**Year Six Reading Lessons 1 to 4**

**‘New Beginnings’ – Tony Walsh**

Welcome to your new school.

Welcome to your future.

New beginnings here and new rules.

New classrooms, new computers,

New timetables, new faces here,

New corridors, new signs.

But some things change, some stay the same.

And some truths last all time.

You'll take out what you put in,

You'll reap just what you sow.

So face the test and do your best,

Work hard, play hard and grow.

And play a full and active part

In school and its community.

Be pleased to say, ‘I seized the day.’

‘I used this opportunity.’

Remember that you're different,

There's no-one quite like you.

But make good friends, the ones who lend

A hand to get you through.

Remember – keep your head up.

Even if you fear you'll drown.

Achieving is believing mixed

With never looking down.

And think about your future;

And find a hope, a dream.

Put action in your action plan

And build yourself a team.

Made of parents, made of teachers,

Made of family and friends.

From this position make a mission

For a trip that never ends.

And so always keep on learning;

There's always more to know.

It may sound strange but you can always change,

It's never too late to grow.

So don’t let anybody

Try and sneer and hold you back,

Your history is not your future,

So don't ever feel like that.

Because our town has a history

Of producing boys and girls

Who, from humble roots, pull up their boots

And go on to change the world!

And so people just like you and me

Can do very special things!

Aim higher! Be high-flyers!

And be bold, unfold your wings!

And so gain an education;

Learn skills, gain facts and knowledge.

And then take the inspiration

Through to jobs, careers and college.

And so make the most of these days,

The school and these facilities.

Take off the brakes, be sure to make

The best of your abilities.

Respect yourself and others,

Have confidence – it’s essential.

If you keep a burning urge to learn

You'll reach your full potential.

And so do things that you're proud of!

And let everybody see:

You've passed the test, you've done your best,

To be the best that you can be.