

Reading Curriculum Overview

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Whole School	Values Week (whole school text week 1)	Poetry Week (including visitor) linked to Black History	Books at Bedtime (Year 3)	Shakespeare Week (18-24th March '24)	Author Visit (TBC)	Reading Challenge Grand Prize
	,	Month – See separate planning below	,	World Book Day – 7th March '24		Community Day (picture book link)
	Emperors and Empires	Forces and Magnets	Rocks, Relics	and Rumbles	Through the A	ges (Bronze & Iron Age)
	Key Text: Escape from Pompeii	Key Text: The Iron man	Key Text: The Firework Maker's Daughter	Key Text: Magical Celtic Tales by Una Leavy	Key Text: Stone Age Boy (project link)	Key Text: Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor (STEM link)
Year 3	Picture comprehension: Pompeii cover Poem: Volcano	Poem: Clockwise by John Agard Non-fiction text: Amelia Earhart – Women who	Poem: Don't be Bored Rock by Zaro Weil Non-fiction text: Discover Science: Rocks	Poem: Extinct by Mandy Coe Non-fiction text: Mary Anning Biography	Poem: Library Ology by Benjamin Zephania and The Romans in Britain by Judith Nicholls	Poem: Ten Dancing Dinosaurs by John Foster
	Non-fiction text: Invading Britannia Changed the World (STEM)		and Fossils by Belinda Weber	(Lyme Regis Museum)	Non-fiction text: Historic Places of the United Kingdom: Roman Sites by John Mallam	Non-fiction text: Building Stonehenge (English Heritage)
	Invasion (Saxon & Viking Britain)	Rivers	Misty Mountai	n, Winding River	Ancie	nt Civilisations
Year 4	Key text: Norse Myths and Legends	Key text: Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth laird	Key Text: Kensuke's Kingdom	Key Text: Kensuke's Kingdom	Key Text: Varjak Paw by S.F. Said	Key Text: Secrets of a Sun king by Emma Carroll
	Poem: Beowulf Kennings (practical task)	Poem: The River by Valerie Bloom	Poem: Albatross by Laura Mucha	Poem: Carriage of a Train	Poem: Checking out me history by John Agard	Poem: Scarlett Macaw
	Non-fiction text: Time Crime Newspaper Report	Non-fiction text: The Amazon River (Brianica Kids)	Non-fiction text: South America: Guide to the Amazon Rainforest	Non-fiction text: Focus on Climate Zones: Tropical Climates by Cath Senker	Non-fiction text: King Tut Newspaper Report (language preparation for summer 1)	Non-fiction text: An Interview with Sophie Finch
Year 5	The Tudors Key Text: The Devil and His Boy by Anthony Horrowitz Poem: The Tyger by William Blake Non-fiction text: Who Were the Tudors (DK Find Out Kids	Forces and Mechanisms Key Text: Clockwork – Phillip Pullman Poem: Clockwork by Jacob Sam-La Rose Non-fiction text: Galileo Galilei by Anita Croy	Sow, Grow and Farm Key Text: The Last Wild Poem: Ghost in the Garden by Berlie Doherty Non-fiction text: Allotment Month By Month: Grow your Own Fruit and	Earth and Space Key Text: Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce Poem: The Starlight Night by Gerard Manley Hopkins Non-fiction text: Katherine Johnson Biography	Ground Key Text: Greek Myths Poem: Price we Pay for the Sun by Grace Nichols Non-fiction text: Ancient Greece in 30 Seconds by Cath Senker	breaking Greeks Key Text: Who Let the Gods Out Poem: Lord Neptune (Ballad) by Judith Nicholls Non-fiction text: The Ancient Olympic Games by Jhonny Nunez
Year 6	Britain at war Key Text: Coming to England (Floella Benjammin) Poem: The British by Benjamin Zephaniah Non-fiction text: The Windrush (Britanica Kids)	Evolution & Inheritance Key Text: Holes Poem: Pike by Ted Hughes Non-fiction text: Charles Darwin and the Mystery of Life (natgeog kids)	Project: From Project: From Key Text: Race to the Frozen North Poem: The Ice Ship by Sue Hubbard Non-fiction text: Save our polar habitats — National Geographic	ren Kingdoms Key Text: Children of the Quicksands by Efua Traore SATS revision	Key Text: Oranges in No Man's Land Poem: Some Effects of Global Warming in Lackawanna County By Jay Parini Non-fiction text: Population and Settlement by Izzi	study) & Our Changing World Key Text: Oranges in No Man's Land
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Medium Term Planning – Year 3

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	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Autumn Term	Project link			Emperors and Emp	pires			Forces and Magnets								
	Spoken language:	use relevant strategie	s to build their vocabulary &	articulate and justify ans	swers, argumen	its and opinions										
	Autumn Term	Poetry Focus:	Core Text: Escape from Por		Non-fiction focus:	Poetry Focus:	Focus: Key text: The Iron Man									
	*A picture comprehension to be taught first week to allow for phonics screening Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h NC links: Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. *A picture comprehension to be taught first week to allow for phonics screening Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read. Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context; drawing inferences and justifying inferences with evidence; predicting what might happen from details stated and implied; identifying main ideas and summarising these; and identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.						Non-fiction: Invading Britannia NC links: retrieve and record information from non-fiction	Clockwise by John Agard NC links: Recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]	Content domains covere NC areas of study: Develop positive attitude Understand what they re inferences and justifying details stated and implie how language, structure, knowledge of root words NF link https://kids.brita.	Magnetism – Britanica Kids NC links: retrieve and record information from non-fiction & identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to						
	Assessment	Assessment tool. Ch groups. Groups start	ressed weeks 1-3 using RV ildren grouped according to from week 3.	to results into KS1 rea	lete reading asso ading test	essment for baseline (data using most recent	Children receiving RV All children assessed All children benchma	meaning							
Spring Term	Project link	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1					Rocks, Relics	s and Rumbles								
	Spoken language	Consider and evaluat	e different viewpoints, atten	ding to and building on th	he contributions	s of others	,									
	Autumn Term	Poetry focus	Core Text: The Firework Ma				Non-fiction:	Poetry focus:	Core Text: Magical Celtion		Non-fiction:					
	Don't be Bored Rock by Zaro Weil NC links: discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest. Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context. Checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context. Asking questions to improve their understanding of a text				Rocks and Fossils by Belinda Webber NC links: identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning	NC links: Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest. Recognise some different forms of poetry	Content domains covere NC areas of study: Develop positive atti Understand what they inferences such as inferences books, including fairy sto (*to cover myths and leg									
	Assessment	*	t for all children completing I eted for all children weeks 5		vers assigned to	member of SLT (first s	tep in intervention)	Benchmarking compl	ent point for all children completing RWI Fresh start. Non movers flagged to phase leader and SLT g completed for all children weeks 5 and 6. Non-movers identified in PPM of all children using reading test B							
Summer Term	Project link						Through	the Ages								
	Autumn Term	Poetry focus: Core Text: Stone Age Boy Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f, 2c No. areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read. Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context. Recognise some different forms of poetry No. links: retrieve and record information from non-fiction Non-fiction: Poetry Focus Core Text: Leonara Bolt – Secret Inventor Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read. Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context. NC links: retrieve and record information from non-fiction NF link https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/his stories/building-stonehenge/						ds in context. Drawing tives from their actions, open from details stated	NC links: identifying how							
	Assessment RWI assessments to be completed weeks 5 and 6 Benchmarking of all readers t be completed weeks 4-6								RWI final assessments weeks 11-12 Benchmarking of all readers completed and passed to new teachers Final reading assessment using reading test C							

Medium Term Planning – Year 4

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Autumn Term	Project link						Inva	nvasion								
	Spoken language:	maintain attention ar	nd participate actively in co	ollaborative conversati	ons, staying on topi	ic and initiating and resp	onding to comments									
	Autumn Term	Poetry Focus:	Core Text: Norse Myths a	and Legends			Non-fiction focus:	Poetry Focus:	Core Text: Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird Non-fiction							
	Beowulf Kennings (practical task) Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2g NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read. Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context; drawing inferences and justifying inferences with evidence; predicting what might happen from details stated and implied; identifying main ideas and summarising these; and identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.					Non-fiction: Time Crime (newspaper report) NC links: retrieve and record information from non-fiction	The River by Valerie Bloom NC links: Recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]	Content domains covered NC areas of study: Develop positive attitud Understand what they rinferences and justifying details stated and implied how language, structure knowledge of root word	The Amazon River (Britanica Kids) NC links: retrieve and record information from non-fiction & identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to							
	Assessment	Assessment tool. Ch groups. Groups start t	sessed weeks 1-3 using lidren grouped according from week 3. hmarked and assigned boo	to results into KS	omplete reading ass 51 reading test	sessment for baseline c	lata using most recent	The Children receiving RWI Fresh Start assessed (weeks 10-11) All children assessed using reading test A All children benchmarked weeks 10-12								
Spring Term	Project link						Misty Mountai	n, Winding River								
	Spoken language	Consider and evaluate	e different viewpoints, atte	ending to and building	on the contribution	ns of others										
	Autumn Term	Poetry focus	Core Text: Kensuke's Kingdom (1)				Non-fiction:	Poetry focus:	Core Text: Kensuke's Kingdom (2)				Non-fiction:			
		Albatross by Laura Mucha	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					NC links: Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest. Recognise some different forms of poetry	Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context. drawin inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justifying inferences with evidence. Increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally							
	Assessment		t for all children completin eted for all children weeks		n movers assigned to	o member of SLT (first si	RWI assessment point for all children completing RWI Fresh start. Non movers flagged to phase leader and SLT Benchmarking completed for all children weeks 5 and 6. Non-movers identified in PPM Assessment of all children using reading test B									
Summer Term	Project link						Ancient C	ivilizations								
	Autumn Term	Poetry focus: Checking out me	Core Text: Varjak Paw by Content domains covered				Non-fiction: King Tut News	Poetry Focus Scarlett Macaw	Core Text: Secrets of the	σ,	Carroll		Interview with Sophie Finch			
		History by John Agard Recognise some different forms of poetry	Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read. Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context.				NC links: retrieve and record information from non-fiction		NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in contex inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from the and justifying inferences with evidence. Predicting what might happen from deand implied			ds in context. Drawing tives from their actions,	language, structure,			
	Assessment		ee completed weeks 5 and eeaders t be completed wee				RWI final assessments weeks 11-12 Benchmarking of all readers completed and passed to new teachers Final reading assessment using reading test C									

Medium Term Planning - Year 5

	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Autumn Term	Project link			The	e Tudors			Forces an Mechanisms							
	Spoken language:	maintain attention ar	nd participate actively i	n collaborative conve	rsations, staying on topic	c and initiating and resp	onding to comments								
	Autumn Term	Poetry Focus:	Core text: Illustrated	stories from Chine (U	sborne) by Li Weiding		Non-fiction focus:	Poetry Focus:	Core Text: The Devil	and His Boy by Anth	nony Horrowitz		Non-fiction focus:		
	Poem: The Tyger by William Blake NC links: Recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry] Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2g NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read. Pupils taught to work out unfamiliar words, paying close attention to new vocabulary. Making comparisons within books. Summarising ideas from one or more paragraph					Who were the Tudors? (DK Find Out) NC links: retrieve and record information from non-fiction	The Clockwork by Jacob Sam La-Rose NC links: Recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]	Content domains cov NC areas of study: Develop positive attit Understand what the inferences and justify details stated and im summarising main pa	Non-fiction text: Who Were the Tudors (DK Find Out Kids NC links: Distinguish between fact and opinion and to retrieve and record information from non-fiction						
	Assessment	All children who rece	ived RWI Freshstart in	Year 4 should be re-	Complete reading ass	sessment for baseline d	ata using most recent	Children receiving RV	VI Fresh Start assessed	(weeks 10-11)					
		assessed in weeks 1-3	3. d books to be benchma	arked weeks 1.2	KS1 reading test	n banded books to be be	unchmarked to identify	All children assessed							
		All children on bande	d books to be benchina	irkeu weeks 1-5	any children not makir		enclimarked to identify	All children benchma	arked weeks 10-12						
Spring Term	Project link			Sow Gro	ow and Farm					Ear	th and Space				
	Spoken language		· · ·			s of others. Focus on inc			_		eedback on their spoken l	anguage.			
	Autumn Term	Poetry focus	Core Text: The Last W	/ild (modern contemp	oorary fiction)		Non-fiction:	Poetry focus:	Core Text: Cosmic by	Non-fiction:					
	Ghost in the Garden by Berlie Doherty NC links: Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read. Discuss figurative language Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read Understand what they have read by drawing inferences, summarising main ideas and asking questions about what they have read. Retrieval is taught to maintain skill of skimming and scanning.				Allotment: Month by month guide — what to do and when NC links: Retrieve and record key information. Distinguish between fact and opinion.	The Starlight Night by Gerard Manley Hopkins NC links: Show understanding through intonation, tone and volume when reading poem aloud	Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f NC areas of study: Make comparisons in and across books; Identify and discuss themes and conventions; apply what they have learned to more complex writing (see written response lessons). Children to continue to apply what they have already learnt, discussing conventions such a use of first person (evident within this text when the writer switches between third and first person)				Katherine Johnson (biography) NC links: Retrieve and record key information. Distinguish between fact and opinion. Look at layout of text and how this helps reader's understanding.				
	Assessment		t for all children comple eted for all children we	•	Non movers assigned to	member of SLT (first st	ep in intervention)	p in intervention) RWI assessment point for all children completing RWI Fresh start. Non movers flagged to phase leader and SLT Benchmarking completed for all children weeks 5 and 6. Non-movers identified in PPM							
								Assessment of all children using reading test B							
Summer Term	Project link						Groundbre	aking Greeks							
	Spoken language	Consider and evaluat	e different viewpoints,	attending to and buil	ding on the contribution	s of others. Focus on inc	reasing children's voca	bulary by describing fee	elings and wider world.	Give constructive fe	eedback on their spoken l	anguage.			
	Autumn Term	Poetry focus:	Core Text: Greek Myt	ths			Non-fiction:	Poetry Focus	Core Text: Who Let t	he Gods Out			The Ancient		
		Price we pay for the sun by Grace Nicholls Recognise some different forms of poetry	NC areas of study: Develop positive a Understand what the	ontent domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f, 2c C areas of study: evelop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is read. nderstand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context. Compare and ontrast different myths.				Lord Neptune by Judith Nicholls	Content domains covered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f NC areas of study: Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what is real Understand what they read by explaining the meaning of words in context. Drawi inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their action and justifying inferences with evidence. Predicting what might happen from details stat and implied			rds in context. Drawing otives from their actions,	Olympics by Johnny Nunez NC links: identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning		
	Assessment		pe completed weeks 5 a eaders t be completed						ts weeks 11-12 readers completed and nent using reading test	•	hers				



Medium Term Planning - Year 6

	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Autumn Term	Project link			Britain at War (foo	us on post war Britain)			Evolution and Inheritance							
	Spoken language:		ı		sations, staying on topic	and initiating and resp									
	Autumn Term	Poetry Focus: Core text: Coming to England by Floella Benjamin Non-						Poetry Focus: Core Text: Hole by Louis Sachar					Non-fiction focus:		
		The British by Benjamin	Content domains cov	vered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2g			The Windrush (Britanica Kids)	Pike by Ted Hughes (will also involve	Content domains covered:	:2a, b, 2h, 2g			Charles Darwin and the Mystery of Life		
		Zephaniah	NC areas of study:					comparison with second poem)	NC areas of study:				(natgeog kids)		
		NC links:			nderstanding of what is re paying close attention to		NC links: retrieve and record	,	Develop positive attitudes Understand what they rea				NC links:		
		Recognising some different forms of	Making comparisons	s within books. Summar	ising ideas from one or m	nore paragraph	information from	NC links:	inferences and justifying ir details stated and implied;				Distinguish between fact and opinion and		
		poetry [for					non-fiction	Recognising some different forms of	summarising main parts of	•	·		to retrieve and		
		example, free verse, narrative poetry]						poetry [for example, free verse,					record information from non-fiction		
								narrative poetry]							
	Assessment	All children who rece	 ived RWI Freshstart in	Year 5 should be re-	Test: Reading paper 20	019 baseline test (week	5 or 6)	Children receiving RV	 VI Fresh Start assessed (wee	eks 10-11)					
		assessed in weeks 1-3						All children assessed	using 2022 sats tests						
		All children on bande	d books to be benchm	narked weeks 1-3				All children benchma	rked weeks 10-12						
Spring Term	Project link							n Kingdoms							
	Spoken language			· •	ding on the contributions	s of others. Focus on inc		vocabulary by describing feelings and wider world. Give constructive feedback on their spoken language.							
	Autumn Term	Poetry focus Core Text: Race to the Frozen North					Non-fiction: Save our polar		Sats Revision using CGP Sats Busters						
		The Ice Ship by Sue Hubbard	Content domains cov	vered: 2a, 2b, 2h, 2f			habitats - National		Core text: Children of the						
		NC links	NC areas of study:	attitudos to roadio	a and understanding	of what is road	Geographic								
		NC links: Explain and discuss	Understand what the	ey have read by drawing	g and understanding g inferences, summarising	g main ideas and asking	NC links:								
		their understanding of what they have	questions about what scanning.	at they have read. Retr	eval is taught to maintai	n skill of skimming and	Retrieve and record key information.								
		read. Discuss					Distinguish between								
	figurative language			fact and opinion.											
	Assessment	RWI assessment poin	t for all children comp	oleting RWI Fresh start.	Non movers assigned to	member of SLT (first sto	ep in intervention)	RWI assessment point for all children completing RWI Fresh start. Non movers flagged to phase leader and SLT							
			eted for all children w			, 1332			eted for all children weeks 5						
		All children assessed	using 2018 and 2023 s					Assessment of all children using reading tests re-test using 2019 to identify progress							
Summer Term	Project link				nging World										
	Spoken language		I		ding on the contributions of others. Focus on increasing children's vocabulary by describing feelings and wider world. Give constructive feedback of							nguage.			
	Autumn Term Poetry focus Some Effects of		Key Text: Oranges in	i No Man's Land			Non-fiction text:		Writing focus – reading fo	or pleasure to take	precedent				
		Global Warming in					Population and								
		Lackawanna County By Jay Parini					Settlement by Izzi Howell								
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	Assessment	RWI assessments to b	e completed weeks 5	and 6				RWI final assessments weeks 11-12							
		Benchmarking of all r	eaders t be completed	d weeks 4-6					Benchmarking of all readers completed and passed to new teachers						
		<u> </u>							Final reading assessment using reading test C						



Whole School Projects

Autumn 2 – Black History Month/Poetry Day	Spring 2 – World Book Day
Poetry: Caged Bird by Maya Angelou	Poetry: A Book by Emily Dickinson
Whole School Text: In Every House on Every Street by Jess Hitchman	Whole School Text: Martha Maps it Out by Lee Hodgkingson
Poetry Day – Monday 16 th October (Word Guerilla)	