listeners, speaking audibly, and begin to extend their ideas and descriptions to provide some detail e.g. about the specific location or appearance of volcanoes

<u>Students are able to</u> listen to and follow what others say and usually respond appropriately.

<u>Students are able to</u> effectively convey meaning by gaining, maintaining and monitoring the interest of the listener.

Students are able to speak clearly and audibly to convey meaning to a range of listeners.

<u>Students are able to</u> talk to another person about a non-fiction topic.

<u>Students are able to</u> tell main facts to others in a group

Students are able to vary volume, change tone or accent to maintain engagement of the audience when sharing information.

Students are able to begin to show confidence in talking and listening, discussing facts, preferences and opinions.

Students are able to work constructively with others and respond to a peer's contribution in discussing or planning an information text

<u>Students are able to</u> speak clearly and use an expanding bank of vocabulary.

Students are able to retell the key elements from an information or discussion text..

<u>Students are able to</u> retell an event in an engaging and confident way.

Students are able to use talk to organise roles and action.

Students are able to actively include and respond to all members of the group.

Students are able to develop ideas through discussion with a group, responding to what they have read/heard with others and listening to the opinions of others.

Students are able to listen and respond by communicating ideas, expressing themselves confidently.

Students are able to use relevant comments and questions to show they have listened to or read a text carefully.

Students are able to face the camera or audience, keep head raised, use facial expressions and appropriate gestures when sharing a text with others.

<u>Students are able to</u> take an active role in role play.

Suggested teaching activities How should I teach this?

Spoken language/ speaking and listening.

- Hot seat experts on a subject
- Role play experiencing extreme weather events
 - Work collaboratively
 - > Create short news clips or National Geographic style broadcasts
 - > Perform and peer assess

Soundscape - Use ICT skills to create a poster re the dangers of climate change

How to communicate ideas								
effectively.								
How to respond to others								
appropriately.								
	<u>B2 P4-6</u>	<u>B2 P7-8</u>	B2 Step 1	B2 Step 2	B2 Step 3			
Key Learning Theme: Info	Key Learning Theme: Information Texts							
Reading	Students know a few words,	Students know some key	Students know some familiar	Students know a range of	Students know the key			
	symbols or pictures about a	elements of a non fiction	words in a non fiction text	punctuation e.g. full stops,	themes and features of a			
Subject specific	specific subject that have	text e.g. when the adult		commas, question and	non-fiction text.			
knowledge	become familiar to them.	stops reading, students fill in	Students know that	exclamation marks, inverted	Ch. L. Ashi			
Knowledge	Students know some objects	the missing word.	information texts are non- fiction and the different	commas etc	Students know some conventions of information			
NATIONAL STATES	and their pictorial or	Students know the	purposes for reading them.	Students know how a	texts.			
What do pupils need to	symbolic representations.	difference between print or	parposes for reading mem.	discussion or information	TOXIS.			
know?	, '	symbols and pictures in an	With some support, students	text is set out.	Students know the basic			
	<u>Students know</u> how to	information text.	know graphemes and their		structure of information			
How to infer.	express their curiosity about		corresponding phoneme.	Students know new	texts.			
How to understand how	specific subjects at a simple	Students know the	Maria a company and a company	vocabulary related to the	Ch. Ladada a la da a a a			
language is used.	level.	difference between main text and headings and	With some support, students know some common exception	new topic.	Students know how to group items into paragraphs,.			
How to understand how	Students know a small	captions in an information	words.	Students know that they can	Trems into paragraphs,.			
structure is used	number of words or symbols	text.	wer as.	use a dictionary to check	Students know when the			
How to compare.	linked to the vocabulary of		Students know the	spelling or meaning of a	text isn't making sense			
Tiow to compare.	information texts / specific	Students know the	vocabulary needed to	word.				
	subjects.	conventions of reading e.g	express what they find		Students know that words			
	Church land and land	that texts flow from left to	interesting when reading a	Students know the position	are listed in a dictionary in			
	Students know some letters and short words related to a	right and from top to bottom	non-fiction text.	of a letter in alphabet i.e. beginning, middle or end.	alphabetical order			
	specific subject.	Students know that the text	Students know how to	beginning, madie or end.	Students know different			
	5 P - 1 P - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2	under a photo, picture or	identify full stops and other	Students know how words	types of punctuation used in			
		diagram is an explanation /	forms of punctuation in an	are organised in a dictionary.	non-fiction texts.			
		caption relating to the image.	information text.					
		Ct 1.1.1. F0% (1)	Ch. Landa and the same	Students know how to tackle	Students know and read high			
		Students know 50% of the letters of the alphabet by	Students know an increasing number of familiar high	unfamiliar words that are not completely decodable.	and medium frequency words independently and			
		shape, name or sound.	frequency words.	not completely decodable.	automatically.			
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Reading	Students are able to listen	Students are able to join in a	Students are able to find	Students are able to explain	Students are able to			
	and respond to familiar	discussion about a non-	specific information in simple	organisational features of	identify how different non-			
Subject specific skills	texts about specific	fiction text / specific	texts, eg what it is about,	texts, including alphabetical	fiction texts are organized,			
	subjects.	subject.	where, when	order, layout, diagrams, captions, hyperlinks and	including reference texts, magazines and leaflets, on			
What do pupils need to be	Students are able to look at	Students are able to	Students are able to	bullet points.	paper and on screen.			
able to do?	non-fiction texts about	sequence 3 pictures and use	recognise the main elements					
uble 10 dur	specific subjects that they	them to re-tell information	that shape a non-fiction	Students are able to explain	Students are able to			
Ham to infor	display interest in.	about a specific subject.	text.	their reactions to texts,	identify features that			
How to infer.	Chudanta ana al-la ta usa			commenting on important	writers use to provoke			
How to understand how	Students are able to use a few familiar words, symbols			aspects.	readers' reactions.			
language is used.	16W Tullinui Words, Symbols							

Students are able to show an Students are able to Students are able to identify Students are able to group How to understand how or pictures to derive meaning from an information text. interest in the activity of recognise familiar words one idea per sentence. items into paragraphs,. structure is used used in non-fiction texts. reading an information text. How to compare. Students are able to match Students are able to read Students are able to identify some key features objects to their pictorial or Students are able to apply Students are able to re-tell less common alternative symbolic representations. the conventions of reading, key facts from a non-fiction graphemes including of an information text. following the text left to text to a peer. trigraphs. right, top to bottom and Students are able to ask and Students are able to read, discuss and give their own answer basic two key word page following page. Students are able to use Students are able to show questions about a non-fiction their phonic knowledge to understanding when reading views on a subject within an read words and establish texts that is generally information text. text / specific subject. Students are able to recognise or read an meaning when reading aloud. accurate. Students are able to select increasing repertoire of Students are able to draw familiar words or symbols Students are able to listen inferences on what they and recognise/ read a small With some support, students are able to use their to and read a range of nonhave read/ heard. number of words or symbols related to specific subjects/ knowledge of common linked to the vocabulary a non-fiction text. fiction texts. about a specific subject that exception words to read Students are able to read they are familiar with. words and establish meaning Students are able to texts with fluency and Students are able to display interest in extracting facts when reading aloud. correctly identify how an accuracy. Students are able to match from a non-fiction text. discussion or information letters and short words text is organised, e.g. use of Students are able to select Students are able to related to a specific subject. Students are able to predict the vocabulary needed to capitals and font, compare books / articles on elements of a familiar nonexpress what they find paragraphs, full stops, a similar theme. fiction text e.g. when the interesting when reading a commas, question and reader pauses, students fill non-fiction text. exclamation marks, inverted Students are able to in the missing word. commas, key words etc identify specific vocabulary Students are able to show within a non-fiction text Students are able to extract some awareness of how Students are able to reread that captures the reader's / information from words. different forms of a text when attempting to listener's interest. symbols and pictures that punctuation are used in understand new vocabulary convey meaning within a nonreading. Students are able to fiction text identify the letters in a Students are able to use Students are able to more than one strategy, such word sequentially and find recognise and use alternative as phonic, graphic, syntactic the meaning of an unknown ways of pronouncing and contextual, in reading word using a dictionary. graphemes already taught. unfamiliar words and establishing meaning Students are able to use knowledge of root words, Students are able to read decodable two-syllable and suffixes and prefixes to Students are able to use three-syllable words. knowledge of alphabet to attempt new/longer words. open dictionary in an appropriate place. Students are able to read simple prefixes or suffixes without overt sounding. Read extracts / simplified excerpts and answer comprehension questions (written and verbal) Suggested teaching

activities How should I teach this? Readina

- - > Identify key information / key words
 - > Make inferences and deductions
- Identify key language features of a discussion or information text

How to understand how language is used. How to understand how structure is used. How to compare. Guided reading sessions using information texts						
Subject specific knowledge What do pupils need to know? How to plan a narrative What good looks like: appropriate form, language and structure. How to edit. How to proof read.	familiar spoken words, actions, images or events relating to a specific subject or non-fiction text. Students know how to hold a pen correctly and to follow the lines on the page to trace, overwrite or copy writing patterns. Students know some marks, letters, symbols and photographs to use in a non-fiction text.	text has a beginning, middle and end. Students know to group letters and leaves spaces in their writing to form separate words. Students know how a discussion or information text is arranged on the page, sequencing information from left to right and top to bottom and captions underneath pictures	communicate meaning related to a specific subject. Students know how full stops are used in writing. Students know how to clearly shape and correctly orientate letters. Students know some simple adjectives Students know what key features to include in a discussion or information text.	detail in to enhance their writing. Students know to read through their work to check for appropriate punctuation and vocabulary choices when drafting and writing. Students know when to use capital letters in their writing. Students know how to spell high frequency words that do not conform phonetically. Students know where to place a possessive apostrophe in regular and irregular plurals.	information texts. Students know the terms of grammar -subordinate clause, direct speech/inverted commas, preposition, conjunction, possessive pronoun, determiner, adverbial, vowel consonant Students know the language of punctuation. Students know how to spell high frequency words that do not conform to normal patterns. Students know how to write in a joined up style and whether to use a diagonal; or horizontal join to a letter.	
Writing Subject specific skills What do pupils need to be able to do? How to plan an information text. What good looks like: appropriate form, language and structure.	Students are able to produce marks or symbols associated with familiar spoken words, actions, images or events relating to a specific subject / information text. Students are able to hold a pen correctly and to follow the lines on the page to trace, overwrite or copy shapes and straight line writing patterns.	Students are able to produce or write their name in letters or symbols and Students are able to identify the beginning, middle and end sections of a non-fiction text. Students are able to place pictures in the correct order to recreate a discussion or information text.	Students are able to convey information and ideas in a simple discussion or information text. Students are able to create short simple texts on paper and on screen that combine words with images and sounds. Students are able to use simple words and phrases to	Students are able to recognise the need to identify the "who, where, when, what, how, why" in their planning and writing. Students are able to select appropriate presentational features to create a discussion or information text on paper and on screen. Students are able to draw on knowledge and experience of	Students are able to make decisions about form and purpose, identify success criteria and use them to evaluate their writing. Students are able to write a discussion or information text using appropriate structures. Students are able to select and use a range of technical and descriptive vocabulary.	

> Structure, photo, illustration, picture, hook, introduction, conclusion, heading, caption, similes & metaphors,

How to infer.

	How to proof read.	Students are able to select and use meaningful marks, letters, symbols and photographs to produce an information text. Students are able to copy shapes and letter forms.	Students are able to display knowledge of how a discussion or information text is arranged on the page, e.g. by writing or producing letter sequences going left to right and top to bottom and organising photos and words on a page for their information text. Students are able to group letters and leaves spaces in their writing to form separate words. Students are able to select and link symbols and one or two simple key words to correctly retell facts about a specific subject from memory Students are able to write or produce letter or symbol sequences moving from left to right and make accurate use of upper and lower case letters. Students are able to create a discussion or information text using a range of images and a range of key words.	communicate meaning related to a non-fiction text Students are able to add simple adjectives to writing to enhance detail. Students are able to group written sentences together in chunks of meaning or subject. Students are able to independently choose what to write about, plan and implement it. Students are able to make contributions to class or group discussions when planning a discussion or information text. Students are able to clearly shape and correctly orientate letters. Students are able to show some awareness of how full stops are used in their writing.	texts in deciding and planning what and how to write. Students are able to use planning to establish clear sections for writing Students are able to develop their ideas in a sequence of sentences, sometimes demarcated by capital letters and full stops. Students are able to communicate meaning in their writing, using appropriate and interesting vocabulary. Students are able to use descriptive words and phrases to impact the reader. Students are able to use capital letters correctly. Students are able to use class word bank to check spelling and spell words consistently in their piece of writing. Students are able to usually spell correctly, simple, monosyllabic words and where there are inaccuracies the alternative is phonetically plausible. Students are able to write their ascenders and descenders clearly and consistently.	Students are able to use appropriate layout, format, graphics and illustrations for a discussion or information text. Students are able to group related material into paragraphs. Students are able to know the need to write an introduction at the beginning of the writing, including "who, when, where, what, how, why" Students are able to sequence sentences, extend ideas logically and choose words for variety and interest. Students are able to use a range of punctuation and grammatical devices s: eg fronted adverbials, conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause. Students are able to usually spell words accurately, including common, polysyllabic words. Students are able to accurately use punctuation to mark sentences e.g. full stops, capital letters and question marks. Students are able to write in a mainly joined up style joining letters correctly and legibly.
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Writing How to plan for a narrative text. What good looks like: appropriate form,

language and structure.

Talk for Writing

- Rewriting a text using 'box it up' structure
- Writing own discussion or nformation text using 'box it up' structure
- Vocabulary building
- Use adjectives / describing words
- Create storyboards

Online resources

How to proof read.

How to edit.

What is climate change? - KS2 - The Regenerators - BBC Bitesize Climate change - BBC Teach

Evidencing Work

Photographic & video evidence Talk for writing worksheets Phonics worksheets Guiding reading records