#### Year 8

### Writing Learning Journey

### Outcome: Letter from a character point of view

**Purpose:** inform/explain (empathise with character) Audience: friend/family member of character

Viewpoint: character

Form: letter

#### **Text Driver**

### Rabbit Proof Fence (film)

Empathise with characters, showing understanding of emotions and ideas; linking with contextual understanding

### **Key Writing Statements:**

- Use a range of devices for cohesion within and between paragraphs (including noun-pronoun cohesion, fronted adverbials, time connectives, fronted prepositional phrases, topic sentences, using jigsaw words)
- Experiment with positioning a wide range of clause and phrase structures to achieve deliberate effect
- Use a range of punctuation accurately (focus on commas)
- Express the character's thoughts and feelings about a key event from the film, explaining their motivations for their actions

**Possible Guided Reading Link Texts:** 

### **Overview of Learning Journey**

### Stimulate and generate

### Key Learning:

Participate in discussions about texts that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously

Show understanding and empathise with characters' and writers' feelings that go beyond their own experiences of the world

Build understanding and check the text makes sense by: re-reading; asking questions; discussing understanding; inferring meaning; making predictions and exploring connotations, including how different connotations can co-exist

Explore how the context in which texts are set and read can bias and influence an audience's understanding of its meaning

Track the development of individual characters, ideas and themes through the text, and comment on how they change and develop

# Draw together evidence from a range of places to back up their ideas about explicit and

- Watch and enjoy Rabbit Proof Fence, stopping regularly to discuss and develop understanding of the story, situation and character's feelings
- Activities to capture understanding of text e.g.
  - o timeline
  - annotated map with key events
  - character think bubbles added to images
  - inference sums
  - role on the wall/paper dolls for character tracking
  - making predictions
  - hot seating for characters
  - opinion scales how far do you agree with an evaluative statement about character? Reasoned response explaining why they have come down at this point
  - Venn diagram or table to show the contrasting reactions/emotions of different characters

## Capture, sift and sort

### Craft writing for purpose, audience, form, genre and viewpoint, independently choosing features to influence the reader.

Use a WAGOLL (created by department) that models all of the key features for the written outcome:

paragraphing

Kev Learning:

- cohesive features
- range of sentence openings
- good range of vocabulary to express ideas and emotions

### Use a wide range of devices for cohesion within paragraphs to guide and influence the reader (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials, pronoun control, connective chains, semantic field, noun choices)

Explain Change Create activity on paragraphing and cohesion (modelled, shared, guided, paired, independent according to teacher's judgement of pupils' needs)

- Explain: Give pupils 3 paragraphs from the WAGOLL and they work out the order of the paragraphs, explaining why they have chosen the sequence and how the paragraphs are linked – stick in books and annotate with explanatory notes. Make list of cohesive
- Change: Give 2 paragraphs (paragraphs 4 and 5) that don't have linking features. Pupils add in cohesive features - differentiate by challenge of cohesive features suggested/level of support
- Create: Generate as many examples of each cohesive feature as possible

### Experiment with positioning a wide range of clause and phrase structures to achieve deliberate effect, justifying decisions made.

### Use a full range of punctuation accurately and for impact

Using the WAGOLL, explore the grammar of sentences desired for the final outcome.

- Explain: Sentence unscrambling give phrases from the sentence on strips of card and pupils sequence them so that the sentence makes sense, adding in the punctuation
- Change: Sentence imitation mimic the structure of chosen sentence examples using different vocabulary and create a repertoire of sentence types - 3 different sentences in each structure
- Create: Slow writing using prompts

### Create, refine, evaluate

# Key Learning:

Generate ideas calling on stimuli, including knowledge of texts and experiences of the world, to inspire and inform thinking, synthesising related ideas to include in writing

### Adapt planning, focusing on the purpose of writing, and choosing the most effective method

Choose planning format (differentiate by level of support/direction) e.g. mind map, boxed up plan, flow chart, list of key points etc. as

Pupils plan letter from their character, taking into account

- details about the event and the situation
- emotions and thoughts of the character
- contextual knowledge of society and time reactivate knowledge from previous learning loop about 1930s Australia
- tone and register they would use

Discuss what the character would think and feel, and what needs to be included in the letter. Think about the order that points need to be included.

### Craft writing for purpose, audience, form, genre and viewpoint, independently choosing features to influence the reader.

Pupils write letter from the point of view of chosen character, ensuring as they go that they use the key features explored during capture, sift and sort phase

Throughout the process of writing, re-read aloud and internally to evaluate and edit, assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and proposing changes to enhance effects/impact on the reader and to clarify meaning.

Peer assess – planned activity and resources to support conscious evaluation and feedback – focus on paragraphing, cohesive features and sentence structures

Pupils edit and improve their own writing - proofreading and correction before final draft and publication