

English (writing) curriculum long-term plan

Year A curriculum cycle

Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Theme/Term	Destruction & preservation Autumn 1		Space & our world Autumn 2	
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	Cave Baby Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett	OR The Journey Home Frann Preston-Gannon Conservation	Dear Earth Isabel Otter & Clara Anganuzzi	Astro Girl Ken Wilson-Max
Length	10+ sessions, 2+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	11 sessions, 2+ weeks
Outcomes	Narrative retellings Labels and captions, informal letters	Persuasive letters Posters, lists, postcards, wanted posters, information reports, short stories	Informative leaflet Future aspirations, a set of instructions, poems, travel blogs/ vlogs, persuasive speeches, letters	Fact files about being astronauts Writing in role, commands, 'how to' guides
Theme/Term	Similarities & dif	ferences Spring 1	Change & relationships Spring 2	
Writing Root / Spelling Seed Text	The Comet Joe Todd-Stanton	Tadpole's Promise Jeanne Willis Science:	The Odd Egg Emily Gravett	If All the World Were Joseph Coelho
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	10 sessions, 2 weeks	10 sessions, 2 weeks
Outcomes	Own version narrative Posters, letters of advice, poem, description, writing in role, recipes	Own version narratives Simple explanations, speech and thought bubbles, setting descriptions, extended explanations	Egg-spotter's guides (non-fiction reports) Thought and speech bubbles, diaries, letters, certificates	Non-narrative poems Writing in role, diaries, letters of advice, short explanations
Theme/Term	Fantasy journ	neys Summer 1	Structures & materials Summer 2	
Writing Root / Spelling Seed Text	Lost and Found Oliver Jeffers	OR The Magic Bed The Magic Bed John Burningham	The Great Fire of London Emma Adams The Great Fire of London Emma Adams The Great Fire of London Emma Adams The Great Fire of London English Revers, Engineer Andrea Beaty	Dadaji's Paintbrush Rashmi Sirdeshpande
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks 15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Own version 'losing/finding' narratives Character descriptions, retellings, advice, instructions, non- chronological reports	Own version fantasy stories Setting descriptions, additional scenes, description of magical piece of furniture, lists	Information booklets Persuasive poster, warning posters, speech bubbles, letters of advice, certificates Leaflet for local landmarks Short explanations, writing in role, reports, adverts	Own version narrative Labels, captions, character comparisons, thought and speech bubbles, fact files

Year 3/Year 4

Theme/Term	Magic & mystery Autumn 1		Dreams & desires Autumn 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	Leon and the Place Between Angela McAllister	The Heart and the Bottle Oliver Jeffers Grief	The Barnabus Project The Fan Brothers	FAITHER Grahame Baker Smith WW 1	
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	
Outcomes		Own version 'dilemma' narratives Dialogue, postcard, character description, diary entry, poetry, letter of advice	Brochures Instructional writing (escape plan, experiment), descriptions, advertisements, letters of advice, dialogue	Sequel stories Retellings, recounts (postcards), setting descriptions, diary entries, instructions	
Theme/Term	Hope & healing Spring 1		Overcoming adversity Spring 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	Frindleswylde Natalia O'Hara & Lauren O'Hara	The Last Garden Rachel Ip	Cloud Tea Monkeys Mal Peet CLOUD TER MONKEYS RANDERSAND	Nen and the lonely fisherman lan Eagleton	
Length	16 sessions, 3+ weeks	15 Sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	
Outcomes	Narrative sequels Letters, voting slips, dialogue, poetry, birds-eye view descriptions, speeches	Own version extended narrative Setting descriptions, advertisement/ poster, retelling, instructional flyer, social media updates, dialogue	Non-chronological reports Descriptions, 'how to' guides (instructions), letters, discussions	Own traditional tales Short news reports, diaries, character descriptions, adverts	
Theme/Term	From mystery to	discovery Summer 1	Pride & downfall Summer 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	The Mysteries of Harris Burdick Chris Van Allsberg	The Story of Tutankhamun Patricia Cleveland-Peck History: Egypt	Jim, A Cautionary Tale Hilaire Belloc	Our Tower Joseph Coelho	
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	
Outcomes	Extended fantasy narrative Setting description, short first-person narrative, dialogue, speech, action scene	Non-chronological reports Retelling, character description, book review	Narrative poems Warning posters, warning announcements, alternative endings, performance poetry, letters of apology	Extended fantasy narratives Poems, setting descriptions, diary entries, dialogue, letters of thanks	

Year 5/Year 6

Theme/Term	Crime & punishment Autumn 1		Power vs. principles Autumn 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers Mordicai Gerstein	OR The Island Armin Greder Space Science:	Rain Player David Wisniewski Mayans Rain Player David Wisniewski	The Tempest William Shakespeare	
Length	12 sessions, 2+ weeks	15 sessions, 3+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	14+ sessions, 3 + weeks	
Outcomes	Wikipedia pages, letters of advice, interviews, news report persuasive	Sequel Welcome guide, description, letter of advice, diary entry in role, magined conversation			
Theme/Term	Affirmation & equality Spring 1		Legends, folklore & fairytales Spring 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	The Lost Thing Shaun Tan	Freedom Bird Jerdine Nolen	The Sleeper and the Spindle Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell SERVINDE	Firebird Saviour Pirotta and Catherine Hyde Girebird	
Length	16 sessions, 3+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	7 sessions, 3+ weeks	10 sessions, 2 weeks	
Outcomes	Own version narratives Diaries, formal letters, adverts, character and setting descriptions, reports	Biographies Non-narrative poems, explanations, dialogue, postcards, letters of advice, descriptions, recounts, narrative poems	Fairytale reworkings - Warning posters, diaries, dialogue, estate agent's descriptions, character descriptions, missing narratives	Fairytale narratives Formal letters, retellings, character descriptions	
Theme/Term	Lessons from his	story Summer 1	Solving mysteries Summer 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	A Beautiful Lie Irfan Master LIE IRFAN MASTER	Anne Frank Josephine Poole WW2 History:	High Rise Mystery Sharna Jackson	Curiosity Markus Motum OR The Whale Ethan & Vita Murrow Murrow	
Length	15 sessions, 3+ weeks	10 sessions, 2+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks 15 sessions, 3 weeks	
Outcomes	New chapters Journalistic writing, recounts, discussion texts	Newspaper articles Letters, short descriptions, extended diary entries, obituaries, opinion pieces	Extended stories Character & setting descriptions, police & newspaper report, dialogue, persuasive letters	Expanded explanations NASA Proposals, information labels, short explanations, NASA logs, news reports Film pitches Reported speeches, speech and thought bubbles, descriptions, recounts in role, letters to a newspaper editor	

Year B curriculum cycle

Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Theme/Term	Heroes & villains Autumn 1		Helpfulness & kindness Autumn 2	
Writing Root / Spelling Seed Text	Billy and the Beast Nadia Shireen	Wolves Emily Gravett Science: Living Things	The Sea Saw Tom Percival	Jim and the Beanstalk Raymond Briggs Jim and the Beanstalk RAYMOND BRIGGS
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Own version 'defeat a monster' narratives Wanted posters, summaries, emails, character descriptions, recipes	Non-chronological leaflets Captions, information writing, character descriptions and comparisons	Own version narrative Writing in role, notes of advice, missing posters; diary entries, letters of thanks	Sequel stories Narrative retellings (including dialogue), thought bubbles, informal letters
Theme/Term	Storybook bears Spring 1		Beasts & monsters Spring 2	
Writing Root / Spelling Seed Text	I Want My Hat Back Jon Klassen	The Bear Under the Stairs Helen Cooper UNDER THE STAIRS Hidea Cooper	DINOSAURS Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish Michael Foreman	The Dragon Machine Helen Ward Dragon Machine
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Story sequels Questions, speech bubbles, letters, lists	Information texts Letters, retellings, own version narratives	Pamphlets Letters, setting descriptions, instructions, narrative retellings, pamphlets, posters	Own version dragon stories Dragon guides & encyclopaedia, letters of advice, dragon machine explanations, shopping lists, descriptions, letters
Theme/Term	Fictional Wo	rlds Summer 1	Urban and rural adventures Summer 2	
Writing Root / Spelling Seed Text	YETI ME BIRD Yeti and the Bird Nadia Shireen	PIGH PUG Aaron Blabey Aaron Blabey	Stanley's Stick John Hegley & Neal Layton	Last Stop on Market Street Matt de la Peña Condon Market Sireet Condon Con
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15+ sessions, 3+ weeks	11 sessions, 2+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Own version narratives about unlikely friendships List of rules, letters, postcards, character descriptions	'How to' guides Character comparisons, fact sheets, shared poetry, own version narratives	Own version narratives Retellings, descriptions	Own version narrative Metaphor poetry, simple character descriptions, interview questions, senses poetry, adverts, advice slips, letters

Year 3/Year 4

Theme/Term	Imagination & freedom Autumn 1		Invention & transformation Autumn 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	Tar Beach Faith Ringgold	Varmints Helen Ward Science:	Tin Forest Helen Ward The Tin Forest Helen Ward The Iron Man Ted Hughes		
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	16 sessions, 3+ weeks	10 sessions, 2 weeks	18 sessions, 3+ weeks	
Outcomes	Narrative retelling as a play script Poetry, setting descriptions, formal letters, dialogue (as a script)	Explanations of a life cycle Diary entries, instructions, letters, descriptions, speeches	Persuasive information leaflets Persuasive posters, information leaflets, postcards, diaries, wishes, setting descriptions Character descriptions, short news bulletins, letters of advice, diary entries, menus, logbook		
Theme/Term	Finding your	future Spring 1	Taking Courage Spring 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush Patrice Lawrence	Cinnamon Neil Gaiman Cinnamon Neil Gaiman	Baker by the Sea Paula White	Odd and the Frost Giants Neil Gaiman Vikings Vikings	
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	16 sessions, 3+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	
Outcomes	Factual reports Informal letters, factual statements, future aspirations, postcards, diary entries, a speech, quotations	Own version fables Diaries, informal letters, dialogue, adverts, limericks and other poetic forms	Tourist brochures Job applications, advertisements, setting descriptions, letters in role	Retellings - alternative perspective Narrative recounts, character and setting descriptions, letters, short explanations	
Theme/Term	Unearthing civili	sations Summer 1	Fantasy worlds Summer 2		
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	Weslandia Paul Fleischman	DAVID WIESNER David Wiesner David Wiesner	The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe C. S. Lewis WW2	Jabberwocky Lewis Carroll	
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	20 sessions, 4 weeks	10 sessions, 2 weeks	
Outcomes	Imagined land narratives Character description, informative posters, persuasive leaflets, logbook	Sequels (mystery) Postcard, setting descriptions, non- chronological reports, message in a bottle letters	` ,	Nonsense poems Performance poetry, explanatory descriptions	

Year 5/Year 6

Theme/Term	Journeys & migration Autumn 1		Conservation & preservation Autumn 2	
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	The Odyssey Gillian Cross History: Ancient Greece	Windrush Child Benjamin Zephaniah Windrush Child Benjamin Zephaniah Windrush Child Benjamin Zephaniah	Can We Save the Tiger? Martin Jenkins can we save the tiger?	The Last Bear Hannah Gold
Length	20 sessions, 4 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Speeches (proclamation, persuasive, soliloquy), dialogue, missing	Persuasive pitches Thought bubbles, informal letters, poems, diary entries, advice, informal letters		wspaper article aracter profile, dialogue, monologue, logbook entry, scientific report
Theme/Term	Inspiration & activism Spring 1		Dystopian worlds Spring 2	
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	Suffragette: The Battle for Equality David Roberts Suffragette: The Battle for Equality David Roberts	OR The Invention of Hugo Cabret Brian Selznick	Robot Girl Malorie Blackman Science: Robots	Boy in the Tower Polly Ho-Yen
Length	10 sessions, 2 weeks	17 sessions, 3+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Persuasive campaigns Formal letters, diaries, balanced arguments, speeches, short news reports	Biographies Diaries, journalistic writing, flashback narratives, speeches, discussions, letters, film critiques	Science-fiction narratives Discussions, debates, dialogue, character comparisons, reviews	Own version narratives (past and present tense) Journalistic writing, formal letters, non-chronological reports
Theme/Term	Fate & fortune	Summer 1	A Sense of Place Summer 2	
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	The Wind in the Wall Sally Gardner	Romeo and Juliet William Shakespeare	michael morpurgo Kaspar, Prince of Cats Michael Morpurgo	Some Places More Than Others Renee Watson
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Extended Gothic narrative Horror film poster, figurative writing, descriptions, old English letter, dialogue	Playscripts Diaries, letters, narratives, character descriptions, balanced arguments	Newspaper articles Character descriptions, reports, letters, advertising leaflets, balanced reports	Poems with similar structure Summaries, analysis and performances