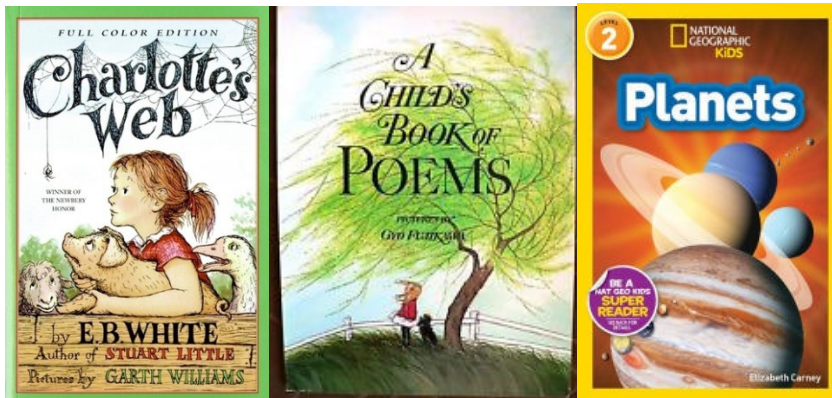


## English tips and hints

- ❖ **Reading a variety of different genres** is imperative and will give pupils a wider knowledge of vocabulary e.g. fiction, non-fiction and poetry books. The 11+ comprehension exercise could focus on a classic or a contemporary passage.



- ❖ An important skill in performing well in comprehension exercises is having a **good understanding of inference**. This can be developed by asking questions about the text your child is reading.
- ❖ Students often enjoy doing a comprehension exercise online. The website below provides age appropriate passages and a series of multiple-choice questions.  
<https://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/courses/elc/studyzone/330/reading/>

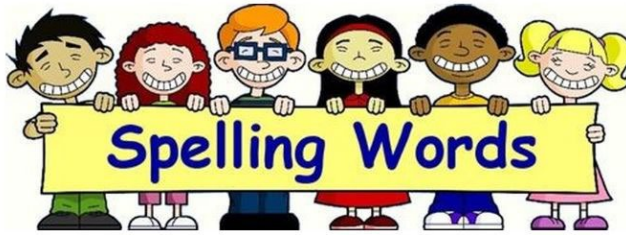


- ❖ Encourage your child to **find clues in the text** to support their reasoning. This helps when answering questions about the extract and will ensure they are verifying their answers. Children need to act like detectives when answering questions!



- ❖ Pupils need to understand different types of **punctuation marks**. A useful website to revise the punctuation marks is:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb>



- ❖ **Spelling sections** are used in the English element of the GL assessment 11+ papers. We have already provided a useful set of **commonly misspelt words** and would suggest testing your child on these. A fantastic interactive website to revise spellings is:

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/spelling-rule/5/Year-5-and-6>

adverb apostrophe clause  
determiner fronted adverbial  
modal verb noun phrase prefix  
present perfect pronoun root  
word sentence subjunctive  
suffix superlative tense verb

- ❖ The pupils will be presented with a grammar exercise in their GL assessment exam. This involves selecting a word from a list that completes the sentence in the best possible way. Having a good grasp of word groups is an important skill. A useful site to help revise this is:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn>



- ❖ **Comprehension cards** are a fantastic resource for practising both fiction and non-fiction comprehensions. Each card contains multiple choice questions on the reverse to help pupils develop their reading skills. Available on Amazon (from years 1 – 7).