



English Curriculum Overview

Class	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Whole-School English Events		WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY (20 th Nov)		WORLD BOOK DAY (First Thurs in March)		GIRTON OLYMPICS / GIRTON WORLD CUP / OTHER SPORTING OR CULTURAL EVENT
Ash (EYFS)	PETE THE CAT: ROCKING IN MY SHOES Class Text: Pete The Cat	DAZZLING DARKNESS & CRAZY ABOUT CHRISTMAS Class Text: Owl Babies / Can't You Sleep Little Bear	AMAZING ANIMALS Class Text: The Tiger Who Came to Tea / The Rainbow Fish / We're Going on a Bear Hunt	GLORIOUS GROWING Class Text: The Very Hungry Caterpillar / Jack and The Beanstalk	MARVELLOUS MINIBEASTS Class Text: Tad / Mad About Minibeasts!	TERRIFIC TRAVEL & SUMMER FUN Class Text: Journey Home From Grandpa's
<i>*opportunities for writing include letter & sentence formation, story-telling, recounts & non-fiction</i>						
Maple (Y1)	SUPERHEROES Class Text: Super Worm /Something Else Writing Opps: Descriptions / Narratives / Letters *Links to Art / DT / PSHE	DINOSAURS Class Text: How To Look After your Dinosaur / The Dinosaur Who Pooped Christmas Writing Opps: Diary Entries / Instructional Writing / Non-fiction *Links to Art/DT/Science/History	MEMORY BOX / ONCE UPON A TIME Class Text: Hansel & Gretel / Poetry Writing Opps: Descriptions / Narratives / Recounts *Links to Art/DT/History	LET'S GROW Class Text: Oliver's Vegetables Writing Opps: Instruction writing (vegetable soup) / Letters *Links to Art/DT/Science	THE ENCHANTED WOODLAND Class Text: The Gingerbread Man / Poetry Writing Opps: Diary entries, Diary entries / Character descriptions / Recipe / Narratives *Links to PHSE/ Art/ DT/ Science / Geogrphay	PAWS, CLAWS AND WHISKERS Class Text: Joe Wicks and the Burpee Bears / The Bear and The Piano Writing Opps: Newspaper Report / Information Text / Persuasive Speech *Links to PE / PSHE
Birch (Y2)	LAND AHOY Class Text: The Night Pirates/ My Hamster is a Pirate Writing Opps: Character and setting description in fictional writing/ Information text *Links to History / Geography/ Art / DT	MAGNIFICENT MONARCHS Class Text: Cinderella Writing Opps: Character and setting description in fictional writing/ Plot writing of a story/ Letter writing/ Poetry (The Magic Box) *Links to History / Art	MOON ZOOM Class Text: Whatever Next / Matilda / Poetry Writing Opps: Sentence types/ Newspaper reports/ Diary entries/ Poetry/ Persuasive writing (adverts and letters)/ Instructions *Links to History/ Science/ Geography/ DT/ Art		STREET DETECTIVES Class Text: The Enchanted Wood Writing Opps: Character and setting description in fictional writing/ Plot writing/ Diary entries/ letters/ Newspaper reports *Links to History/ Geography/ DT/ Art	COASTLINE Class Text: At the Beach Writing Opps: letters/persuasive writing/diary entries/ newspaper reports/ non-chronological reports/ holiday brochure *Links to Geography

<p>Lime (Y3)</p>	<p>TRIBAL TAILS Class Text: How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth / The Stone Age Boy / Poetry Writing Opps: Instruction writing/ narrative writing (historical fictional) / character and setting descriptions/ book review/ information texts / comics *Links to History / Art / DT</p>	<p>ROCKS, RELICS AND RUMBLES Class Text: The Firework Maker’s Daughter Writing Opps: Chronological recounts / Biography based on Mary Anning / Poetry (cinquain and free verse) *Links to History / Geography / Science / Art / DT</p>	<p>THE ROMANS SP1 Class Text: Escape from Pompeii (fiction) / So you think you’ve got it bad (non-fiction) Writing Opps: Newspaper reports based on volcano explosions/ Non-chronological reports based on the Ancient Romans/ Informal letter writing (fiction) *Links to History SP2 Class Text: Boudicca’s Army: I was there Writing Opps: Narrative writing (fiction – adventure) focusing on action building/ Balanced discussion based on Roman conquest of England. *Links to History</p>		<p>FLOW Class Text: Flotsam / Journey to the River Sea Writing Opps: Persuasive writing (formal persuasive letter) / Narrative writing / Journaling *Links to Geography / Art</p>	<p>SCRUMDIDDLYUMPTIOUS Class Text: Hansel and Gretel (different versions including playscript) / Roald Dahl Revolting Recipes / Poetry Writing Opps: Creating fairy tales/ Playscript writing / Instruction writing (recipes) *Links to DT</p>
<p>Cherry (Y4)</p>	<p>ROAD TRIP USA Class Text: The Indian in The Cupboard / Holes Writing opps: Narrative / Descriptive writing / Non chronological report on Iroquois people/ Poetry *Links to History / Geography/ Art / DT</p>	<p>GODS AND MORTALS Class Text: Theseus and the Minotaur (example texts of story) Writing opps: Narrative / Instructions: How to make a Trojan Horse / Non fiction writing *Links to History / Art / DT</p>	<p>MISTY MOUNTAIN, WINDING RIVER Class Text: Kensuke’s Kingdom / Poetry Writing opps: Narrative / Diary entries/ Postcards and letters/ Dialogue between characters / Explanation texts (oxbow lakes, waterfalls etc) *Links to Geography / Art / DT</p>		<p>TRADERS AND RAIDERS Class Text: Boy At The Back of The Class Writing opps: Persuasive writing / Diary entry / News reports from BABOC / Recount on Saxons arrival in UK *Links to History / Art / DT</p>	<p>BLUE ABYSS Class Text: Biography of David Attenborough Writing opps: Poetry: underwater animals / Information leaflets: coral reefs / Persuasive arguments: coral reefs vs tourism *Links to Geography / Science / Art / DT</p>
<p>Willow (Y5)</p>	<p>WW1: THE GREAT WAR Class Text: War Horse / Poetry: Dulce et Decorum est / In Flanders Fields / The Soldier Writing Opps: Character & Setting Desc / Letters to Albert & Emilie / Book Review / Balanced Discussion: Should animals be used in war? / Non-chronological reports / Diary entry from front-line / War poetry *Links to History / Art / DT</p>		<p>1066: THE NORMANS Class Text: Clockwork / Poetry: The Highway Man Writing Opps: Newspaper Reports on Battle of Hastings and death of Karl / Character Desc of Karl & Dr Kalmenius / Balanced Discussion: Is Karl a bad person? / Eulogy / Free writing opportunity / Narrative Poems *Links to History / Art / DT</p>	<p>ANCIENT EGYPT Class Text: The Mysteries of Harris Burdick & other picture books Writing Opps: Narrative – Mr Linden’s Library / Instructions: How to mummify a... / Diary entries and recount of Residential *Links to History / Art / DT / RE</p>	<p>WE ARE EXPLORERS Class Text: Storm Breaker / You Wouldn’t Want to be on Shackleton’s Expedition / Bear Grylls Autobiography Writing Opps: Job applications to be on Shackleton’s expedition and to be a spy / Diary entries from explorers / Non-chronological reports on Antarctica and Jellyfish / Balanced Discussion: Scott or Amundsen – Who was the better explorer? / Instructions: How to pack for an expedition to... / Character Desc / Informal Letter form Alex to Blunt / Playscript *Links to History / Geography / PE / PSHE</p>	

Oak (Y6)	<p style="text-align: center;">WW2</p> <p>Class Text: Blitzed / Anne Frank's Diary / Once Writing Opps: Playscript / Setting and character description / Informal letters / Non-fiction writing *Links to History / Art / DT / PSHE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE MAYANS AND SOUTH AMERICA</p> <p>Class Text: Floodlands / Visual Literacy: The Lighthouse & Francis Brandywine Diary Entry of Francis / Newspaper Report of disappearance / *Links to Geography / History / Art / DT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CLIMATES, ZONES AND BIOMES</p> <p>Class Text: A Kind of Spark / Poetry Writing Opps: Poetry (Haikus / Instructions (How to survive Year 6) / Letter to my future self / Diary entries and recount of Residential *Links to Geography / PSHE</p>
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* In addition to the fiction & poetry outlined, relevant, age-appropriate non-fiction texts will be chosen by class teachers for each topic and used as stimuli for writing. Additional texts may be read during Guided Reading and across the curriculum. Writing opportunities may change to fit with current global or local events.