

Perfect for the new UK curriculum

Taking children on a journey towards excellence in English...



WORDSMITH



Wordsmith is an online service to support your daily Literacy and English sessions, giving you a fantastic toolkit for effective, dynamic lessons.

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What is Wordsmith?

Built on the belief that language should be explored and enjoyed – not just learned – Wordsmith is a whole-school approach to English with reading for pleasure at its core and grammar skills seamlessly woven throughout.

Wordsmith gives you:

Breadth

With fiction, non-fiction, poetry, live units and active grammar blasts there is plenty of variety to keep children excited and engaged.

Flexibility

Wordsmith doesn't try to tell you how to teach — it offers choice, flexibility, inspiration, and a bank of time-saving resources.

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Michaela Morgan



Janet Brennan



Assurance

Written by leading experts, Wordsmith is both enjoyable and effective, with progression built in.



Wordsmith is a vehicle for fun, effective English lessons – with you in the driving seat.

Our Philosophy

Wordsmith was designed to help teachers create confident, creative communicators with the language tools they need to succeed in every area of their learning. Built in response to the changing national curriculum in England, Wordsmith combines an emphasis on reading for pleasure with a focus on grammar and writing skills.

To this end, the programme is underpinned by four core principles, developed in conjunction with the UK's leading experts in Literacy and raising standards:

contextualised grammar

Children learn grammar best when it is contextualised; when they explore the effect of language choices rather than just learning to label features.

Talk for writing

Talk is one of the most important factors in improving children's writing, allowing them to explore and analyse language and extend their vocabulary.



Purpose and audience

Writing takes on real meaning – and a real sense of excitement – when it's done for a real purpose and audience.



Varied, whole texts

Varied, whole texts are essential: both for engagement and for helping children explore what real writers do.



Wordsmith brings together the new focus on grammar with the best of current practice — such as shared reading and writing as an unbeatable model for children’s own comprehension and composition.

To do this we’ve put together the very best in picture books, whole novels and poetry, added intriguing non-fiction and motivating live units, and crafted some fun, active grammar ‘blasts’.

Grammar blasts

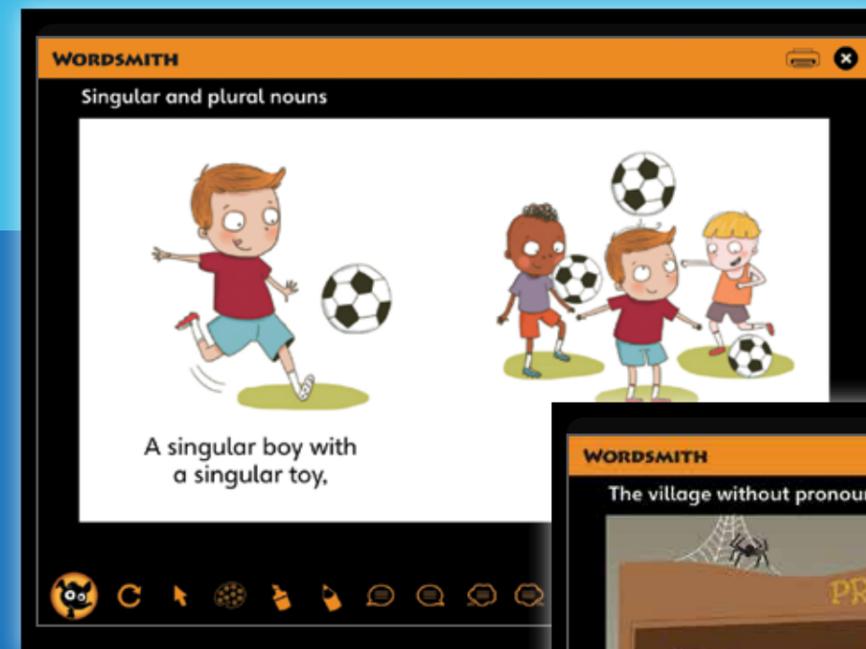
Grammar blasts are bite-size activities to introduce new concepts to your class. These discrete grammar activities help children to learn and understand the terminology, which in turn helps facilitate the contextualised work.

Activities are designed to be as active and varied as possible so that grammar is fun.

Live Units

Writing takes on real meaning – and a sense of excitement – when it’s done for a specific purpose and audience. The live units in Wordsmith include activities such as writing a radio play or a rap, taking part in a debate, or being a news reporter for a real event.

The live units provide great content for your school website or fodder for the end of year play – or you can send it to us for some expert feedback.



Interactive non-fiction

Wordsmith's non-fiction is interactive, adding to children's sense of discovery. Elements on a page lead out to extended information, helping children develop their research skills and build their knowledge.

The non-fiction is great for motivating boys as well as cross-curricular learning.

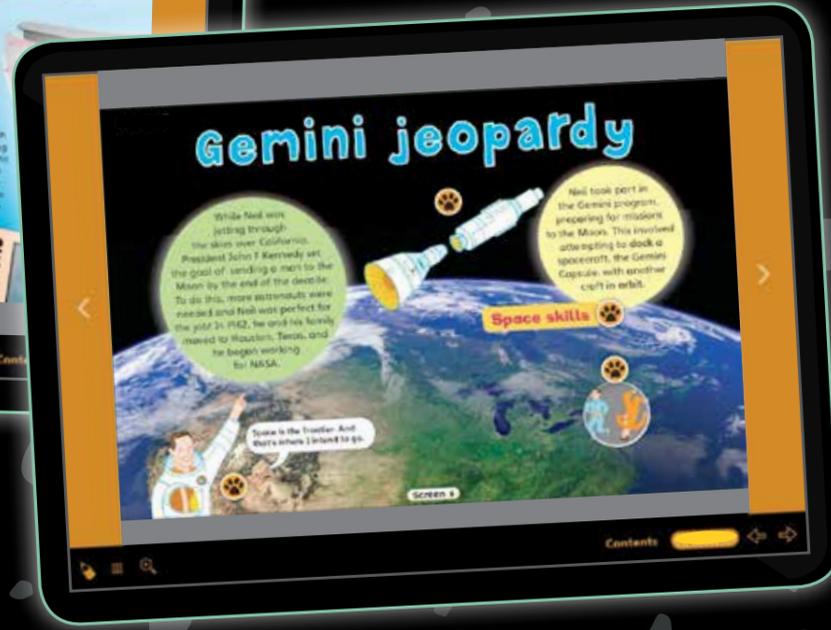


wordsmith helps children dig deeper into the texts they read

Poetry

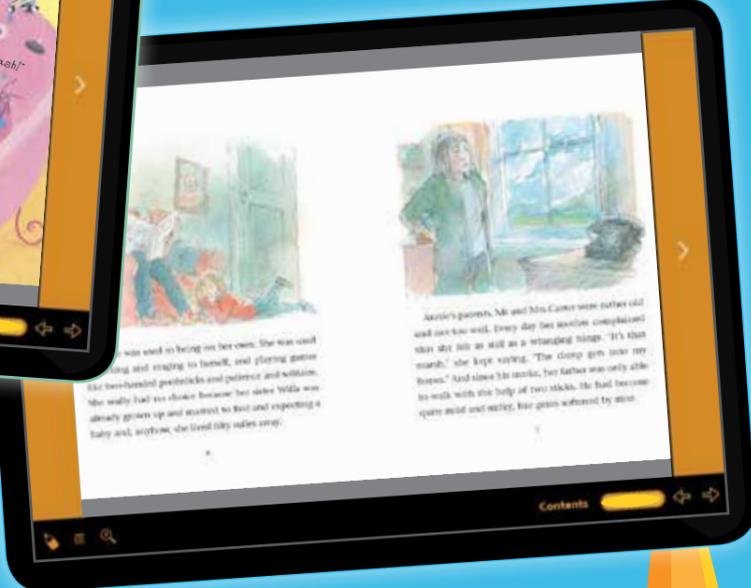
Poetry helps children understand the full capacity and beauty of language and add to their pleasure of reading.

In Wordsmith children learn about the poets as well, helping them to engage with the poetry and understand where it has come from.

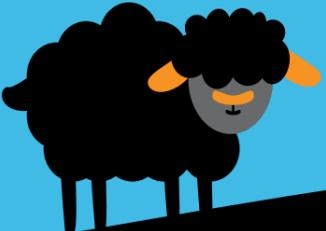


**Fiction,
Storybooks
and Film.**

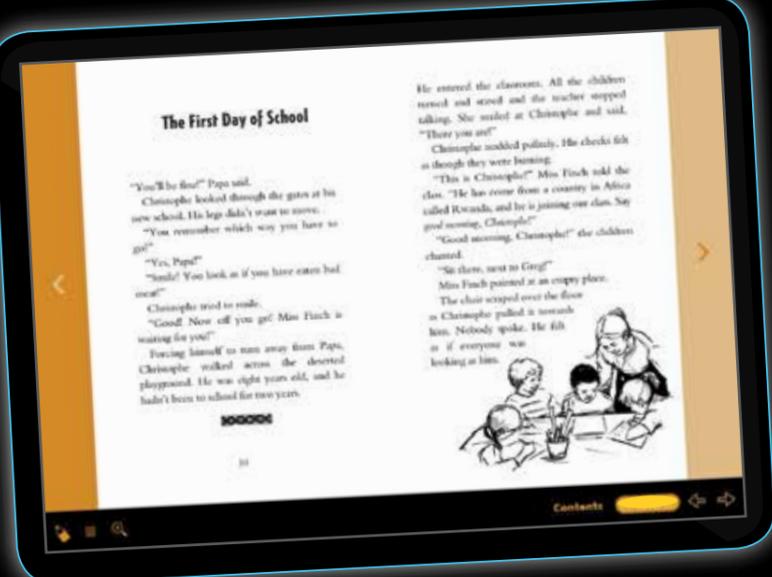
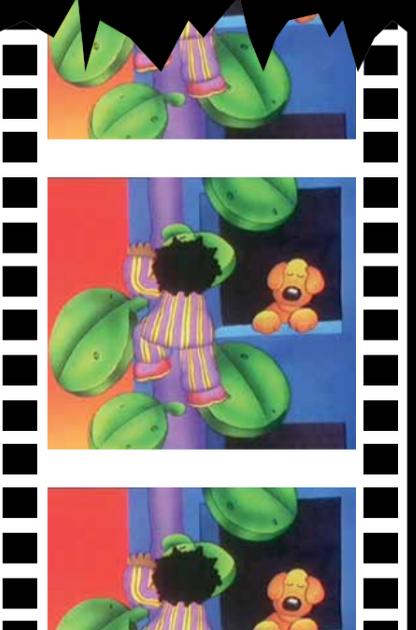
Wordsmith offers the very best models for children's own writing. Brilliant picture books at Key Stage 1 from the likes of Anthony Browne and Michael Rosen are followed by emotionally powerful novels at Key Stage 2 that stoke the imagination and provide a great foundation for really rich units of work.



Wordsmith texts are great for revving up children's imaginations!



Wordsmith also gives you short films, offering an even greater variety of stimulus material for your pupils' creativity. Plus, they're great for developing visual literacy.



Wordsmith offers whole books (rather than extracts or compendiums) to hook children in and help develop that love of reading. As well as using the eBooks for whole-class work, you can allocate them to individual pupils for them to read at home - on any device.

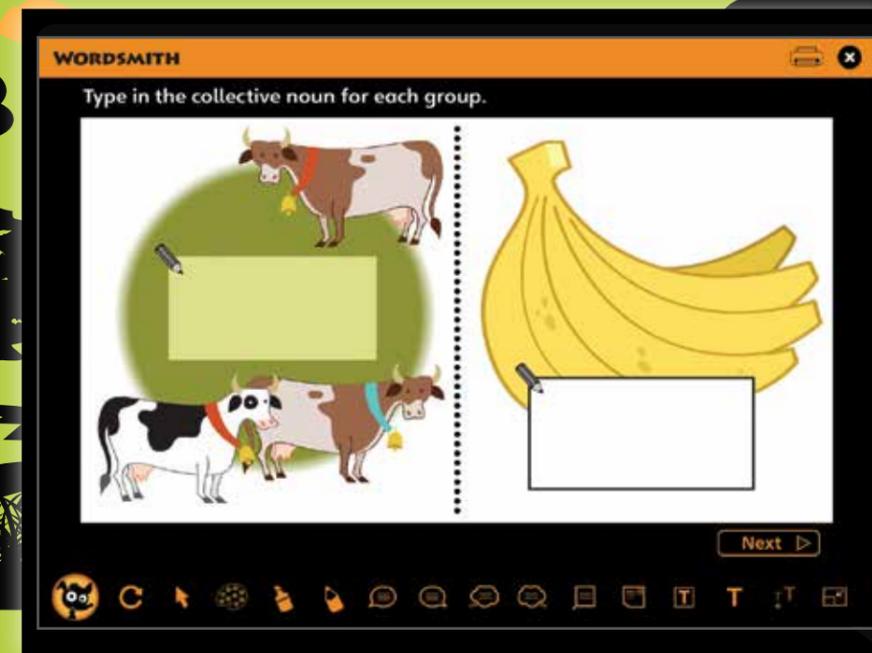
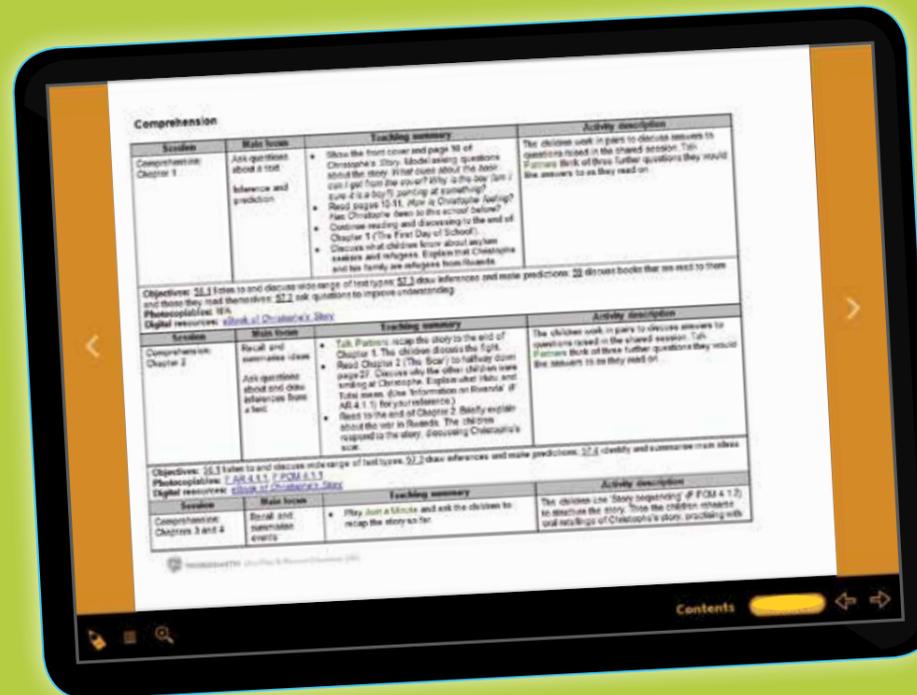
Teaching Support

Wordsmith gives you an online toolkit of plans that are editable, so you can take the ideas and run with them, tweak them or build on them as you see fit. If you're feeling unsure about the new curriculum, you can follow Wordsmith's recommended route through the year, or if you're feeling more confident, chart your own course. No-one knows your class better than you.

Wordsmith also comes with a Professional Development course to help you get the most out of your programme.

No more hunting for resources!

Wordsmith gives you a huge store of interactive teaching resources for front of class work, printable activity sheets and assessment quizzes.



The Wordsmith service also gives you:

-  Resources that keep up with changes in education policy.
-  Personalised learning zones for each of your pupils.
-  Help and advice from our digital support team.
-  Regular membership news and offers.
-  All of your Pearson resources in one place via Active Learn.



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