

2025-2026 Subject Overview: Reading and Writing

| | | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Year 6 | Guided text | Once—Morris Gleitzman Non-fiction Comprehension Poetry—In Flanders Fields, Dulce et Decorum Est Once—Morris Gleitzman Non-fiction Comprehension Poetry—In Flanders Fields, Dulce et Decorum Est | | Viking Boy—Tony Bradman Non-fiction Comprehension Poetry—The Way Through the Woods, The Dragon of Death | | Greek Mythology Non-fiction comprehension Poetry—Snow the Suburbs, Miller's End | |
| | Writing genres | Narrative (linked to Windrush Child) Non-narrative (biography of Benjamin Zephaniah) | Narrative (linked to refugees and migration) Non-narrative (balanced arguments linked to War topic) | Non-narrative (reports linked to Brazil topic) Narrative (linked to the Alchemist's Letter) | Non-narrative (medical report) Narrative (linked to Viking Boy) | Non-narrative (newspaper report – Alma) Narrative (dialogue – The Hobbit) | Narrative (Literacy Shed—Alma) Non-narrative (persuasive brochures for Greece) |
| | Whole class texts | Windrush Child Poetry—Talking Turkeys King of the Sky Leaf The Island Wisp—a story of hope When Jessie Came Across the Sea | | The Final Year Poetry—Timothy Winters The Only Way is Badger A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo Introducing Teddy | | The First Year Poetry—Talking Turkeys Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow The Pants Project Pride—The Story of the Rainbow Flag | |
| Year 5 | Guided text | Clockwork, Non-Fiction The Runner, Way Home | | Floodland, NF What is a cathedral? | | Tree Octopus Website Kensuke's Kingdom | |
| | Writing genres | Narrative—gothic style Linked to Clockwork Non-narrative Explanation about the importance of the Nile | Narrative Playscripts Poetry From around the world | Narrative Dystopian story linked to Floodland | Non Narrative Comparative Report/Discussion Texts Linked to Anglo Saxons | Poetry/Narrative Highwayman Narrative Pie Corbett The Caravan | Non-narrative Lily Cartwright's Diary—local study link) |

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| | Whole class texts | Hidden Figures Counting on Katherine Final Cut (PSHCE) Grimm's Fairy Tales (Philip Pullman) | | I am not a label (biographies) Poems from other cultures Patina | | No Ballet Shoes in Syria I am Jazz Serena Williams | |
| Year 4 | Guided text | Ice Palace - Robert Swindells | Adolphus Tips-Michael Morpurgo | The Butterfly Lion-Michael Morpurgo | Journey to Joburg-Beverley Naidoo | The Firework Maker's Daughter-Phillip Pullman | Poetry anthology |
| | Writing genres | Impossibly Possible Story by Pie Corbett (Story in a fantasy setting) | Explanation texts (water cycle, journey of a river) Stories with historical settings (The experience of an evacuee in WW2) | 'Impossible' Poems - The magic box by Kit Wright etc. The Queue - Stories in a familiar setting. | The Robin's Journey - an animal focused adventure story based on A story by Michael Morpurgo and a video text. | Discussion texts linked to African Kingdoms history unit. | Dairies - Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman. |
| | Whole class texts | The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.by C.S.Lewis | In Flanders Field by John McCrae Black and British: An Illustrated History by David Olusoga | The Akimbo Adventures by Alexander McCall Smith | Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou | Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit | Roman invasion by Jim Eldridge |
| Year 3 | Guided text | Stone Age Boy Satoshi Kitamura | The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark—Jill Tomlinson | George's Marvellous Medicine-Roald Dahl | The Hodgeheg-Dick King-Smith | Bill's New Frock - Anne Fine | Non Fiction and Poetry Comprehension |
| | Writing genres | Instructional text Narrative-Fables | Non-chronological report owls Poetic forms calligrams | Narrative—Wrekin Giant Myths Poetry-narrative poems oral readings | Non-chronological report Mary Anning | Narrative traditional stories with a twist Poems on a theme-colours | Persuasive debate-environmental impact |
| | Whole class texts | The First Drawing How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth Michael Morpurgo Aesop's Fables | The Nutcracker and the Mouse King's Christmas Shenanigans - Alex T Smith Explorers-Amazing Tales of the World's Greatest Explorers and Great Women Who | Wrekin Giant Shropshire Myths-Amy Douglas Whizzwig Malorie Blackman The Pebble in My Pocket Great Women Who Worked Wonders- | Great women who changed the world-Mary Anning, Marie Curie Ada Twist scientist Rose Reveere engineer Mary Anning (Little people Big Dreams) | Prince Cinders and Princess Smarty pants by Babette Cole The Ghanaian Goldilocks-Dr.Tamara Pizzoli The Princess and the Pea-Rachel Isadora | My Shadow -Robert Louis Stevenson Amazing Grace—Mary Hoffman |

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| | | | Worked Wonders– Junko Tabai, Tenzing Norgay, Edmund Hillary | Maria Sibylla Merian– natural scientist | The Dinosaur Lady | | |
| Year 2 | Writing genres | Traditional Tales Goldilocks and the Three Bears Recount - Ironbridge trip | Story with a familiar setting –The Snow Dragon– Fiona Woodcock & Abi Elphinstone (Character and setting description) Non-chronological report Gunpowder Plot | Diary– The Twits Texts - The Twits Poetry– Poems with a Rhythm —That Explains It! Kenn Nesbitt | Information Text - Habitats Trip to Blist’s Hill for History - Recount | Poetry Narrative— Beach Counting Narrative -Light house keeper’s lunch (Alternative ending) Texts - The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch | Letter - Florence Nightingale Fantasy - The Book of Butterflies (Literacy Shed) |
| | Whole class texts | If the world were 100 people—Jackie McCann & Aaron Cushley The Hunter - Paul Geraghty Meesha Makes Friends—Tom Percival Shine - Sarah Asuouo | The King with Dirty Feet and other Stories—Mary Medlicott Josephine Baker - Little People, Big Dreams Grandpa Cacao— Elizabeth Zunon Where the Poppies Now Grow - Hilary Robinson | The Twits—Roald Dahl The Big book of the UK—Imogen Russel Williams and Louise Lockhart Strong - Rob Kearney and Eric Rosswood | You Wouldn't Want to Be a Victorian Schoolchild - John Malam Caring for the world - Our Values Somebody Swallowed Stanley—Sarah Roberts | The Dragonsitter - Josh Lacey Dad David, Baba Chris and Me - Ed Merchant The street beneath my feet - Charlotte Guillian Anna Hibiscus - Atinuke | Tadpoles Promise - Jeanne Willis Beegu - Alexis Deacon Little People Big Dreams: Florence Nightingale The Extraordinary Life of Mary Seacole The Butterfly Dance—Suzanne Barton |
| Year 1 | Writing genres | Narrative stories—Toys in Space by Mini Grey | Non chronological reports Explorers (Neil Armstrong) Linked with History topic—Explorers | Poetry (Rhyming and Pattern)— My Hat by Tom Mitton Poetry (Rhyming and Pattern)- What is Pink? By Christina Rossetti | Narrative—The Gingerbread Man. Diary Entry—Toby and the Great Fire of London by Margaret Nash & Jane Cope | Linked with History topic. Stories from another culture - Anansi Narrative—Cinderella | Poetry (Senses) –If I had Wings by Pie Corbett |

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| | Whole class texts | Toys in Space by Mini Grey My Hat by Tom Mitton Dogger by Shirley Hughes One Minutes Peace by Jill Murphy The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers Elmer by David McKee Errol's Garden by Cillian Hibbs A Boy Like You - Frank Murphy | Non-fiction Space text Moving picture books The Space Train by Maudie Powell-Tuck We are Going on a Bear hunt by Michael Rosen The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt Going to the Volcano by Andy Stanton Frog and Toad are friends by Arnold Lobel What happened to you? James Catchpole Amelia Earhart Little People Big Dreams | What is Pink? By Christina Rossetti The Gingerbread Man Chicken Licken Snow White Worm loves Worm by Mike Cunato Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore My world, your world by Melanie Walsh Hug by Jez Alborough The Story of Dunni Chand | Toby and the Great Fire of London by Margaret Nash & Jane Cope Ten little Pirates by Mike Brownlow & Simon Rickerty The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson Sleeping Beauty Martin Luther King Little People Big Dreams Hair, it's a family affair by Mylo Freeman | Anansi Stories—Why the Spider has long legs and No Dinner for Anansi Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne A Squash and a Squeeze by Julia Donaldson An English Year by Tania McCartney Feelings by Libby Walden Billie Jean King Little People Big Dreams | Cinderella The Gigantic Turnip—Alekssei Tolstoy The Monster in Me—Nadiya Hussain Moving Molly—Shirley Hughes The Great book of Families by Mary Hoffman My Daddies by Gareth Peter |
| Reception | Writing genres | Narrative Drawing Club—Colour Monster. Pingu, Goldilocks, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Bananaman, The Enormous Turnip | Narrative Duck in a Truck The Train Ride supporting texts Non Fiction Train and transport. | Narrative / traditional tales The 3 Little Pigs The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs | Narrative / traditional tales Jack and the Beanstalk supporting texts Non Fiction growing. Little Red Riding hood | Narrative The Ugly Duckling Poetry - Minibeasts | Narrative The Snail and The Whale Pirates |
| | Whole class texts | Focus Author: Linley Dodd Big Question: What happened before? Texts: Hairy Maclary Scar-face Claw Rumpus at the vets Mr Gumpy's boat | Focus Author: Linley Dodd Big Question: What makes me special? Texts: Scattercat Show business Hairy Maclary's bone | Author: Jill Murphy Big Question: Where is home? Texts: All in one piece A quiet night in Peace at last On the way home My must have mum | Author: Jill Murphy Big Question: What makes a hero? Texts: A piece of cake Mr Large in Charge Whatever next Zog and the flying doctor | Author: Julia Donaldson Big Question: How does it grow? Texts: The very hungry caterpillar, The bad tempered lady bird Spinderella | Author: Julia Donaldson Big Question: Where in the world? Texts: Monkey puzzle Granny goes to market |

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| | | Harry and the dinosaurs at the museum Don't let the pigeon drive the bus Lost and Found Tyrannosaurus drip Little people big dreams—queen Elizabeth Last stop on market street | Elmer You can't take an elephant on the bus Big blue train Trains non fiction, the night pirates Pirates love underpants Ten little pirates The pirates next door The same but different too Happy to be me Ruby's worry Hair love | Little red riding hood Five minutes peace | Little people big dreams—Marie Curie, Nelson Mandela Billy and the dragon I really want to win | what the ladybird heard Superworm Little people big dreams— David Attenborough | The smeds and the smoos The highway rat Little people big dreams—jane goodall Look up We all went on safari All are welcome |
| Nursery | Writing genres | All about me—non-fiction/occupations On the road— non-fiction Healthy Me— Pumpkin soup | The enormous turnip— Traditional tale Rosie's walk by Pat Hutchins Winter- poems Christmas story | Selection of different nursey rhymes The very busy spider—spiders The three billy goats gruff Old McDonald The cook and the king by Julia Donaldson If I were a king - Chelsea O'Byrne | Selection of different nursey rhymes 5 little ducks—Life cycles Peter rabbit Rabbit has a fly upon his nose | Toys-Non-fiction Dogger by Shirley Hughes Gingerbread Man- Traditional tales | Jaspers beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen Sharing a shell—rhyming Lucy and Tom go to the seaside by Shirley Hughes |
| | Key texts | Oliver's fruit salad/Oliver's vegetables My five senses | Goldilocks and The Three Bears | Chicken Licken If I were a king - Chelsea O'Byrne | Selection of different nursey rhymes | Lost in the toy museum by David Lucas | We're going on a bear hunt Barnaby Bear goes to the seaside The cook and the king by Julia Donaldson |

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