



# English Curriculum Overview

\* 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.

Class	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Whole-School English Events	<b>BLACK HISTORY MONTH / NATIONAL POETRY DAY (Oct)</b>	<b>ANTI-BULLYING WEEK / WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY (20<sup>th</sup> Nov)</b>		<b>WORLD BOOK DAY (First Thurs in March)</b>		<b>NATIONAL WRITING DAY (June)</b>
Ash (EYFS)	<b>ALL ABOUT ME</b> Class Text: The Day You Begin Writing Opps: Letter formation / Sentence Writing *Links to PSHE	<b>FANTASTIC FESTIVALS</b> Class Text: Owl Babies / Can't You Sleep Little Bear Writing Opps: Recounts / Short Narratives *Links to RE / PSHE / Science	<b>AMAZING ANIMALS</b> Class Text: The Tiger Who Came to Tea / The Rainbow Fish / We're Going on a Bear Hunt Writing Opps: Recipes / Invitation To Tea / Sequencing *Links to Science	<b>GLORIOUS GROWING</b> Class Text: The Very Hungry Caterpillar / Jack and The Beanstalk Writing Opps: Recounts / Short Narratives *Links to Science / Geography	<b>MARVELLOUS MINIBEASTS</b> Class Text: Tad / Mad About Minibeasts! Writing Opps: Non-Fiction / Minibeast Fact File / Description *Links to Science	<b>SUPERHEROES</b> Class Text: Super Worm /Something Else Writing Opps: Descriptions / Narratives / Letters *Links to PSHE
Maple (Y1)	<b>DINOSAUR PLANET</b> Class Text: How To Look After your Dinosaur / The Dinosaur Who Pooped... Writing Opps: Diary Entries / Instructional Writing / Non-fiction *Links to Science/History	<b>OUR WONDERFUL WORLD</b> Class Text: Here We Are Writing Opps: Information Text / Narrative *Links to Geography / PSHE / Science	<b>MEMORY BOX</b> Class Text: Hansel & Gretel / Jack and The Bean Stalk / Goldilocks / Poetry Writing Opps: Descriptions / Narratives / Recounts / Poetry based around Fairy Tales *Links to History		<b>BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY (London. Great Fire, The Queen/King)</b> Class Text: Dick Whittington / Katie in London / Underneath the Underground Writing Opps: Invitation: Inviting the King to afternoon tea / Non-fiction: London tour guide / Newspaper Report: The Great Fire of London / London Zoo: Animal fact sheet *Links to Geography / PSHE / History / British Values	
Birch (Y2)	<b>LAND AHOY</b> Class Text: The Night Pirates/ My Hamster is a Pirate Writing Opps: Character and Setting Description / Fictional Plots / Information text *Links to History / Geography	<b>MAGNIFICENT MONARCHS</b> Class Text: Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine / Revolting Rhymes Writing Opps: Instructional Writing / Descriptive Writing *Links to History / BV	<b>MOVERS AND SHAKERS (Significant Figures)</b> Class Text: Rosa Parks (Little People, Big Dreams) / Malala's Magic Pencil / Poetry Writing Opps: The Story of Rosa Parks / Newspaper Report / Poetry about inclusion and kindness / Influential & Persuasive Speeches *Links to History / PSHE / British Values		<b>COASTLINE</b> Class Text: At the Beach Writing Opps: Letters / Persuasive Writing/ Diary Entries / Non-chronological Reports / Holiday Brochure *Links to Geography	

<p><b>Lime (Y3)</b></p>	<p><b>THROUGH THE AGES</b>  Class Text: How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth / The Stone Age Boy /  Writing Opps: Instructions / Historical Fiction / Descriptions / Book Review / Information Texts / Comics  *Links to History</p>		<p><b>ROCKS, RELICS AND RUMBLES</b>  Class Text: The Firework Maker's Daughter / Poetry  Writing Opps: Chronological Recounts / Biography based on Mary Anning / Poetry (cinquain and free verse)  *Links to History / Geography / Science</p>	<p><b>EMPERORS AND EMPIRES (ROMANS)</b>  Class Text: Escape from Pompeii (fiction) / So you think you've got it bad (non-fiction)  Writing Opps: Newspaper Report: Volcano eruptions / Non-chronological Reports / Informal Letters  *Links to History / Geography</p>	<p><b>FLOW</b>  Class Text: Flotsam / Journey to the River Sea  Writing Opps: River Poetry / Persuasive Writing (River Pollution) / Information Leaflet  *Links to Geography / Science</p>
<p><b>Cherry (Y4)</b></p>	<p><b>ROAD TRIP USA</b>  Class Text: The Indian in The Cupboard / Holes  Writing opps: Narrative / Descriptions / Non Chronological Report: Iroquois People  *Links to History / Geography</p>	<p><b>INVASION</b>  Class Text: Boy At The Back of The Class  Writing opps: Persuasive Writing / Diary Entry / News reports from BABOC / Recount: Saxons Arrival in UK  *Links to History / PSHE</p>	<p><b>MISTY MOUNTAIN, WINDING RIVER</b>  Class Text: Kensuke's Kingdom / Poetry / Visual Literacy  Writing opps: Narrative / Diary entries / Postcards and Letters / Dialogue between characters / Explanation Texts (oxbow lakes, waterfalls etc) / Poetry  *Links to Geography</p>	<p><b>1066</b>  Class Text: I Was There: 1066 / Poetry  Writing opps: Newspaper report: The Battle of Hastings / Job Application to be King of England / Balanced Discussion: Who should take the throne? / Non-fiction Text: Motte &amp; Bailey Castles  *Links to History / Art</p>	
<p><b>Willow (Y5)</b></p>	<p><b>PHAROAHS</b>  Class Text: Clockwork / The Mysteries of Harris Burdick  Writing opps: Newspaper Reports / Eulogies / Persuasive Speeches / Horror Stories / Instructional Writing / Historical Essay  *Links to History</p>	<p><b>DYNAMIC DYNASTIES</b>  Class Text: Where The Mountain Meets the Moon / Illustrated Stories from China / Poetry  Writing opps: Persuasive Speeches / Non-Chronological Reports/ Informal Letters / Narrative Poetry / Playscripts / Biographies  *Links to History</p>	<p><b>SOW, GROW &amp; FARM</b>  Class Text: Storm Breaker / Holes / The Last Bear  Writing Opps: Job Applications: to be a spy / Non-Chronological Report: Jellyfish / Character Descriptions / Informal Letter form Alex to Blunt / Playscript / Balanced Argument /Newspaper Report/ Formal Letter / Poetry  *Links to Geography</p>	<p><b>GROUNDBREAKING GREEKS</b>  Class Text: Who Let The Gods Out? / The Ancient Olympic Games / Athena: Story of a Goddess  Writing opps: Non-fiction: The Olympics / Narrative: Greek Mythology / Playscripts: End of Year Production  *Links to Geography / History</p>	
<p><b>Oak (Y6)</b></p>	<p><b>BRITAIN AT WAR</b>  Class Text: Blitzed / The Machine Gunners / War Poetry  Writing Opps: Letters / Descriptions / Non-Fiction Writing / Essay  *Links to History</p>	<p><b>A CHILD'S WAR</b>  Class Text: Anne Frank's Diary / Once  Writing Opps: Non-Fiction Writing / Diary Entries / Biography of Hitler / Short Narratives / Postcards &amp; Letters  *Links to History / PSHE</p>	<p><b>HOLA MEXICO!</b>  Class Text: Visual Literacy: The Lighthouse / The Island &amp; Francis Brandywine / Poetry  Diary Entry of Francis / Newspaper Report: Disappearance/ Match Report: Pok-A-Tok game / Narrative: Lighthouse Keeper  *Links to Geography / History</p>	<p><b>OUR CHANGING WORLD</b>  Class Text: Floodlands / David Attenborough Biography / A Kind of Spark  Writing Opps: Poetry (Haikus) / Instructions (How to Survive Year 6) / Letter to my future self / Diary entries and Recount of Residential / Script-writing for production / Informational Leaflets / Poetry  *Links to Geography / PSHE</p>	

