



English Reading – Curriculum Overview

Intent

At Birch Copse we believe that a high-quality education in English will teach our children to read, write and speak fluently so they can communicate effectively with others. Reading lies at the heart of our curriculum at Birch Copse. We value reading as a key life skill, and are dedicated to enabling our pupils to become lifelong readers. Through a wide-range of high-quality, challenging texts, we strive for our pupils to achieve a love of reading and gain knowledge of a diverse range of authors. We are also committed to cultivating independent thinkers who understand more about the world in which they live, through carefully selected, vocabulary-rich reading material.

We use a range of schemes banded by colour through which the children progress.

We understand the importance of parents and carers in supporting their children with their reading journey at home. We foster a successful home-school partnership, which enables parents and carers to understand how to enhance the skills taught in school and to strengthen their child's appreciation and love of books.

We believe reading is key for academic success. It is our intention to ensure that by the end of their primary education, all pupils are able to read fluently and with confidence in any subject in their forthcoming education.

Implementation

Early Reading

When children enter Birch Copse, we prioritise talking and developing a love of books. Alongside this, phonics baseline assessments quickly take place.

Talking and reading is promoted in the following ways in Reception:

- Daily phonics (details can be found in our Phonics documentation)
- Guided reading
- Individual reading
- Daily story time
- Reading and talking in the environment – all areas through provision planning.
- Sharing books with adults during child-initiated learning.
- Literacy sessions
- Topic sessions
- Outdoor Learning
- Library
- Intervention and daily readers

In the Early Years, a strong emphasis is also placed on parental engagement with reading. This takes place in the following ways:

- Parent phonics workshop
- Parent reading workshop
- Stay and Play sessions
- Birch Copse Reading record with guidance
- Weekly phonics homework

Structure

The teaching of Reading takes place in a number of different forms. Time has been carefully allocated to each type to ensure children get the appropriate amount to support their progression in Reading.

Phonics	Individual Reading	Reading Comprehension	Story time	Library time	Home reading
<u>Reception and Year 1</u> Daily phonics lessons <u>Year 2 onwards</u> Regular phonics taught until children have completed the scheme and are secure with the learning	<u>Reception and Year 1</u> Listened by a school adult twice per week <u>Year 2</u> Listened by an adult twice per week – one must be a school adult <u>Year 3-6</u> Listened by an adult once per week. Class teacher once per half term <u>All children</u> Children working below ARE are listened to more frequently	<u>Reception</u> Taught in small groups as part of daily guided reading. During story time, comprehension skills are taught verbally as a class <u>Year 1 Autumn and Spring</u> Taught in small groups as part of guided reading following VIPERS. During story time, comprehension skills are taught verbally as a class using the supplementary texts <u>Year 1 Summer and Year 2 to Year 6</u> Minimum 2 hours per week teaching VIPERS Minimum 1 hour on supplementary texts, the rest may use the anchor novel	<u>Reception and Year 1</u> Daily <u>Year 2 – 6</u> Minimum 3 times per week	One hour every fortnight for each year group	<u>Reception</u> Read to an adult every day when ready <u>Year 1,2 and 3</u> Reading to an adult five times per week <u>Year 4, 5 and 6</u> Read five times per week, at least two of them to an adult

Individual Reading

We value the importance of reading aloud regularly. Sessions may focus on different areas of reading including, but not limited to:

- Accuracy and fluency
- Intonation and expression
- Comprehension of the text
- Ensuring children are reading books at an appropriate level

Reading Comprehension

Group/Guided Reading

In Reception and during the first two terms of Year 1, Reading sessions are delivered in small groups of about six children. The focus of these sessions is the Early Learning Goals for Reading in Reception and VIPERS and other reading skills in Year 1.

Whole Class Reading

From Summer term in Year 1 through to Year 6, Reading lessons at Birch Copse are based on a whole class guided reading structure, where all children are exposed to challenging and high quality reading resources and questioning to ensure high expectations.

Each lesson will focus on teaching an explicit reading skill as outlined in the English National Curriculum. We use the acronym 'VIPERS' as an aid to recall these 6 reading domains. They cover the key skills that children need to learn in order to improve their comprehension of texts.

- Vocabulary
- Inference
- Prediction
- Explain
- Retrieve
- Sequence (KS1) or Summarise (KS2)

VIPERS allocation

The focus of reading lessons may vary session to session, depending on the needs of the children. Although it is important for children to be exposed to all of them, the weighting of each domain differs as the children progress, from retrieval and word understanding being more prominent at an early age before introducing more inference and other comprehension skills. To reflect this, we have allocated dedicated time each reading skill, based on the English Reading Test Framework and the needs of the children in our school.

KS1 Reading Comprehension Skills

Retrieval (1b)		50%
Vocabulary (1a)		20%
Inference (1d)		20%
Prediction (1e)		5%
Sequencing (1c)		5%

Upper Key Stage 2 Reading Comprehension Skills

Inference (2d)		40%
Retrieval (2b)		25%
Vocabulary (2a)		20%
Prediction (2e)		5%
Summarise (2c)		5%
Explanation (2f, 2g, 2h)		5%

Lower Key Stage 2 Reading Comprehension Skills

Inference (2d)		30%
Retrieval (2b)		20%
Vocabulary (2a)		20%
Explanation (2f, 2g)		10%
Summarise (2c)		10%
Prediction (2e)		5%
Making comparisons (2h)		5%

Story Time

To promote a love of reading, teachers regularly read aloud to their classes. This may take place in lessons throughout the day in a variety of ways including a regular story time at the end of the day.

Library Time

Our Library (Peacock Library) has been carefully organised to promote a love of reading, teach children how to use a library and to make good choices about what they read. Our books are organised alphabetically by author and there is a section for younger readers and non-fiction as well as a section for our most able readers.

During their designated library time, children have the opportunity to:

- Browse a wide selection of books, both fiction and non-fiction
- Select new books to take home
- Talk about book choices with friends, teachers and the school Librarian
- Learn how a library works and how it is organised
- Listen to teachers and the school librarian read aloud different texts from the library.

Outside of the designated Library session, children can visit the library throughout the week if they need to change or return their reading book and we have both adult and junior librarians on hand most days after school.

Home/School Reading

Children are set weekly reading homework where they are encouraged to read regularly at home to an adult or, as they get older, to themselves as well. They also have regular opportunities to read in school either to an adult or by themselves. Each child is given a home/school Reading Record to note when they have read and to allow a link between reading at home and reading in school. We also ensure that every child has an individual reading book appropriate to their age and reading ability beginning on our reading scheme:

- Our reading scheme is organised into colour bands from Lilac to Lime.
- Pink to Orange are matched closely to the phases in our scheme- 'Supersonic Phonic Friends'- and are all fully decodable.
- During the Autumn term in Reception, phonics assessments are carried out and children's individual reading books are then matched accordingly. The majority of children begin on the Lilac (non-worded books) to develop their understanding of how to be a reader and their speaking and listening skills.
- Children are constantly assessed each time they are heard read by an adult in school and move through the colours in accordance to this.
- When children reach the Lime level and are fluent readers, they become a Free Reader. As they transition to this phase, they are heavily supported by an adult in school to ensure their book choices are appropriate. This support continues throughout their time in school.

Reading Lessons

The texts the children read at Birch Copse have been carefully selected to ensure they have access to a range of challenging reading material throughout their primary school life, including texts that promote becoming a well-rounded citizen.

All year groups are allocated the following:

- Key Authors
- Classic Texts/ Must Read Novels
- Key Themes (including country studies, events around the world and in history, celebrating diversity)
- Inspirational People
- Picture Books
- Poetry

These form the basis of the reading curriculum, with teachers able to choose other appropriate texts to enhance and support these.

Anchor Texts

Our Anchor texts have been carefully chosen as they are the centre of our English curriculum. Our writing lessons are based on the anchor texts as are many of our reading lessons. These texts are studied in detail in both focused reading comprehensions sessions and informal discussions within lessons as well as being used to provide writing opportunities in English lessons.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	Oi Frog- Kes Gray Love Makes a Family - Sophie Beer The Roll Away Pumpkin – Junia Wonders Oliver’s Fruit Salad – Vivian French	The Train Ride - June Crebbin Zog – Julia Donaldson A Superhero Like You – Dr Ranj Singh Traditional nursery rhymes – Various authors	The Little Red Hen – Traditional tale The Hungry Caterpillar –Eric Carle Florette – Anna Walker Commotion in the Ocean - Giles Andreae Incredible You – Rhys Brisenden
Year 1	Percy the Park Keeper: After the Storm – Nick Butterworth Goldilocks and the Three Bears The Jolly Christmas Postman – Allan Ahlberg	Cave Baby – Julia Donaldson The Three Little Pigs The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr	Supertato! – Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet Jack and the Beanstalk The Storm Whale – Benji Davies
Year 2	Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett The True Story of the Three Little Pigs- Jon Scieszka The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson	Vlad and the Great Fire of London- Kate and Sam Cunningham Paddington Bear – Michael Bond	The Tear Thief – Carol Ann Duffy The Magic Faraway Tree – Enid Blyton
Year 3	Stig of the Dump – Clive King The Ice Palace – Tarjei Vesaas	Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery – Jeff Brown Matilda – Roald Dahl	Hopeless Heroes. Here Comes Hercules – Stella Tarakson
Year 4	There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom – Louis Sachar	Varjak Paw – S.F. Said	The Light Jar – Lisa Thompson
Year 5	Kensuke’s Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo	Romeo and Juliet (A Shakespeare Story) – Andrew Matthews The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q. Raúf	The Nowhere Emporium – Ross MacKenzie
Year 6	Holes – Louis Sachar	Letters from the Lighthouse – Emma Carroll	The Final Year – Matt Goodfellow

Supplementary Texts

In addition to the anchor texts, we have supplementary texts that are used to provide the children with a range of reading opportunities. These are separate to but may complement English sessions or may be linked to other areas of the curriculum. The supplementary texts will include, but not be limited to:

- Narrative and narrative extracts
- Picture Books and Images
- Non-fictions texts
- Poetry and Songs
- Video Clips
- Play Scripts (KS2)

These texts are organised into themes, with at least one text allocated per theme and typically one theme per week. The supplementary texts form the basis of set lessons for the teaching and learning of reading comprehension, as detailed below.

Where extracts from wider texts have been selected, effort has been made to provide copies of the full text in class reading corners to encourage children to expand their reading diet.

Where images and videos have been selected, it is the expectation that the focus of the lesson should remain a reading skill.

Appendix 1 shows our extensive list of the supplementary texts used from Year 1 to Year 6.

Reading across the curriculum

It is encouraged that reading opportunities are provided across all other areas of the curriculum. This might include, but not be limited to:

- Encouraging children to read for information and understanding
- Developing vocabulary and word banks
- Using the skills of reading within texts/ graphics
- Providing a range of strategies to enable the students to gain meaning from a text
- Using texts to introduce new concepts
- Providing opportunities for extended reading, as well as close reading and skimming and scanning to develop knowledge and understanding
- Providing a wide range of reading material in each curriculum area

Supplementary Texts:

<u>KEY:</u>	Narrative	Poetry and Song	Non-Fiction	Video clip
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RECEPTION			
Autumn 1		Autumn 2	
Themes	Curriculum texts	Themes	Curriculum texts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Settling in Families 	The Colour Monster Goes to School - Anna Llenas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest Celebrations 	Apples, Apples Everywhere - Robin Koontz
	Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs Goes to School – Ian Whybrow		The Enormous Turnip - traditional tale
	Together We Can – Caryl Hart		Cake - Sue Hendra
	Would You Rather... - John Burningham		Little Glow - Katie Sahota
	So Much - Trish Cooke		Harvey Slufemburger's Christmas Present – John Burningham
	You Choose – Pippa Goodhart		The Christmas Pine - Julia Donaldson
	Peepo by Janet - Allan Ahlberg		Give it a Go, Eat a Rainbow - Kathryn Kemp Guylay
	BBC Radio Nursery Rhymes		Fruit and Vegetable Recipe Books for Children
	All About Families – Felicity Brooks		Celebrations Around the World (Let's Find Out) - Katy Duffield
Outdoor Learning Texts	Finding Wild - Megan Wagner Lloyd	Outdoor Learning Texts	Fiery Fox Teresa Davis
			Listen, Listen - Phillis Gershator
Spring 1		Spring 2	
Themes	Curriculum texts	Themes	Curriculum texts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journeys Vehicles 	The Great Race –Dawn Casey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Community School Family 	Chimpanzees of Happy Town - Giles Andreae
	Mr Gumpy's Outing – John Burningham		Our class is a Family - Shannon Olsen
	Mr Gumpy's Motor Car – John Burningham		All Through the Night: The People Who Work While We Sleep - Polly Faber
	Where Did You Go Today? - Jenny Duke		Windows – Julia Denos
	Baby Goes to Market – Atinuke		BBC Radio Nursery Rhymes
	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus - Mo Willems		Smile out Loud: 25 Happy Poems - Joseph Coelho
	BBC Nursery Rhymes – transport		Heroes Who Help Us Around the World - Liz Gogerly
	The Bus Is For Us - Michael Rosen		Emmeline Pankhurst: Little People Big Dreams – Lisbeth Kaiser
	Around the World in 80 Ways – DK Children (Publisher)		Florence Nightingale: Little People Big Dreams – Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara
Outdoor Learning Texts	Stanley's Stick - John Hegley	Outdoor Learning Texts	Tidy - Emily Gravett
	Mole's Sunrise - Jeanne Willis		

Summer 1		Summer 2	
Themes	Curriculum texts	Themes	Curriculum texts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Things Growing 	Farmer Duck - Martin Waddell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holidays Moving on 	Off We Go To Mexico - Laurie Krebs
	Window – Jennie Baker		Sharing a Shell - Julia Donaldson
	Tadpoles Promise – Jennine Willis		A Lullaby of Summer Things - Natalie Valentine
	Oliver’s Vegetables - Vivian French		Only One You - Linda Krantz
	Jasper’s Beanstalk - Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen		Meesha Makes Friends – Tom Percival
	There’s a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf – Song		Seaside Poems – Collected by Jill Bennett
	Oats and Beans and Barley Grow – BBC Radio Rhymes		Big Picture Atlas - Usbourne
	A Seed in Need - Sam Godwin		This Is How We Do It - Matt Lamothe
	Life Cycle pack: Egg to bee		
Outdoor Learning Texts	Too Much Stuff - Emily Gravett	Outdoor Learning Texts	The Everywhere Bear - Julia Donaldson

YEAR 1								
Autumn 2			Spring 1			Spring 2		
Week	Theme	Text	Week	Theme	Text	Week	Theme	Text
1	Animals	Beware of the Bears - Allan MacDonald	1	Julia Donaldson	Cave Baby – Julia Donaldson	1	Flight	Clip from the film ‘Up’
2	Poppy Day	Short film ‘Poppies’ from the BBC	2	Nick Butterworth	One Snowy Night – Nick Butterworth	2	The World	What We’ll Build - Oliver Jeffers
3	Food	Supertato! - Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra	3	The UK	Around the world in 80 poems - Various	3	Journeys	Lost and Found - By Oliver Jeffers
4	Animals & humans	Book of bones (Extract) - Gabrielle Balkan	4	The UK	The Big Book of the UK - Imogen Russell Williams	4	Poetry	Book of Very Silly Poems – Michael Rosen
5	Reading (town)	Huntley and Palmers Factory, Reading	5	Alternative Tale	Silly Mr Wolf - Tony Ross	5	Inspirational Men	‘Who was Winston Churchill’ and ‘Who was William Shakespeare’ – BBC
6	Autumn	We planted a Pumpkin - Rob Remsden	6	Flight	Amelia Earhart - Isabel Sanchez Vagara	6	Shirley Hughes	All about Alfie – Shirley Hughes
7	Christmas	We’re going on an Elf Chase - Marthe Mumford						

Summer 1				Summer 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Fairy-tales	The Gingerbread Man	Rumpelstiltskin	1	The Environment	Clip from the film 'The Lorax'	What on Earth? The Environment - Jonathan Litton
2	The Ocean	Tiddler - Julia Donaldson	Clip from the film 'Finding Nemo'	2	Plants	It starts with a seed – Laura Knowles	A Tiny Seed - Eric Carle
3	The Ocean	Seaside Scientists - Mick Manning	Clip from 'Blue Planet' – The BBC	3	Alternative Fairy-tale	The Enormous Potato - Aurbrey David	Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk - Collin Stimpson
4	Influential Women	Great Women who Changed the World (Emmeline Pankhurst) - Kate Pankhurst	A picture book of Florence Nightingale - David A Adler	4	The Beach	The Storm Whale in Winter - Benji Davies	I do Like to Be Beside the Seaside – Song By Florrie Forde
5	Colour	How to Spot an Artist - Danielle Krysa	Mixed - Auree Chung	5	France	Katie and the Mona Lisa - James Mayhew	'Frere Jacques' French Song
6	Michael Rosen	Chocolate Cake – Michael Rosen	Ning Nang Nong – Michael Rosen	6	Transition	On Sudden Hill By Linda Sarah	The Colour Monster – Anna Llenas

YEAR 2							
Autumn 1				Autumn 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Back to School	Ruby's Worry - Tom Percival	Ruby's Worry- Tom Percival	1	Firework Night	The Gunpowder Plot	The Plotters
2	Meerkats	A Meerkat Called Bob	The Meerkat that cried Jackal	2	Jill Tomlinson	The Otter who Wanted to Know- Jill Tomlinson	The Penguin who Wanted to Find Out- Jill Tomlinson
3	Rivers	The Amazon Rainforest	A River- Marc Martin	3	Remembrance Day	Poppies	Great Grandad
4	Plants	The Rainforest Tree	The Great Kapok Tree- Lynne Cherry	4	Animals Science Topic	Butterfly Life Cycle	Monkey Puzzle
5	Plants	Jim and the Beanstalk- Raymond Briggs	How to Grow a Sunflower	5	Oliver Jeffers	The Incredible Book Eating Boy	The Day the Crayon's Quit
6	Wolves	Wolves- Emily Gravett	Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book- Lauren Child	6	Christmas	Christmas Advert	Christmas Advert
7	Anthony Browne	Voices in the Park- Anthony Browne	Gorilla- Anthony Browne	7	Christmas	Mog's Christmas - Judith Kerr	The Crayons Christmas - Oliver Jeffers

Spring 1				Spring 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Roald Dahl	Fantastic Mr Fox- Roald Dahl	George's Marvellous Medicine- Roald Dahl	1	London	The Queen's Hat - Steve Antony	A Walk in London - Sevlator Rubbino
2	Roald Dahl	Revolting Rhymes- Roald Dahl	Dirty Beasts- Roald Dahl	2	Landmarks	Buckingham Palace - Epic	The Story of the London Underground - David Long
3	Great Fire of London	After the Fire	The Hungry Fire	3	Malala Yousafazi	Malala's Magic Pencil	My Story of Standing up for girls' rights - Malala Yousafazi
4	Habitats	Woodland and Polar Habitats	The Rockpool Crab	4	Overcoming Disabilities	Ellie Simmonds	This is Me
5	Stories from Around the World	The Magic Mirror- Spain	The Boastful Turtle- Philippines	5	Julia Donaldson	The Dinosaur's Diary- Julia Donaldson	The Highway Rat- Julia Donaldson
6	Art	Vincent Van Gogh	What is Art?	6	Mary Anning and Fossils	Mary Anning- Fossil Hunter	Footprints in the Sand
				7	Inspirational Women	Great Women who Have Saved the Planet	Great Women who Have Saved the Planet
Summer 1				Summer 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Enid Blyton	The Enchanted Forest - Enid Blyton	The Secret Seven - Enid Blyton	1	Weather	The Little Raindrop	Flood- Villa F. Alvaro
2	Young Elizabeth	Little Elizabeth: The Young Princess Who Became Queen - Pauline Reeves	Big Dreams, Little People- Elizabeth II	2	Weather	Clouds Poems	Mrs Noah's Garden
3	Monarchy	King Charles	The Crown Jewels	3	Australia	Australia and Landmarks	The First Sunrise
4	Castles	The Siege	The Sword in the Stone	4	Australia	Dingo Dog and the Billabong Storm	Aboriginals
5	Fantasy	The Worst Witch- Jill Murphy	Where the Wild Things Are- Maurice Sendak	5	The Velveteen Rabbit	The Velveteen Rabbit- Margery Williams	The Velveteen Rabbit – Margery Williams
6	Poetry	The Sound Collector	The Sound Collector	6	PHSE	Clip from the film 'Inside Out'	The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse - Charlie Mackesy

YEAR 3							
Autumn 1				Autumn 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	E-safety	Digiduck's Big Decision – Lindsay Buck	Chicken clicking – Jeanne Willis	1	Rocks and Fossils	50 Fearless Women in Science – Rachel Ignatofsky	Stone Girl, Bone Girl: the story of Mary Anning – Laurence Anholt
2	Starting school	The Invisible String – Patrice Karst	Heard it in the Playground - Allan Ahlberg	2	The Arctic	Little People, Big Dreams: David Attenborough - Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara	Snowy Owls – Jennifer Zeiger
3	Picture Books	The Dot – Peter Reynolds	The Lion Inside – Rachel Bright	3	Picture Book & Video	The Man Who Walked Between Two Towers – Mordicai Gerstein	Short film clip of Phillippe Petit
4	Dick King Smith	The Hodgeheg – Dick-King Smith	The sheep-pig - Dick-King Smith	4	Ancient Egypt	There's a Pharaoh in my Bath - Jeremy Strong	There's a Pharaoh in my Bath - Jeremy Strong
5	Bones	Broken Bones	Bone Health in children	5	Key Text	Charlotte's Web – E.B. White	Charlotte's Web – E.B. White
6	Black History Month	Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History. Rosa Parks - Vashti Harrison	The Youngest Marcher – Cynthia Levinson	6	Colours	Lucy's Blue day - Christopher Duke	True Colours - Cyndi Lauper
Spring 1				Spring 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Ancient Egypt	Flat Stanley and the Grave Robbers - Jeff Brown	Flat Stanley and the Grave Robbers - Jeff Brown	1	Songs from Musicals	'When I Grow Up' from Matilda the Musical – Tim Minchin	'It's a Hard-Knock Life' from Annie – Charles Strouse & Martin Charnin
2	Diaries	Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb	Diary of a Killer Cat - Anne Fine	2	Diversity	Dogs Don't do Ballet – Anna Kemp	The Proudest Blue -Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K. Ali
3	Light & Shadows	My Shadow - Robert Louis Stevenson	Smoot: A rebellious shadow - Michelle Cuevas	3	Inspirational Women	Women in Sport: 50 Fearless athletes who Played to Win (Tanni Grey-Thompson) – Rachel Ignatofsky	Amelia Earhart
4	Anne Fine	Bill's New Frock – Anne Fine	How to Write Really Badly – Anne Fine	4	Books, books, books!	Maya Angelou	Matilda – Roald Dahl (Extract about escaping into books)

Summer 1				Summer 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Country - Greece	The Role of women in Ancient Greece	Non-fiction – Moussaka recipe	1	Key books	Clip from the film 'The Iron Man'	The Iron Man – Ted Hughes
2	Forces	Isaac Newton	Egg Drop – Mini Grey	2	Pollution	The Iron Woman – Ted Hughes	Flotsam – David Wiesner
3	Aesop's Fables	The Tortoise and the Hare	The Lion and the Mouse	3	The Titanic – key event	Non-fiction extract	BBC Short Film. Titanic: A Child Survivor's Story (Eva Hart)
4	Boxes	Pandora's Box	The Magic Box – Kit Wright	4	Plants	Du Iz Tak? by Carson Ellis	A Seed Is Sleepy - Dianna Hutts Aston
5	Magic	Leon and the Place Between - Angela McAllister	Mr Majeika - Humphrey Carpenter	5	The Olympics	The Ancient Greeks (Curriculum visions) – Dr Brian Knapp	Women in Sport: 50 Fearless athletes who Played to Win (Nicola Adams) – Rachel Ignatofsky
6	Magnets	Magnes the Shepherd	What are forces and magnets? – from Classroom Secrets	6	Poetry	The Owl and the Pussycat - Edward Lear	Matilda Who Told Lies And Was Burned To Death - Hillaire Belloc

YEAR 4							
Autumn 1				Autumn 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Fantasy Worlds	Peter Pan - James Matthew Barrie	Land of Neverbelieve – Norman Messenger	1	WW1	In Flanders's Field – John McCrae	War Game - Michael Foreman
2	Gillian Cross	The Demon Headmaster and The Prime Minister's Brain – Gillian Cross	The Great Elephant Chase – Gillian Cross	2	Charlie and the Chocolate factory	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: A Child's Play – Richard R. George
3	The Jungle book	The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling	The Jungle Book Play script – from Campuskids website	3	Alan Turing	Little People, Big Dreams: Alan Turing - Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara	Alan Turing biography – Britannica.com
4	Face Your Fear	The Wolves in the Walls – Neil Gaiman	If I Never Forever Endeavour – Holly Meade	4	Teeth	Tooth By Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks and Chompers - Sara C Levine	Demon Dentist – David Walliams
5	World Cup	Match report from the 2018 world cup final - BBC	World Cup reminiscences: an interview with Brian Glanville- Glory Magazine	5	Telling stories without words	Tuesday - David Wiesner	Tuesday - David Wiesner (Literacy Shed video)
6	Caribbean	For Forest – Grace Nichols	Shelley-Anne Fraser-Pryce Isn't Finished Yet. Article by M. Johnson: 'The Undeclared' 09/21	6	Christmas	Father Christmas – Raymond Briggs	Monty the Penguin John Lewis Christmas Advert 2014 (Literacy Shed)

Spring 1				Spring 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Lemony Snicket	The Dark – Lemony Snicket	The Bad Beginning (Series of Unfortunate Events) – Lemony Snicket	1	Another World	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis
2	Inventors	Tim Berners Lee	Lewis Latimer	2	Sporting Icons	Little People, Big Dreams: Jesse Owens - Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara	Last Night I Had a Dream - Muhammed Ali
3	Electricity	BOOT: Small Robot, Big Adventure – Shane Hegarty	When Charlie McButton Lost Power - Suzanne Collins	3	Perspective/ reversing stereotypes	The Paper Bag Princess - Robert Munsch	Tough Boris – Mem Fox
4	Greatness	Playing for keeps: Michael Jordan and the World He Made - David Halberstram	Vincent – Don Mclean	4	Conservation	Greta and the Giants – Zoe Tucker	Window On A Changing World – Jeannie Baker
Summer 1				Summer 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Vikings	Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo	How to be a Viking – Cressida Cowell	1	Nobel Prizes	Marie Curie	Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet – Elizabeth Rusch
2	Empire	If – Rudyard Kipling	Windrush - Twinkl	2	India	Sukhu and Dukhu – Swapna Dutta	Gope and Mira: A Migration Story - Ritu Hemnani
3	Philip Pullman	Clockwork – Philip Pullman	The Firework Makers Daughter – Philip Pullman	3	Mountains	The Brockenspectre – Linda Newbery	Everest: The remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay - Alexandra Stewart
4	Animation	Under the Sea (from the film 'The Little Mermaid') – Alan Menken and Howard Ashman	The Amazing Inside Story of How They Made Snow White – Kirtley Baskette	4	Scandinavia	Children of the Northlights - Edgar Parin d'Aulaire and Ingri Parin d'Aulaire	Pippi Longstocking - Astrid Lindgren
5	Cricket	10 for 66 and all that (Chapter 3: Opposing My Hero) - Arthur Mailey	Glory Gardens: Glory in the Cup – Bob Cattell				
6	Victorian Values	Matilda – Roald Dahl Repeated from YEAR 3	If – Rudyard Kipling Repeated from Summer 1 Wk2				

YEAR 5							
Autumn 1				Autumn 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Key Author – Michael Morpurgo	Michael Morpurgo Biography	War Horse – Michael Morpurgo	1	Changing Materials	Mentos and Coke recipe from the 'Science Buddies' Website	Heston's Craziest Recipes – from 'The Restaurant Choice' Website
2	Natural Disasters	Volcanoes of the World - Lee Siebert and Tom Simkin	Pompeii article from Literacy Shed	2	Key Author - Shakespeare	William Shakespeare Biography	Macbeth – William Shakespeare
3	Picture Book	The Journey - Francesca Sanna	The Journey - Francesca Sanna	3	Key Poet – Walter de la Mare	The Listeners - Walter de La Mare	The Listeners - Walter de La Mare
4	Islands	The Island - Armin Greder	The Island At The End Of Everything - Kiran Millwood Hargrave	4	Key Author - Shakespeare	Midsummer Night's Dream – William Shakespeare	The Globe Theatre from the 'Shakespeare Globe' Website
5	Natural Disasters	Violent Volcanoes – from Literacy Shed	Tsunami Information Text – from Twinkl	5	Christmas	A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens	'Twas The Night Before Christmas – Clement Clarke Moore
6	Survival	Survival Skills Handbook: Maps and Navigation - Bear Grylls	Survival Skills Handbook: Shelter Building - Bear Grylls	6	Christmas	Christmas Trees – from Literacy Shed	The Little Match Girl - Hans Christian Andersen
Spring 1				Spring 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Picture Book	The Viewer - Gary Crew	The Viewer - Gary Crew	1	Magic	Philosopher's Stone – J.K. Rowling	Who Whoever Finds This letter – from Literacy Shed
2	Brazil	Pele (Little People, Big Dreams) - Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara	Journey To The River Sea - Eva Ibbotson	2	Key Poet – Alfred Noyes	The Highwayman - Alfred Noyes	The Highwayman - Alfred Noyes
3	Mexico	Day of the Dead – from Literacy Shed	Recipe for Sugar Skulls– from Literacy Shed	3	SEND – OCD and Visual Impairment	Louie Braille	Goldfish Boy - Lisa Thompson
4	Disney Songs	I've Got a Dream (from the film 'Tangled') – Glenn Slater and Alan Menken	Be Prepared (from the film 'The Lion King') – Elton John and Tim Rice	4	Earth and Space	Tim Peake biography – from Twinkl	The Moon Fact File - Twinkl
5	Forces	How Parachutes Work – from a Wisconsin's Skydiving Centre News article	Tilting at Windmills: the Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. – News article by John Vidal	5	Earth and Space	Katherine Johnson biography – from NASA	Mae Jemison: Trailblazing Astronaut, Doctor and Teacher – Linda Barghoorn

Summer 1				Summer 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Refugees	We Refugees - Benjamin Zephaniah	World Refugee Day article – from CBBC Newsround	1	Local Authors	Holly Webb: Things You Might Like to Know – extract from Holly Webb Website.	The Wind in the Willows - Kenneth Grahame
2	Key Author – Frank Cottrell Boyce	Cosmic – Frank Cottrell Boyce	Millions – Frank Cottrell Boyce	2	Life Cycles	Life Cycle of an Amphibians and Stages of Human Life – from Literacy Shed	Life Cycle of Flowers and Plants and Life Cycle Comparisons– from Literacy Shed
3	The Victorians	The Worst Children’s Jobs in History - Sir Tony Robinson	A School House Letter – from Literacy Shed	3	Rainforests	Running Wild - Michael Morpurgo	The Explorer - Katherine Rundell
4	Homelessness	Homelessness News Report – from CBBC Newsround	Street Child - Berlie Doherty	4	Reading	Banksy Mural News Article – Get Reading	Reading FC’s Stadium - Football Ground Guide
5	SEND - Autism	The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd extract	Can You See Me? - Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott extract	5	Global Warming	Dystopia – from Literacy Shed	Dear Humans – from Literacy Shed

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Autumn 1				Autumn 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Parliament	Froggypop – from Parliament Education Service	The origins of democracy – from Literacy Shed	1	Key Author- Malorie Blackman	Pig Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman	Hacker - Malorie Blackman
2	Crime and Punishment	Bizarre Laws– from Literacy Shed	Case of the Silver Snake – from Literacy Shed	2	Animals including Humans	Journey of a blood red cell– from Literacy Shed	Bodily bits and bobs– from Literacy Shed
3	Robin Hood	Robin Hood and the Potter – Desmond Dunkerley	Robin Hood and Little John– Desmond Dunkerley	3	Explorers	Edmund Hillary Biography – from Classroom Secrets	Shackleton’s Journey – William Gill
4	Medieval Monarchs	Richard the Lionheart – Ben Johnson, Historic UK	The Phony King of England (From the Disney film ‘Robin Hood’) – John Mercer and Phil Harris	4	Classics	Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson	Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe
5	Women’s Rights	Sister Suffragette (from the film ‘Mary Poppins’) – Robert and Richard Sherman	Secret Suffragette – Barbara Mitchelhill	5	Key Author- David Almond	Skellig – David Almond	The Island – David Almond
6	Electricity	Facts about Electricity – from Literacy Shed	‘Wires’ by Athlete	6	Poetry	The Tyger – William Blake	The Tyger – William Blake

Spring 1				Spring 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Drugs and Alcohol	Risk Factors of Smoking – from The British Heart Foundation	'Old Red Eyes' - Beautiful South	1	Classics	The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien	Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens
2	Picture Books	The Viewer – Gary Crew	The Viewer – Gary Crew	2	Evolution	Moth - Isabel Thomas	Charles Darwin autobiography – Literacy Shed
3	Kites	Let's Go Fly a Kite from the film 'Mary Poppins') - Robert and Richard Sherman	The Kites of Matariki – from Twinkl	3	Evolution	A finch solution – Literacy Shed	Diary from the Beagle – Literacy Shed
4	WW2	The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank	Once - Morris Gleitzman	4	Narrative from Poetry	The Raven - Edgar Allan Poe	The Raven - Edgar Allan Poe
5	WW2	The Water Tower – Gary Crew	Kindertransport – Literacy Shed	5	Civil Rights	Nelson Mandela – Literacy Shed	'A Change is Gonna Come' - Sam Cooke
Summer 1				Summer 2			
Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Week	Theme	Text 1	Text 2
1	Africa	South Africa - from National Geographic Kids	South Africa - from National Geographic Kids	1	Inspirational Women	Frida Kahlo – Literacy Shed	Mother Teresa – from Twinkl
2	Classics- Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll	The Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll	2	Key Author- Piers Torday	The Last Wild - Piers Torday	There May be a Castle - Piers Torday
3	Horror	Room 13 – Robert Swindell	Malamander – Thomas Taylor	3	Key Author- Katherine Rundell	Rooftoppers - Katherine Rundell	Wolf Wilder - Katherine Rundell
4	Slavery	The Transatlantic Slave Trade – from Theschoolrun.com	Oh Freedom! - Francesco D'Adamo	4	Classics	The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett
5	Light	Thomas Edison – from Theschoolrun.com	On a Beam of Light - Jennifer Berne	5	Classics	The Railway Children – Edith Nesbit	Northern Lights – Philip Pullman
				6	Songs	'Both Sides, Now' - Joni Mitchell	'The Living Years' - Mike and the Mechanics