

Teacher notes

Year 6: Term 1 – Transitions

Unit overview and guidance

Introduce the theme – explore the word transition

Transition is an important theme in everyone's life. Whether this concerns a change in circumstances e.g. moving house or school; a changing relationship e.g. the loss of someone you love or a separation; or a change of opinion, all of us will have to face transition in our lives. Childhood anxiety often stems from the inability to deal with transitions and so it is important to talk about this theme, and how to cope when change is inevitable. Stories are the perfect vehicle for this discussion, as it is change that sits at the heart of many of the dilemmas faced by characters as well as adding interest to or indeed shaping the plot

- Discuss what the word transition means.
- Can pupils give examples of transition? Or stories that they have read which includes transition?

Exploring Non-fiction – Text: Metamorphosis by Dan Smith

- See separate lesson notes



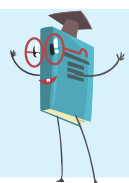
Exploring Fiction – Text: A New Beginning by Dan Smith

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Exploring Poetry – Text: Many Roads by Sue Hardy-Dawson

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Comparing the texts – explore the theme of transition

Discuss the questions below, exploring the theme of transition with the pupils. The questions are available as a [PowerPoint presentation](#) and also as a [worksheet](#) for pupils to provide written answers as needed.

Q - What are the themes that run through all of these texts alongside the notion of transition?

Q - Which of the three texts did you enjoy the most and why? Who would you recommend should read it?

Q - Has reading these texts taught you anything about transition?

Q - In which ways do each of these texts relate to your own feelings about transition, particularly your move onto secondary school?

Now that we have read the three texts on the theme of transition, can you think of other stories, poems or events that link to this theme?

What have you learnt about forgiveness/reconciliation that you might use in your own life?