



Whole school literacy overview 2023-2024

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery Possible Themes and Interests Possible Themes and Interests	Celebrations – Diwali Starting School Family	Celebrations - Bonfire night, Getting Ready (Advent) Christmas Autumn	Celebrations – New Year, Chinese New Year, Valentine’s Day Traditional Tales Keeping Healthy	Celebrations – Holi, Mother’s Day, Easter Traditional Tales / Well Known Stories	Spring Growing Keeping Clean Mini-Beasts	Summer Holidays
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Reception	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Rhyming words Meaning to marks and drawings. Initial sounds Shopping list	Labelling - initial sounds, simple words. Retell Simple sentences Christmas cards	Labelling Simple sentences	Traditional tales Simple sentences and retell Speech bubbles	Simple sentences Labelling Hospital role play opportunities	Instructions Information text Recall and write
Y1	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2



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Narrative	Stories by the same author	Traditional tale Repetitive features	Stories with familiar settings	Traditional tales 1	Traditional tales 2	Traditional tales 3
Non-fiction	Labels and captions Explanation texts	Recount	Instructions	Reports	Explanation	Reports
Poetry	Free verse. Read and perform free verse Traditional rhymes including innovation		Structure with rhymes Read and perform poetry with rhymes		Read, write and perform classic poetry	
Y2	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Narrative	Journey stories	Letter from a personal experience/ Postcard	Adventure stories	Fantasy	Recount Contemporary	Traditional stories
Non-fiction	Recount	Non-chronological	Instructions	Non-chronological	Explanation	Recount
Poetry	Free verse Read and perform free verse		Structure with rhymes Read and perform poetry with rhymes <i>Dread Cat, The Colour Monster, The Dark</i>		Classic poetry Read, write and perform classic poetry <i>Dangle</i>	
Y3	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Narrative	Traditional Tales	Fables	Twisted fairy tale		Adventure	



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Non-fiction	Recount	Instructions	Persuasion	Recount	Non-chronological	
Poetry	Free verse. Read and perform free verse		Structure with rhymes Read and perform poetry with rhymes		Classic poetry Read, write and perform classic poetry	
Y4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Narrative	Fiction - Narrative with a focus on story settings	Fiction - Playscripts	Fiction - Narrative with a focus on character description	Narrative - Traditional tale (myths/quests)	Narrative - Adventure story featuring suspense and action	Fiction - Narrative with a focus on story settings
Non-fiction	Persuasion	Recount - Biography	Explanation	Discussion text	Non-chronological Report	Recount - Newspaper Report
Poetry	Free verse Read, write and perform free verse		Poetry - Patterned poem (Kennings) Read, write and perform poetry. Recite some narrative poetry from memory read and respond		Poetry - Collage poetry Read, write and perform poetry. Research a poet. Personal responses to poetry	
Y5	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Narrative	Traditional tales/Legends	Stories from other cultures/historical fiction	Suspense and mystery		Traditional tales/Legends	Adventure



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Non-fiction	Recounts (News reports)	Non-chronological report	Non-Fiction - explanation	Non-Fiction - discussion	Reports/Instructions	Non-Fiction - Recount -diary
Poetry	Poetry - Spoken word. Read, write and perform free verse		Poetry- Cinquain		Poetry - Classic poetry	
Y6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Narrative	Historical -Diary entry (writing as a character)	Suspense/ setting/ atmosphere descriptions	Adventure/ quest: review key narrative technique e.	Y6 SATs	Film narrative	Historical - Diary entry (writing as a character)
Non-fiction	Letter Writing	Reports	Non-chronological report	Balanced Arguments	Persuasion	Letter Writing
Poetry	Classic poetry		Free verse - Poems with imagery		Performance Poetry	