

## English Year Group Overviews

### Reception

Focus Texts	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
	A Bundle of Rhymes	The Enormous Turnip	Creepy Crawly by Anon & Busy Bugs by James Carter	Elmer	Into the Pond!	How to catch a star by Oliver Jeffers	The Farmyard by A.A. Attwood	The Three Little Pigs	Behold by Mary Kawena Pukui	Little Red Riding Hood	Eat Your Peas, Louise! by Pegeen Snow	Mr Gumpy's Outing
Writing Outcomes	Recite Rhymes and use them to build a narrative	Oral retelling Labels Draw Images	Class Performance Poem	Oral retelling Sequencing Speech bubbles	Caption or simple sentence for a class poem	Retell/rewrite the story	Class Poem to be performed for an audience	Oral retell  Sentences linked to story	A class observation poem	Wanted poster	A Class Poem	Character description  Simple story
Suggested Published Piece	Written name labels displayed in class Images to illustrate parts of the story Videos of children retelling the story		Images to illustrate parts of the story Videos of children retelling the story		Images to illustrate parts of the story Videos of children retelling the story		Make a class fairytale book		Create a wanted poster to display in class		Use AI to display image based on children's sentences Video of children reading their writing	
Focus Grammar outcomes	Understand the use of finger spaces and when to use them. Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.				Write simple phrases that can be read by others. Form lower-case and capital letters correctly and on the line. Write simple phrases and captions that can be read by others.				Full stops Finger spaces Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well formed sentences			
Suggested cross-curricular pieces	Orally describe fireworks Orally retell Gunpowder story		Label woodland animals Describe features of Autumn Orally retell the Christmas story		Label names of toys Talk about the Easter story		Sentences about farm animals		Label clothes for different weather		Simple sentences about key events in their lives	

## Year 1

Focus Texts	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
	Sea Songs	Naughty Bus by Jan Oke	There Are No Such Things as Monsters!! by Roger Stevens	Toys in Space by Mini Grey	If I Had a Beak by The Literacy Company	The Koala who Could by Rachel Bright Genre- Fiction: Adventure	At the Zoo by W. M. Thackeray	The Friendly mammoth By Anna Terreros-Martin Genre- Fiction: Adventure	I Spun a Star by John Foster	Meet the Planets by Caryl Hart Genre – Information	Poetry Fruit Salad	Animals National Geographic Kids Genre – Information
Writing Outcomes	Action rhyme and list poem	Recount of where Naughty Bus has been	Descriptive poem based on a model	Letter	Descriptive poem using the sense	Story	List Poem	Mammoth description	List Poem	Description of planets plants	Senses Poem	Animal fact file
Suggested Published Piece	Record recount over a video of 'naughty bus'		Write letter in correct format		Illustrated story		Use AI to generate mammoth based on their description		Write descriptions around artwork of planets		Film a documentary style video of an animal	
Focus Grammar Outcomes	Capital letters for sentences Full stops Finger spaces		Question marks for questions Using and to join words and clauses		Sequencing sentences Capital letters for names and 'I'		Exclamation marks		Range of punctuation to demarcate end of sentences Singular and plural		Review and apply	
Suggested cross-curricular writing	Description of a toy from history Instructions for making puppets		Write about The Christmas Story Description of local area		What would you do if you met the king? Retell Islamic creation story		Information text about UK Write and perform a weather report Description of the seasons		Plant diary Instructions to plant seeds		Description of Shanghai	

## Year 2

Focus Texts	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
	Zebra Question by Shel Silverstein	Troll by Julia Donaldson The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Mara Alperin Genre – Fiction: fantasy, Fiction: fairytale	The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear	Above and Below by Patricia Hegarty Genre – Information	From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson	The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey, Real Dragons! by Jennifer Szymanski (National Geographic Kids series) Genre – Recount: emails, Information	Night Sounds by Berlie Doherty	Owen and the Soldier by Lisa Thompson Genre – Fiction: story with a familiar setting	Father and I in the Woods by David McCord	Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl Genre – Fiction: adventure	Fox by Kathy Henderson	Grimm's Fairytales (Usborne Books) Genre – Fiction: fairytale
Writing Outcomes	Riddles and List Poem	Story Instructions to catch a goat	Two verses for a narrative poem	Non-chronological report  Descriptions of animals and habitats	Rhyming 'Bird's – Eye View' poem	Information text on dragons  Description	Senses Poem	Letter of complaint about park  Diary from POV of Owen	Shape Poems	Story from perspective of Mr Fox  A fact file	Descriptive Poem	Innovated story  Description
Suggested Published Piece	Instructional video- how to catch a troll		Use AI to illustrate descriptions		Written up information text		Letter written up in correct format		Use drama to retell their stories		Illustrated story write up	
Focus Grammar Outcomes	Four types of sentences Past tense		Nouns and adjectives (2A) Noun phrases Commas in lists		Co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions Present tense		Co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions Apostrophes for contraction		Progressive tense Apostrophes for possession Adverbs		Review and apply	
Focus Alan Peat Sentences	Focus on simple sentence structure		2A Sentences		BOYS sentences		BOYS sentences		...as a ... sentence		...as a ... sentence	
Suggested cross-curricular writing	Write from the POV of an astronaut Simple biography of a key historical figure		'Rightmove style' description of a hot or cold area		Write about a scientific investigation Diary of Great Fire of London		Poster about protecting the environment		Description of a hospital from the war Speech to present an award to one of the nurses		Recount of beach visit Report about how plants grow	

## Year 3

Focus Texts	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
	The Shell by John Foster	The Sea Book by Charlotte Milner Genre – Information	Dance with Me, Autumn by The Literacy Company	Ice Palace by Robert Swindells Genre – Fiction: adventure	The River's Tale by Rudyard Kipling (extract)	The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, The Iron Giant (film, 1999) Genre – Fiction: fantasy	The Magnificent Bull from the Dinka tribe	The Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo, Why would anyone hurt a whale? by The Literacy Company Genre – Fiction: adventure, Information	I Saw a Peacock by Anonymous	Usborne Illustrated Atlas of Britain and Ireland by Struan Reid, Up (film clip, Disney) Genre – Information	Apes to Zebras	Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo, Wonderful Things by The Literacy Company Genre – Recount, Fiction: historical/ traditional tale
Writing Outcomes	Senses poem about the sea	Information text about Sea Creatures  Description of sea creatures	Descriptive Poem	Adventure Story	Descriptive Poem	Diary Entry  Newspaper report	Dinka-inspired poem	Letter about protecting whales	Nonsense Poem	Tourist information leaflet  Descriptive writing linked to Up	Concrete Poem	Fairy tale with a Twist  Non-chronological report
Suggested Published Piece	Illustrated descriptions of sea creatures		Graphic novel of adventure story		Type newspaper in correct format		Write up letter in the correct format		Create leaflet on computer Record descriptions over images from up		Illustrated write up of fairy tale	
Focus Grammar Outcomes	Paragraphs in non-fiction Headings and sub-headings		Speech punctuation Punctuation in fiction		Adverbs a or an		Clauses Conjunctions		Present perfect form Prepositions		Review and apply	
Focus Alan Peat Sentences	3 ___ ed, sentences		3 ___ ed, sentences		Double ly ending sentences		Double ly ending sentences		Emotion word, (comma) sentence		Emotion word, (comma) sentence	
Suggested cross-curricular writing	Fact file of animals in science		Explanation text linked to Geography unit		Newspaper report of key historical event		Non-chronological report about magnets		Description of different types of plants		Descriptive writing linked to geography unit	

Year 4

Focus Texts	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
	Family Album	A World Full of Animal Stories: 50 Folk Tales and Legends by Angela McAllister Genre – Fiction: traditional tales	The Lost Lost-Property Office by Roger McGough	A Myth-Hunter's Travel Guide by The Literacy Company Genre – Information	The Roman Centurion's Song by Rudyard Kipling (edited extract)	DKfindout! Volcanoes by Maria Gill Genre – Information	Windrush Child by John Agard	Ariki and the Island of Wonders by Nicola Davies Genre – Fiction: adventure	Look! by Grace Nichols	Fantastically Great Women who Saved the Planet by Kate Pankhurst Plastic Pollution by The Literacy Company Genre – Recount: biography, Information	Look Closely	The Train to Impossible Places by P.G. Bell Genre – Fiction: fantasy
Writing Outcomes	Free verse narrative poem	Information text about an animal  Narrative in the style of a folk tale	List poem	Travel guide	Cinquain	Explanation text  Letter	Free verse, personal narrative poem	Adventure story	- A list poem based on a traditional rhyme	Biography  Explanation text about Pollution	a series of haiku	Diary from character's perspectives  Fantasy story
Suggested Published Piece	Drama performance of folk tale		Write up travel guide as a book/leaflet		Type up letter in correct format		Graphic novel		Horrible history style video about key person  Documentary style video about pollution OR pollution leaflet		Video performing diary focusing on emotion	
Focus Grammar Outcomes	Fronted adverbials Speech punctuation		Expanded noun phrases Speech punctuation		Paragraphs Determiners		Pronouns Possessive pronouns Plural possessive		Expanded noun phrases		Review and apply	
Focus Alan Peat Sentences	___ing, ___ed sentence		___ing, ___ed sentence		Personification of weather		Personification of weather		Verb, person sentence		Verb, person sentence	
Suggested cross-curricular writing	Information text about teeth		Diary linked to Geography unit Explanation for Father Christmas- how to deliver presents		Letter recounting Ramadan celebrations		Descriptive writing linked to geography unit		Biography of key person in history		Travel guide linked to geography Description of Diwali celebrations	

## Year 5

Focus Texts	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
	The Song of Hiawatha by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (extract)	Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli Genre – Biography	The Moon	Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman Genre – Fiction: traditional tale	Viking Kennings & Spells	Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman Genre – Fiction: myths and legends	Finding Magic by Eric Finney	The Last Wild by Piers Torday, Pollution – a look behind the scenes by The Literacy Company Genre – Recount, Fiction: contemporary	The Sun in Me by Moira Andrew	Exploring Space by The Literacy Company, Planet Unknown by Shawn Wang (film) Genre – Information, Film	Animals of Africa	African Tales: A Barefoot Collection by Gcina Mhlophe and Rachel Griffin Genre – Fiction: books from other cultures and traditions
Writing Outcomes	Narrative poem	Diary Entries Biography	Free verse with refrains and verses	Fairy Tale story Balanced Argument	Songs and word play: good luck spells	Myth Information text about own Mythical monster	Free verse	Persuasion and information linked to pollution	Free verse song	Explanation text about space First person account of astronaut	Poem using puns and wordplay	Adventure story Letter
Suggested Published Piece	Write up biography with images		Debate in class using balanced argument to support		Draw own mythical monster alongside text		Persuasive leaflet about pollution		Video as astronaut- green screen		Adventure story published in book	
Focus Grammar Outcomes	Parenthesis- commas Relative clauses		Parenthesis- brackets and dashes Commas for ambiguity		Adverbials		Brackets Tense for cohesion		Modal verbs/adverbs of possibility		Review and apply	
Focus Alan Peat Sentences	Noun, which/where/who		Last word, first word		2 pairs sentences		O. (I) sentence		Last word, first word Noun, which/where/who		2 pairs sentences	
Suggested cross-curricular writing	Diary linked to history unit		Balanced argument linked to RSE		Non-chronological report based on history unit		Persuasive writing linked to geography		Explanation text about space		Letter based on geography unit	



## Year 6

Focus Texts	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	
	Blitz by Mary Désirée Anderson	When we were Warriors by Emma Carroll Genre – Poetry, Fiction: historical	A Tiger in the Zoo by Leslie Norris Outcome –	Into the Jungle by Katherine Rundell Martha's Suitcase by The Literacy Company Genre – Fiction: classic Information	The Sea by James Reeves –	Macbeth Genre – Fiction: classic	The Explorer by Katherine Rundell, Exploring the Amazon by The Literacy Company Genre – Information, Fiction: contemporary	Survivors	Sonnet Written at the Close of Spring by Charlotte Smith	Sky Chasers by Emma Carroll Genre – Fiction: adventure
Writing Outcomes	Free verse narrative poem which conveys a viewpoint	Flashback story  Information Text	Free verse which conveys a message	Travel blog  Persuasion	Narrative Poem	Balanced Argument  Narrative: dialogue focus	Journalistic Report  Short Narrative from alternate perspectives	Survivors- short units/ texts for moderation	Narrative Poem in the style of a sonnet	Extended Narrative: Adventure Story
Suggested Published Piece	Recorded Video of Flashback Story		Travel Blog typed up as a website Create a travel 'vlog' video		Perform written dialogue Re-enact scenes from Macbeth		Type up newspaper report in correct style	Edited pieces written up	Make a book: Adventure story	
Focus Grammar Outcomes	Bullet points Ellipses Synonyms and antonyms		Semi colons Informal and formal Cohesive devices		Colons Tense Dialogue		Hyphens Subject and object Active and passive	Revise and apply previously taught grammar objectives	Revise and apply previously taught grammar objectives	
Focus Alan Peat Sentences	If if, if then sentences		Some; others sentences		De: De sentences		Imagine three examples	Recap and apply	Recap and apply	
Suggested Cross-Curricular writing	Diary of an evacuee		Recount of Geography Fieldwork		Discussion about Windrush generation		Great Thunberg style speech linked to Geography	Fact file about Henry VIII	Recount of residential	