

# Oxford Reading Tree, TreeTops and the Curriculum for Excellence

*Oxford Reading Tree* and *TreeTops* provide a wealth of resources that perfectly support the Curriculum for Excellence.

 **Listening and Talking**

 **Reading**

 **Writing**



**NEW!**

## Teacher's Handbook for Scotland

The new *Oxford Reading Tree Teacher's Handbook for Scotland* will be available in August 2008.

- Includes comprehensive weekly plans, teaching sequences and correlation charts to help make your planning easier
- Supports reading success with *Oxford Reading Tree* in your classroom
- Is in line with the Curriculum for Excellence
- Contains advice and guidance on fulfilling all your curriculum objectives (English Language 5-14 and the Curriculum for Excellence)



# Listening and Talking

The Curriculum for Excellence recognises the importance of the role of listening and talking in developing your pupils' early reading skills.

*Oxford Reading Tree* and *TreeTops* have always placed real emphasis on the part listening and talking play, both in early language development and the continued progression of your young readers.

**"I know when and how to listen, when to talk, how much to say, when to ask questions and how to respond."**

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The large, colourful pictures in the **Big Talkabout Cards**, **Sequencing Cards**, and **Extended Stories** and 'discussion pointers' from teaching support resources, encourage children to talk. Children are also encouraged to retell stories with the help of **Big Books**.



**"I enjoy exploring events and characters in stories and other texts and sharing my thoughts in different ways."**

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*Oxford Reading Tree* books both in print and as **audio CDs** are designed to encourage children to enjoy good stories and respond to them.

In addition *Oxford Reading Tree* **MagicPage** enables you to:

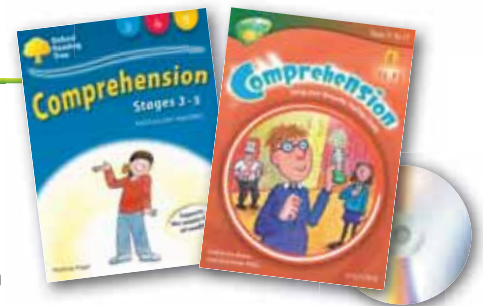
- Share the delight of *Oxford Reading Tree* stories by turning pages on screen like a real book
- Have fun editing on screen and make your own versions of the stories



**"I can show my understanding of what I listen to or watch by responding to literal, inferential, evaluative and other types of questions and by asking different kinds of questions of my own."**

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*Oxford Reading Tree* **Comprehension Photocopy Masters** and *TreeTops* **Comprehension** offer, through CD-ROMs and pupils' books, a wonderful resource to enable your pupils to develop their comprehension skills.



**I can recognise how the features of spoken language can help in communication and I can use what I learn."**

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*TreeTops* **Playscripts** offer a great opportunity for your pupils to develop vital speaking and listening skills, while *TreeTops* **Talking Stories** on CD-ROM provide an excellent whole-class activity, stimulating class discussion.



# Reading

The development of reading skills forms a fundamental part of the Curriculum for Excellence.

Teaching your pupils to read is at the very heart of *Oxford Reading Tree* and *TreeTops*.

**“I enjoy exploring and playing with the patterns and sounds of language and can use what I learn.”**

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Teach phonics with ***Oxford Reading Tree's Songbirds Phonics***, combining real phonic stories by best-selling author of *The Gruffalo*, Julia Donaldson, with interactive whiteboard software. **Floppy's Phonics** features your favourite *Oxford Reading Tree* characters – providing the perfect opportunity for consolidation and practise.



**“I enjoy exploring and choosing stories and other texts to watch, read or listen to, and can share my likes and dislikes.”**

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For captivating books, including simple picture books, fantasy, myths and legends, poetry, non-fiction and modern stories, choose from **Biff, Chip and Kipper** stories, **Snapdragons, All Stars, Sparrows, Robins, Jackdaws, Glow-worms** poetry, and **Fireflies** non-fiction.



**“I regularly select and read, listen to or watch texts which I enjoy and find interesting, and I can explain why I prefer certain texts and authors.”**

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***TreeTops Fiction, Talking Stories, Classics, True Stories*** and **Non-Fiction** allow your older pupils to develop reading tastes of their own by providing an array of literature to entice and enthuse.



**“To show my understanding across different areas of learning, I can identify and consider the purpose and main ideas of my text and use supporting detail.”**

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***TreeTops Comprehension***, with its multi-media approach, enables you to encourage the development of comprehension skills allowing your pupils to deepen their understanding of the texts they read.



# ★ Writing

**The Curriculum for Excellence promotes the development of a full range of writing skills.**

*Oxford Reading Tree* and *TreeTops* provide a wide range of motivating resources for developing your pupils' writing skills.

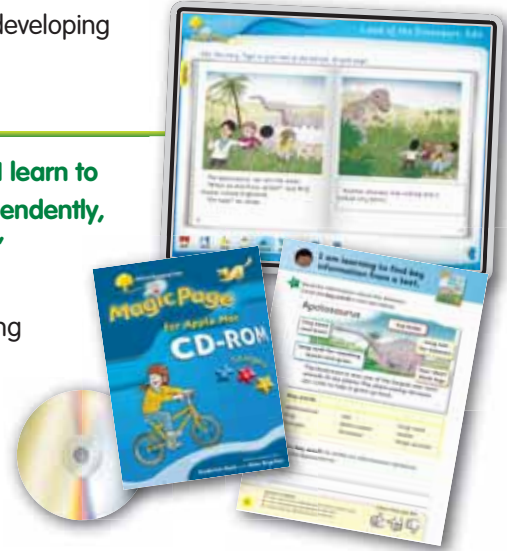
**"I enjoy exploring events and characters in stories and other texts and I use what I learn to invent my own, sharing these with others in imaginative ways ... I can write independently, use appropriate punctuation and order my sentences in a way that makes sense."**

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**Oxford Reading Tree MagicPage** enables you to move seamlessly from shared writing work on screen to independent practice on paper.

**Routes to Writing**, for your P1-3 pupils, offers CD-ROMs, Big Books and pupils' books which help you start building the foundation for successful writing.

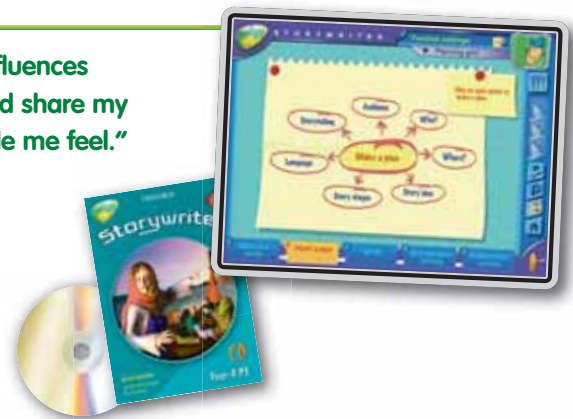
**Workbooks** also provide practice in a range of writing skills.



**"I am learning to use language and style in a way which engages and/or influences my reader ... As I write for different purposes and readers, I can describe and share my experiences, expressing what they made me think about and how they made me feel."**

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**TreeTops Storywriter** is a fantastic resource for your older pupils offering you a multi-media approach to improving the quality of your pupils' fiction writing.



## Active learning through play...

Successful Learners • Confident Individuals • Responsible Citizens • Effective Contributors



*Oxford Reading Tree* has a wealth of resources perfect for Active learning through play

This leaflet contains just some of the *Oxford Reading Tree* and *TreeTops* resources ideal for the Curriculum for Excellence visit [www.OxfordPrimary.co.uk](http://www.OxfordPrimary.co.uk) for much more...