



FOCUS ENGLISH

Year Group Overviews

YEAR 1

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Core Text	The Bog Baby – Jeanne Willis	Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers	Beegu – Alexis Deacon	Dogger – Shirley Hughes	The Rabbit Problem – Emily Gravett/Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter	The Naughty Bus – Jan and Jerry Oke
Poetry	Nursery rhymes	Christmas poems	Poet study – Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems – June Crebbin	All Aboard the Toy Train – Tony Bradman	Animal poems Rabbits – Matt Mooney	Transport poems – Vroom, Vroom – poems about things with wheels – Paul Nicholls (The Song of the Train)
Reading	Core text/The King of the Little Things Non-fiction books on animals and habitats.	Core text Non-fiction books on animals in hot and cold regions.	Core text	Core text Non-fiction books about toys	Core texts Non-fiction books about plants and growth.	Core text Non-fiction books about transport
Curriculum Links	Science – Identification and labelling a variety of common animals How to care for pets. Name parts of the human body.	Science – Hot and cold places. Seasonal changes. Geography – identifying north and south pole and equator	Science - Identify and name a range of materials (wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock; Classify and group according to a range of physical properties	History – Changes from living memory	Geography – How the seasons and weather affect people Science – Seasonal weather -Identification and labelling of plants. Structure of plants,	History – Changes from living memory Geography – Local area

YEAR 2

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Core Text	Wild – Emily Hughes	Man on the Moon – Simon Bartram	Traction Man – Mini Grey	The Owl and the Pussycat – Edward Lear	Lila and the Secret of Rain – David Conway	Little Evie in the Wild Wood – Jackie Morris/ Little Red Riding Hood
Poetry	Out and About by Shirley Hughes	Space Poems chosen by Gaby Morgan	Machine Poetry – Nick Sharratt and Jill Bennet		Brining the Rain to Kapiti Plain – Verna Aardeema	Dragonfly out in the Sun – David Windle
Reading	Core text The Little Gardener – Emily Hughes	Core text Bob and the Moon Tree Mystery – Simon Bartram One Giant Leap – Don Brown	Core text Traction Man and Turbo-Dog Comics	Core text The Further Adventures of the Owl and the Pussycat – Julia Donaldson Lear poems	Core text/ Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain – Verna Aardeema	Core text/ The Good Little Wolf – Nadia Shireen/Wolves – Emily Gravett Other wolf stories Simile poems
Curriculum Links	Science – Living Things and their habitats, life cycles, healthy eating	History – significant people. Tim Peake, Neil Armstrong Science – healthy eating	Science – materials History – changes beyond living memory (toys) – possible re-visit	Geography - human and physical features of localities	Geography – area of UK and non-European country Science link to seasonal and daily weather patterns and what plants need to grow	Geography – local environment

YEAR 3

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Core Text	Orion and the Dark – Emma Yarlett	Greek Myths – Marcia Williams The Orchard Book of Greek Myths	Stone Age Boy – Satoshi Kitamura The First Drawing – Modicai Gerstein	Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll Abridged version – Emma Chichister Clark	The Flower – John Light	The Firework Maker's Daughter – Phillip Pullman
Poetry	The Sound Collector – Roger McGough			The Mouse's Tail – Lewis Carroll	What is Pink? Christina Rossetti	Fireworks – James Reeves
Reading	Core text The Owl Who Was Afraid of the dark	Core texts	Core text/The Boy With the Bronze Axe – Kathleen Fidler	Core text	Core text/A Child's Garden – Michael Foreman Non-fiction texts on plants	Core text
Curriculum Links	Science – Sources of light and shadows.	Geography – European country History – Ancient Greece Science – Skeleton and muscles, nutrition	History – Stone Age to Iron Age	History – local history. Victorian link	Science – Plants - functions of parts of plants, requirements for life and growth, life cycle.	Science - Rocks Geography – Physical – volcanoes and earthquakes.

YEAR 4

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Core Text	Escape from Pompeii – Christina Ballit	The Incredible Book Eating Boy – Oliver Jeffers	The Pied Piper – Michael Morpurgo	Egyptian Cinderella – Shirley Climo	The Promise – Nicola Davies	The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame
Poetry	Fire poetry Bush Fire – Jacky Kay	Poet study – class choice based on core text.	The Pied Piper – Robert Browning		The Dancing Bear – Charles Causley	The River – Valerie Bloom
Reading	Escape from Pompeii Non-fiction books on the Romans.	Books linked to core to introduce a wider range. Non-fiction on digestive system.	The Pied Piper	Core text Traditional stories Information books on Ancient Egypt.		The Wind in the Willows Local reports, archive information, leaflets.
Curriculum Links	History – Romans Science – Solids, liquids and gases	Science – Digestive system, teeth,	Science – Sound Geography – City study	History – Ancient Egypt	Science – Identify living things and group. Environmental issues	Geography – River study, Water Cycle History – Theme linked to rivers Science – Changes of state

YEAR 5

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Core Text	Leon and the Place Between – Grahame Baker-Smith	Journey to Jo'burg – Beverley Naidoo	The Lady of Shalott – Alfred Lord Tennyson	Beowulf _Michael Morpurgo	The Man who Walked Between the Towers – Mordecai Gerstein	The Nowhere Emporium – Ross Mackenzie
Poetry	The Magic Box – Kit Wright	S is for South Africa – Beverley Naidoo		Kennings	If – Rudyard Kipling	Poet study – Brian Patten
Reading	Leon and the Place Between Non-fiction on earth and space, current reports on space exploration.	Journey to Jo'burg A Long Walk to Freedom – children's version Nelson Mandela Current reports as appropriate.	The Lady of Shallot, King Arthur stories Non-fiction on Anglo-saxons	Beowulf Non-fiction on Vikings.	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers Newspaper reports, interviews of Phillippe Petit.	The Nowhere Emporium
Curriculum Links	Science – Earth and Space	Geography – Map skills History – theme linked to discrimination	History – Anglo-Saxons and Vikings	History – Anglo-Saxons and Vikings Science – reversible and irreversible changes	Science - Forces	Science – Life cycles Geography – Importance of raw materials

YEAR 6

	Autumn Novel Study	Spring 1 - 3 week unit	Spring 1 Week 4 onwards and spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Core Text	Trash – Andy Mulligan	Macbeth - Shakespeare	Wonder – J. P. Palacio Reading focus	The Spider and the Fly – Mary Howitt and Tony Di Terlizzi Writing focus	Tales from the Arabian Nights
Poetry	The Barefoot Book of Earth Poems – Grace Nicholls	Macbeth – Shakespearean blank verse	Body Talk – Benjamin Zephaniah		The Door – Miroslav Holub
Reading	Trash Non-fiction on South America and rain forests	Macbeth	Wonder High quality shorter texts/extracts to support teaching of exam skills	Core Text	Tales from the Arabian Nights
Curriculum Links	Geography – South American country, rain forest. - Classification	History – Theme in British history. Possibilities – entertainment, crime and punishment	Science – Evolution and inheritance	Science – Circulatory system The eye, shadows	History – Islamic society Science – Electrical circuits