

# Introduction

The **Schofield & Sims English Practice Year 4 Question Book** uses step-by-step practice to develop children's understanding of key English concepts. It covers every Year 4 objective in the 2014 National Curriculum programme of study.

## The structure

This book is split into units, which are based on the key areas of the English curriculum for Year 4. These are:

- Grammar
- Spelling
- Reading comprehension.
- Punctuation
- Vocabulary

Each double-page spread follows a consistent 'Practise', 'Extend' and 'Apply' sequence designed to deepen and reinforce learning. Each objective also includes a 'Remember' box that reminds children of the key information needed to help answer the questions.

There are three reading comprehension units in this book. Each reading comprehension unit is linked by an overarching theme and includes a fiction, non-fiction and poetry text. Each text is accompanied by a set of comprehension questions, which practise reading skills such as inference, retrieval, summarising, prediction and analysis of word choice.

Additionally, a 'Writing skills' section allows children to apply the skills they have developed throughout the book in an extended writing task. The writing task is inspired by the themes covered in the reading comprehension texts and gives opportunities for children to showcase their creative writing.

At the back of the book, there is a 'Final practice' section. Here, mixed questions are used to check children's understanding of the knowledge and skills acquired throughout the book and identify any areas that need to be revisited.

## A mastery approach

The **Primary Practice English** series follows a knowledge-based mastery approach. The books have a focus on learning with purpose to improve children's ability across all areas of English and to link learning in grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, reading and writing. There is frequent, varied practice and application of concepts to improve children's confidence when using their skills. A strong emphasis is given to vocabulary enrichment, reading for pleasure and reading stamina.

## Assessment and checking progress

A 'Final practice' section is provided at the end of this book to check progress against the Year 4 English objectives. Children are given a target time of 45 minutes to complete this section, which is marked out of 30. Once complete, it enables them to assess their new knowledge and skills independently and to see the areas where they might need more practice.

## Online answers

Answers for every question in this book are available to download from the **Schofield & Sims** website. The answers are accompanied by detailed explanations where helpful. There is also a progress chart, allowing children to track their learning as they complete each set of questions, and an editable certificate.