

# Recovery Curriculum Statement November 2021

## **Curriculum Intent**

At St Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School, we live out our mission statement:

"The family of St Mary Magdalen's is centred on Christ to create inquisitive individuals who feel empowered to engage in the world in which they live."

As a result of the Coronavirus crisis and periods of school closure, we recognise the need to make the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of our children the absolute priority. We have carefully designed a "recovery curriculum" which will initially focus on supporting pupils to re-establish relationships and routines in school as well as a strong emphasis on PSHE, well-being and the opportunity to develop a breadth of experiences through a broad and balanced curriculum. Teachers have continued to address gaps in learning within English and Maths which is essential in giving all pupils the foundations to engage in the world around them. Gaps in other curriculum subjects have been highlighted, addressed and adapted into the curriculum plan for each subject. This will be closely monitored and reviewed to ensure the needs of all learners are met.

Our well-planned curriculum builds the knowledge, skills and cultural capital to engage in the world around them and prepares them for life-long learning and their future success. Subject leaders have designed schemes of work with sequential steps of learning that build on the layers of learning set out in our curriculum intent.



Layer 1 – Solid foundation in reading

Layer 2 – Tailored, structured and sequential

Layer 3 – Maximising opportunities for challenge and inclusion

Layer 4 - Making links with the wider world

This helps children to acquire this knowledge in a meaningful way and is designed to help pupils remember what they have been taught. By having a clear understanding of our pupils and their needs, staff can ensure that teaching in all areas of the curriculum is inclusive, supportive, challenging and engaging. Targeted support and intervention is given where needed to ensure all learners develop and learn in a style that suits their individual needs. Alongside developing the journey of faith with our children, we aim to support the development of their social, moral and physical talents. This will be nurtured alongside our curriculum through planned opportunities.

Children with SEND and additional needs thrive in our school and are given high aspirations and targeted support. We challenge our most able pupils with depth and extension and develop and celebrate talents through our curriculum. We build on pupils' knowledge by giving them opportunities to be confident, creative and critical thinkers who work well individually and collaboratively. We encourage children to develop resilience, to make links between curriculum areas and build experiences that support their learning. We make positive links with our community – our parish; our local area; our heritage; and our global responsibility. Our Catholic faith is at the core of everything we teach and is the heart of our school.

#### Relationships

We are conscious that children will need the time and space to rebuild previously well-established relationships to ensure that these are not only restored but able to thrive. A weekly nurture session, following a structured and NHS-backed approach, has been introduced to support the emotional needs and well-being of all of our pupils; being mindful of the experiences of our pupils and families over lockdown. Collective worship will take place in phase bubbles as well as daily prayers in class.

## **Nurture (My Happy Mind)**

The 'My Happy Mind' programme teaches children about their emotions and how this is linked scientifically to the brain. Through the programme, children will learn techniques to calm the brain in times of stress, allowing the hippocampus, amygdala and pre frontal cortex to work together in order to make rational decisions. Pupils will identify and celebrate their strengths, learn the science behind the feeling of gratitude, understand relationships and seeing things from other perspectives and reflect on what they have learnt and how this can help them moving forward. All pupils follow the same 5 modules which gradually increase in content and challenge as they progress through the year groups; however, Year 6 pupils will focus more closely on their transition to secondary education.

Dates /	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Year group							
Module 1	Meet Your						
	Brain						
Module 2	Celebrate						
Module 3	Appreciate						
Module 4	Relate						
Module 5	Engage						

## Considerations

Gaps in learning over the lockdown period need to be identified. This will be done initially through teacher assessment rather than through formal testing to ensure children are not placed under any unnecessary pressure during their transition back into school. High quality teaching, as always, will be at the heart of what we do and ensure that all children are supported and challenged to excel. Further intervention will be provided as needed to ensure all pupils make rapid progress. It is vital that all staff are familiar with the previous year's curriculum and expectations to address any gaps in learning as they arise. Teachers have the flexibility to plan and review in light of this. A wider variety of feedback in class will increase and marking /handling books will be kept to a minimum (as outlined in the addendum on our school 'Marking and Feedback' policy – 2020). This will be constantly reviewed.

## <u>Implementing the curriculum</u>

There is a phased approach for our recovery curriculum. During the initial stages, the focus will be put on recovering children's relationships within school - with the emphasis put on children's wellbeing. The next phase will include gradual implementation of the curriculum, closing the gaps in learning and consolidation, followed by moving on to new learning.

## **EYFS**

Implementing the new EYFS curriculum will be a huge focus from September 2021. Ensuring all staff are fully trained and new ways of working are disseminated amongst staff. The new Reception Baseline will be carried out in the first weeks of the Autumn Term to gain a solid baseline of where children are on entry. This will inform planning and provision moving forward. Any children identified as needing further support will be given targeted intervention, through play-based experiences, to ensure they achieve their next steps in learning more rapidly. Staff will all be on hand to monitor, model, scaffold and extend learning, while closely identifying children's needs and next steps in learning.

## **Phonics**



We realise phonics will need to be a key focus in EYFS / KS1 to ensure rapid progress. To facilitate this, we have ensured that children receive extra phonics sessions each week and small group teaching of phonics. We have invested further in additional reading materials (to support home readers) that are matched to the phonic ability of each child. Staff have received further training in 'Read Write Inc' to ensure lessons are structured, well-paced and consistent between groups. Children will be assessed and regrouped each half term, or as and when needed. Additionally, we have recorded staff teaching each of the 44 sounds and added these videos to our website so pupils can access phonics at home during remote learning. Children have also accessed the RWI videos on 'You Tube' during lockdown periods as part of the remote learning offer.

Some children in KS2 (needing some further support in phonics to consolidate reading skills) will continue to be given this to ensure they access the KS2 curriculum with confidence. This has been timetabled over the week.



## English – READING

The English curriculum has been further developed and now uses a blend of Jane Considine's Hooked on Books approach to the teaching of reading as well as a thematic approach. The curriculum was successfully introduced in KS2, having a positive impact upon children's learning, and is now being implemented in KS1. The timetable has been adapted to ensure all classes have additional time for English including 'Reading for Pleasure' daily to ensure pupils continue to develop their love for reading.



To further enhance our English Curriculum this year, we will be using the Jane Considine, 'Hooked on Books' approach to develop verbal comprehension skills. This will be embedded in 3 guided whole class reading sessions based around a weekly theme, finally leading to pupils applying their reading skills independently at the end of the week. Staff have received training in this approach and reading is being promoted in a number of ways through all phases. Class novels will be used alongside high quality texts to ensure children are exposed to a wide range of vocabulary and are able to develop all reading skills in both fluency and comprehension.

#### Class Reader

A class novel is read to the class daily during 15 minutes of 'reading for pleasure' time. Teachers aim to make this time enjoyable by providing drama and enthusiasm in their reading. Within this time, teachers use one sentence to 'rinse meaning' from as part of demonstration reading (see Jane Considine's approach to demonstration reading). Novels have been chosen because of their content, themes or quality of text to inspire children, provide challenge and foster a love of reading.

#### Picture Books

Picture books still have a place in Key Stage 2 and where possible, will be integrated within topics in the wider curriculum alongside non-fiction texts.

#### **Teaching Reading**

Year 2 and KS2 take part in a weekly cycle of reading sessions beginning with an oral book talk lesson, moving into guided sessions planned around high quality texts and finally an independent session to apply skills.

Week 1	Book Talk	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class	Independent
		Reading	Reading	Reading	Comprehension

- Book Talk The 30minute lesson is split into 3 chunks. Each chunk consists of 6-7 minutes of reading within groups then 3-4 minutes of answering a question using a sentence stem provided by the teacher. The three chunks relate to lenses within each of the three tiers of the Reading Rainbow. Children are not required to provide written answers as the lesson is based around producing answers orally and sharing ideas within groups/pairs.
- Whole Class Reading Using the extracts provided (fiction, non-fiction, poetry), teachers will demonstrate high-quality comprehension skills by thinking aloud and providing high utility words to support children in developing indepth answers. These sessions are guided by the teacher. Children will be asked to record some evidence of independent thought in books.
- Independent comprehension One lesson each week, children are given the opportunity to work independently to provide high quality answers within comprehension. This should be based around the lenses taught previously within Book Talk/Whole Class Reading.

## **English – WRITING**



To further enhance our English Curriculum this year, we will be using the Jane Considine, 'The Write Stuff' approach. Staff have received training in this approach and resources are displayed and used consistently throughout the school to ensure the approach is structured and consistent. A wide range of opportunities, covering a variety of genres, will be offered to promote the skills of writing at a high standard.

## **Teaching Writing**

Reading and writing are taught separately to ensure skills are taught explicitly; however, some class novels could feed into writing if teachers feel this is appropriate. Our writing approach follows Jane Considine's 'The Write Stuff' and requires writing to be taught in small steps (sentence based) through lenses of the 'Writing Rainbow'. Each lesson is split into 3 chunks – each chunk focusing on one lens of the Writing Rainbow which is split into 3 tiers: Fantastics (ideas), Grammaristics (grammar) and Boomtastics (techniques). Teachers model and provide a bridge from discussion to writing. Children then create their own sentences in books. At the end of guided units, children follow a sequence of lessons which lead to an independent write.

Writing opportunities are organised by purpose: entertain, inform, persuade and discuss. Children are encouraged to think carefully about the intent, purpose and audience when writing and this informs their vocabulary choices.

#### Poetry

Poetry is included within whole class reading to ensure children study a poem for its meaning. In addition, children use examples of poems to study structure and form to create poetry of their own with a particular focus e.g. limericks, free verse etc. Each year, one poem is chosen for children to learn and recite.

## **English - SPELLING**



To further enhance our English Curriculum this year, we will be using the Jane Considine, 'The Spelling Book' approach to teaching a phonics-based spelling curriculum. Staff have received training in this approach and resources are displayed and used consistently throughout the school to ensure the approach is structured and consistent.

#### **Teaching Spelling**

The delivery of a new phonics-based spelling curriculum by Jane Considine is essential in our recovery curriculum. To improve writing standards, spelling has been prioritised and taught through a 2-weekly cycle. Pupils investigate spelling patterns, proving or disproving a hypothesis; explore sound associations; revise prior learning; and move forward by exploring new spelling patterns through a phonetic approach. Each lesson is taught through a lens of the spelling rainbow ensuring full coverage of the spelling curriculum in all year groups. We have moved away from spelling lists; instead, spelling is taught and applied in class. Personalised spellings and whole class focus spellings are identified through writing opportunities and incorporated into spelling sessions.

	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes
Week 1	Spelling Investigati	on	Go Grapheme Graf	ters	
			Sound Associations		
Week 2	Short Burst Investigation	Short Burst Investigation (revision of previous year group)	Short Burst Investigation	Short Burst Investigation	Short Burst Investigation

#### Maths



We will continue to follow the 'White Rose Maths' planning. This has been adapted to incorporate any aspects of essential content of the curriculum that may have been missed or not covered in depth during the lockdown period. The Autumn term units provide recap (which are clearly highlighted) and opportunities to consolidate prior learning. The opportunities for mixed-age classes to do this are also highlighted through the resources. Staff have had training around various elements of this.

The mixed-age plans will be used from the White Rose in classes where this is needed and other classes will follow the single year group planning. All plans have recap steps added to ensure teachers are clear which learning is new and which is learning to be revisited to ensure children develop an embedded understanding of mathematical concepts. The steps are colour-coded to differentiate clearly between new and previously taught learning. New resources are also available to support the programme including PowerPoints, videos, assessment tools and worksheets.

KS1 classes have the flexibility to use practical learning with concrete resources to support basic concepts and offer a variation in learning styles. Children have followed the programme over the lockdown period and many will therefore be familiar with the learning to be revisited.

Alongside this, staff will use the DfE guidance 'Teaching Mathematics in Primary Schools' to bring greater coherence to key concepts from each year group and allow progression and the connection between mathematical topics from Year 1 to Year 6. Maths Mastery approach will continue to be rolled out across phases. The Mathematics Lead will be training all staff to adopt this approach in due course.

# Other subjects

The curriculum is taught over a two-year rolling programme in each phase to accommodate the mixed classes in school and ensure children have a sound understanding of the knowledge and skills they need before moving on to higher order skills. Opportunities to revisit and consolidate learning are well-planned. All topics are facilitated by a knowledge mat which is used to promote sticky knowledge and key vocabulary throughout the topic.

#### **SCIENCE**

Phase	Cycle	Autumn	Spring	Summer
KS1	А	My Body Identifying animals	Living thing and their habitats	Animals and their offspring
	В	Changes over the seasons	What is a plant?	Everyday materials and their properties
LKS2	Α	Rocks and Fossils Light and shadows	Amazing magnets	Roots, shoots and flowers – plant growth Keeping healthy
	В	Sounds States of matter	Name that living thing and protecting our habitat	lt's electric Teeth and digestion
UKS2	А	Plant reproduction Evolution and inheritance	Changes to and properties of materials	Earth and Space <mark>Forces</mark>
	В	Being human – circulation and respiration  Classification of all living things	Light and the eye	Human reproduction Electricity

Units were those not taught in Summer 2020 and therefore require pre-teaching from the unit from the previous phase.

Units were those which required pre-teaching and consolidation in the academic year 2020-2021.

Puberty talks with the school nurse took place in 2020-2021 in absence of a talk for the Year 5 children during the 2019-2020 academic year.

## **HISTORY**

Phase	Cycle	Autumn	Spring	Summer
KS1	Α	I'm Making History	History on my doorstep	Who made History in our area?
	Changes within Living Memory		Local site visit or street/village	Year 1 – 1 person
			survey with follow up.	Year 2 — 2 people with a contrasting element.
	В	What has changed?	Why are some places special?	What special events from the past do we remember?
		Changes within living memory – objects /technology.		NC link: Significant events from beyond living memory.
LKS <sub>2</sub>	S2 A Who were Britain's first Builders?		Why did the Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?	Why was Roman technology so important?
		NC: Stone Age to Iron Age	NC: Stone Age to Iron Age NC: Ancient Egypt	
	В	How did the first Briton's live?	What was life like for ancient Greeks?	What can we discover about life in Roman Britain?
		NC: Stone Age to Iron Age	NC: Ancient Greeks	NC: Local Study
UKS2	А	How did the Anglo Saxons change Britain?	Why do we remember the Vikings?	Local History study – site visit/mining/village
		NC: Anglo Saxons	NC: Vikings	NC: Aspect or theme since 1066/Local Study
	В	How did the Anglo Saxons and Vikings do battle for Britain?	Were the Mayans a peaceful peoples?	What's in a name? (Durham and WW1)
		NC: Anglo Saxons and Vikings		NC: Aspect or theme since 1066.

#### GEOGRAPHY

Phase	Cycle	Autumn	Spring	Summer
KS1	Α	What is my place like?	What can I find?	What is my country like?
	В	Why is my world wonderful?	Wherever next?	Holidays – where shall we go?
LKS2	A	UK Discovery – is the UK the same everywhere?	Why do we have cities?	We've got it all! Why is the North East special?
	В	What can we discover about Europe?	Why does Italy shake and roar?	Local fieldwork – school discretionary study. Seaham coast
UKS2	A	What shapes my world?	Where could we go? Fantastic Journeys.	Where has my food come from?
	В	Fantastic Forests – Why are they so important?	School discretionary study	Destination Sao Paulo! What do places have in common?

Unit plans are in place for History and Geography to ensure learning is sequential and offers opportunities to revisit and consolidate skills from previous units of work as well as teaching new knowledge and skills. This will ensure that children can revisit and consolidate previously taught skills.

# Home Learning offer from March 2020

Whilst remaining open for vulnerable children and children of key workers, the school provided a comprehensive offer of remote-learning for children working at home. This included:

- ✓ Regular updates from SLT and staff
- ✓ Packs of work sent home over the initial period
- ✓ Daily online learning tasks available on the school website for all year groups, provided by the class teacher. SEND pupils received individualised weekly learning challenges via email.
- ✓ Online learning platforms including; Read Theory, MyMaths, SPaG.com, Purple Mash, Spelling shed, Maths shed, Times Tables Rockstars
- Links to 'Read Write Inc' phonics and a range of challenges sent through 'Evidence Me' for EYFS
- ✓ Fortnightly phone calls to families (at least a weekly call to families of vulnerable pupils)
- ✓ Updates, challenges, wellbeing activities and competitions set through the school website and Twitter.
- ✓ Sharing of learning, experiences and updates through our school Twitter to ensure home-school relationships remained strong.
- ✓ Celebrating learning and personal achievements and milestones throughout this period.

## Home Learning offer from September 2020

School continues to provide a comprehensive offer of remote-learning through a weekly timetable of curriculum activities matched to learning taking place in school, ensuring children are challenged and able to make the required progress. This weekly offer is available through the school website and includes daily tasks for English, Maths, RE, Curriculum subjects, well-being and PE. To further support the well-being of children, staff will also ensure children receive a virtual call each Monday and other phone calls throughout the week. Year group emails will allow work to be sent in from home for staff to mark in school and offer feedback through the email or a phone call. Any children enquiring further differentiation will receive this on an individual basis via email. School are currently developing further online learning opportunities for pupils through Microsoft Teams software.

## Home Learning offer from January 2021

Due to the period of school closure, following the national lockdown, school have adapted the remote learning offer to provide a more comprehensive package which all children could access; this included children working from home and key workers/vulnerable children working in school. We delivered live teaching through 'Microsoft Teams' with staff in school delivering lessons each day to cover the full timetable. This included...

KS1	KS2
Morning greeting	Morning greeting
English	Comprehension
Phonics (online)	Writing (YouTube)
Maths	Maths
Curriculum subject	Curriculum subject
Story time	Class novel

Each lesson was live, as per timetable, and gave children an opportunity to follow the teaching, interact through the chat with questions, answers and comments and also enabled some communication with peers. The 'Posts' facility on MS Teams also allowed staff to share information with children regularly. Children were able to email work / questions to their year group email and staff ensured there were regular phone calls with all families, but particularly more vulnerable children. The school website was also updated to share links to all of our online learning platforms through the 'Pupil Online Learning Page'.



EYFS used the 'Evidence Me' tool to send daily tasks and activities. A weekly overview was sent out to parents, with videos to match to Literacy and Maths tasks. They were also able to send back examples of work, photographs and narratives to share their learning experiences. Their offer included...

#### **EYFS**

Morning greeting Literacy

Phonics (online)

Maths

Other activity

Story time

## **Impact**

Through monitoring and observing in class, evaluating work produced and formative assessment, we will ensure that children have an embedded understanding of core knowledge and that they are able to apply skills in other areas. Moderation will be carried out in-house and also using our new resource 'Comparative Judgment' for writing. This will ensure teacher assessment is robust and creates an accurate picture of the learning taking place. It will also help evaluate if the curriculum is meeting the needs of the pupils effectively, enabling them to make rapid progress. Summative assessment will be carried out during our assessment week and then termly throughout the year. We will also monitor the children in their attitude to learning to ensure they develop resilience, tolerance, positive attitudes and respect.

We recognise for some children, learning will take longer than others to become embedded enough that they can recall it and apply it in a different context. Children will be supported as individuals to make the progress required over time in a learning style that suits them.

## **Appendix**

English will be a focus of the curriculum, even more so over this academic year. The reading and writing skills children will need to access the whole curriculum with confidence and understanding will be a driving force over the autumn term and throughout the year. The information below details how this will look across each phase.

## KS1: English Overview

The Key Stage 1 English Overview follows a two-year rolling programme which encompasses reading and writing opportunities.

#### Class Reader/Reading Spine

The KS1 overview provides teachers with a choice of chapter book or a picture book reading spine to engage children within each half term. Teachers choose which to use with their class as the range of ability from Year 1 to Year 2 requires a flexible approach to class readers to ensure that all children are engaged at a level they understand. Books are chosen because of their content, themes or challenging syntax and aim to provide an enjoyable reading experience for the whole class. Teachers aim to engage and inspire children by modelling reading with enthusiasm, drama and excitement within the 15 minutes of reading for pleasure each day. Within this session, teachers choose one sentence to 'rinse meaning' and show an outward thinking approach (see Jane Considine's demonstration reading). Although texts do not have to link to writing opportunities, teachers may provide links where appropriate.

## **Teaching Reading**

Featherbed take part in reading lessons daily. Throughout all sessions, children are given opportunities to develop fluency within reading.

Weekly Plan	Book Talk	Whole	Class	Whole	Class	Whole	Class	Comprehension
		Reading		Reading		Reading		

- Book Talk children are split into 5 groups. Each ability group is given a text which is under the same genre (e.g. fiction, non-fiction, poetry) but suited to the ability of the group. The 3ominute lesson is split into 3 chunks. Each chunk consists of 6-7 minutes of reading within groups then 3-4 minutes of answering a question using a sentence stem provided by the teacher. The three chunks relate to lenses within each of the three tiers of the Reading Rainbow. Children are not required to provide written answers as the lesson is based around producing answers orally.
- Whole Class Reading Using extracts from the class novel as well as non-fiction texts, teachers will demonstrate high-quality comprehension by thinking aloud and providing high utility words to support children in developing indepth answers. These sessions are guided by the teacher and will be taught with a thematic approach.
- Independent comprehension One lesson each week, children are given the opportunity to work independently to provide high quality answers within comprehension. This should be based around the lenses taught previously within Book Talk/Whole Class Reading. This requires written marking to ensure all children receive in-depth feedback.

Children in Redacre and Fleetrock will continue to develop their early reading and fluency through Read Write Inc Phonics teaching. When children are confident in their reading ability, they will take part in the 'Hooked on Books' cycle of reading. Book Talk should be used as a transition from phonics to reading comprehension during this time and may be done as a whole class activity.

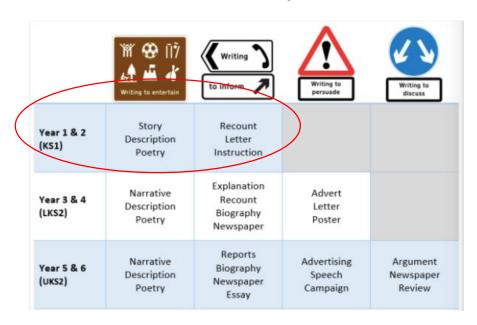
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#### Writing Genres



The Write Stuff unit plans can be used to support planning; however, this is optional. Teachers can choose a stimulus of their choice and plan a sequence of lessons using The Write Stuff approach if they feel this will be more engaging for their children. By the end of the two-year rolling programme, all genres of writing for KS1 will have been covered. The list above only provides some examples – KS1 should be writing to entertain and inform but this could take many forms and genres and should not be limited to the examples above. Challenge should be provided as appropriate to the class.

## Poetry

Poetry is included within reading sessions to ensure children study a poem for its meaning. In addition, children use examples of poems to create poetry of their own with a particular focus e.g. shape, diamantes etc. Each year, one poem is chosen for children to learn and recite.

# The Write Stuff Unit Plans (KS1)

1	Song Of The Sea - Tomm Moore	Narrative	Film
1	The Trainride	Narrative	Picture book
1	Grandad's Island - Benji Davis	Narrative	Picture book
1	Last Stop On Market Street - Matt de la Pena	Narrative	Picture book
1	The Queens Hat - Steve Antony	Narrative	Picture book
1	The Way Back Home - Oliver Jeffers	Narrative	Picture book
1	Wombat Goes Walkabout - Micheal Morpurgo	Narrative	Picture book
1	Bold Women in Black History - Vashti Harrison	Non-fiction	Biography
1	Little Red Riding Hood - Traditional Tale	Narrative	Traditional tale
1	Ice Planet	Non-fiction	Information
1	Recount - Our Trip To The Woods	Non-fiction	Recount
1	Travel journal	Non-fiction	Journal
1	Pinoccho - Carlo Collodi	Narrative	Picture book
2	The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark - Frank Jill Tomlinson	Narrative	Picture book
2	Stardust - Jeanne Willis	Narrative	Picture book
2	The Building Boy - Ros Montgomery	Narrative	Picture book
2	George and the Dragon - Christopher Wormell	Narrative	Picture book
2	My Christmas Star - TV Advert	Narrative	Film
2	The Marvelous Fluffy - Itty Bitty - Beatrice Alemagna	Narrative	Picture book
2	Non-chron report - Pirates	Non-fiction	Non- Chron
2	Non-Chron Report - Big Cats	Non-fiction	Non- Chron
2	Meerkat at Christmas	Non-fiction	Postcard Recount
2	The Day the Crayons Quit	Non-fiction	Persuasive Letter

Used as examples within the overview – please note they do not have to be used but may support planning and workload when beginning this new writing approach.



		Autumn 1 (I'm making history) 7 weeks	Autumn 2 (What is my place like?) 6 weeks	Spring 1 (History on my doorstep) 5 weeks	Spring 2 (What is my country like?) 5 weeks	Summer 1 (Who made history in our area?) 5 weeks	Summer 2 (Why is my world beautiful?) 5 weeks
	Reading for Pleasure (Chapter Book) Y2	George's Marvellous Medicine By Roald Dahl	The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy	Ways to Make Sunshine By Renee Watson	Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure By Alex T. Smith	The Enchanted Wood By Enid Blyton	The Boy Who Grew Dragons By Andy Shepherd
	Themes	Humour Greed Family Exploration	Emotions	Race Class Unemployment Growing up	Humour Mystery Adventure	Adventure Fantasy	Fantasy Adventure
Cycle A	Reading for Pleasure (Picture Book reading spine) Y1	Monkey Puzzle  A Squash and a Squeeze  Room on the Broom  Zog  Snail and the Whale  The Smartest Giant in Town  The Smeds and the Smoos	Little Red Riding Hood  Jack and the Beanstalk  Goldilocks and the Three Bears  Snow White  The Ugly Duckling	The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr  Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak  Avocado Baby by John Burningham  How to Clean a Wooly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley  Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems  Dogger by Shirley Hughes	Dougal's Deep Sea Diary By Simon Bartram The Storm Whale By Benji Davies Hooray for Fish By Lucy Cousins One Day on Our Blue Planet: In the Ocean By Ella Bailey The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch By Ronda Armitage	Paddington by Michael Bond	Mrs Armitage on Wheels by Quentin Blake  All Aboard for the Bobo Road by Stephen Davies and Christopher Corr  The Hundred Decker Bus by Mike Smith  Emma Jane's Aeroplane by Katie Haworth and Daniel Rieley  Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
	Theme	Julia Donaldson	Traditional Tales	Extraordinary Events	The Sea	Paddington Stories Collection	Journeys and Transport
	Poetry to Read	Witch Ghost b The Wizard by The Boneyard Ra	y Dennis Lee	The Wind by Christina Rossetti Friends by Abbie Farwell Brown Air by Michael Rosen		Bed in Summer by Robert Louis Stevenson My Shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson The Cow by Robert Louis Stevenson	
	Poetry to learn and recite Book Talk	Year 1 a	und 2 –	Sea Fever by Jo		Year 1	and 2 –
	Dook Funk	Bible stories, Non-Fic			iction, Fiction, Poetry		iction, Fiction, Poetry
	Whole Class Comprehe nsion	Yea Based around cla nonfiction text	ss novel, fiction, ts and poetry	Based around cla nonfiction tex	kts and poetry	Based around cla nonfiction tex	ar 2 ass novel, fiction, kts and poetry
	Writing	Introduce the Writing Rainbow (1 week)  Writing to Entertain Live Lessons – Jane	Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks) Writing to Inform	Writing to Inform Non-Fiction Instructions (2 weeks)  Writing to	Writing to Inform Non-Fiction Non-Chron Report  (3 weeks)	Writing to Inform Non-Fiction Letter (2 weeks) Writing to	Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks) Writing to Inform
		Considine (3 weeks)	Non-Fiction Recount (3 weeks)	Entertain Narrative (2 weeks)	Writing to Entertain Narrative (2 weeks)	Entertain Poetry Take One Poet (1 week)	Non-Fiction (2 weeks)



Secure basic skills	Writing to		
such as writing	Entertain	Writing to Inform	
sentences with	Poetry	Non-Fiction	
capital letters, full	Senses	Explanation Text	
stops, finger spaces,	(1 week)	(2 weeks)	
print handwriting			
and using spellings			
which match			
phonics ability			
(2 weeks)			
Writing to Inform			
Non-Fiction			
Labels, lists and			
captions			
Writing to Entertain			
Poetry			
Rhyme and Patterns			
(1 week)			

	Reading for Pleasure (short chapter book) Y2	Autumn 1 What has Changed? 7 weeks  The Twits By Roald Dahl	Autumn 2 What can I find? 6 weeks  The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Spring 1 Why are some places special? 5 weeks  Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre	Spring 2 Wherever next? 5 weeks  The Hodgeheg By Dick King Smith	Summer 1 What special events from the past do we remember? 5 weeks The Diary of a Killer Cat By Anne Fine	Summer 2 Holidays – where shall we go? 5 weeks  Sulwe By Lupita Nyong'o and Vashti Harrison
	Themes	Revenge Humour	Self-esteem Respect Appreciating others	Fantasy Adventure Humour	Determination	Guilt and innocence Family relationships Animals Diaries	Self-esteem Differences Race
Cycle B	Reading for Pleasure (Picture Book Reading Spine) (Y1)	Three Billy Goats Gruff  Hansel and Gretel Rapunzel  The Gingerbread Man  Sleeping Beauty	The Gruffalo The Gruffalo's Child The Highway Rat Tiddler Charlie Cook's Favourite Book Tabby McTatt Sharing a Shell	The Day the Crayon's Quit by Drew Daywalt  The Jolly Postman and Other People's Letters by Janet & Allan Ahlberg  Dear Dinosaur By Chae Strathie  Dear Teacher by Amy Husband  Meerkat Mail By Emily Gravett  Dear Dragon By Josh Funk	Charlie and Lola – We Completely Must Go to London  Cops and Robbers by Allan Ahlberg  Katie in London- James Mahew  London for Children – Matteo Pericoli  Topsy and Tim Visit London – Jean Adamson	Beegu By Alexis Deacon  Aliens Love Underpants By Claire Freedman and Ben Coot  The Man on the Moon By Simon Bartram  You Can't Eat a Princess! By Gillian Rogerson and Sarah McIntyre  Toys in Space by Mini Gey	If all the world were by Joseph Coelo and Alison Colpoys  Hair Love by Matthew Cherry and Vashti Harrison  Lulu's First Day by Anna McQuinn  Elmer by David McKee  Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival  Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown  Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Birch



Themes	Traditional Tales	Julia Donaldson	Letters	London	Space	Race/Identity/ Diversity		
Poetry to read		Jane Taylor eth Lancaster alter de le Mare	On the Ning-Nar Mill The Land of the Flib Fos	se Poetry ng-Nong by Spike igan bertigibbets by John ster ogie by Dennis Lee	Seaview Haiku Splish Splash Splosh by James Carter Over My Toes by Michael Rosen			
Poetry to learn and recite				by A. A. Milne				
Book Talk	Bible stories, Nor	and 2 — n-Fiction, Fiction, etry	Bible Stories, No	and 2 – n-Fiction, Fiction, etry	Bible Stories, N	1 and 2 – on-Fiction, Fiction, oetry		
Whole Class Comprehension	Year 2 Based around class novel, fiction, nonfiction texts and poetry		Based around cla	ar 2 ass novel, fiction, cts and poetry	Year 2 Based around class novel, fiction, nonfiction texts and poetry			
Writing	Secure basic skills such as writing sentences with capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, print handwriting and using spellings which match phonics ability (2 weeks)  Introduce FANTASTICS  Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks)  Non-Fiction Captions, labels, lists  Writing to Entertain Poetry shape	Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks)  Writing to Inform Non-Fiction Recount (3 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Spooky Writing Day	Writing to Persuade Non-Fiction Persuasive Letter (3 weeks) Writing to Inform Non-Fiction Information (2 weeks)	Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Poetry Diamantes (1 week)  Writing to Inform Instructions (1 week)	Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Poetry Haiku (1 week)	Writing to Inform Non-fiction Biography (3 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Narrative Stories from other cultures? (2 weeks)		

## Lower Key Stage 2: English Overview

Lower Key Stage Two follow a two-year rolling programme which encompasses a range of reading and writing opportunities

## Class Reader

A class novel is read to the class daily during 15 minutes of 'reading for pleasure' time. Teachers aim to make this time enjoyable by providing drama and enthusiasm in their reading. Within this time, teachers use one sentence to 'rinse meaning' from as part of demonstration reading (see Jane Considine's approach to demonstration reading). Novels have been chosen because of their content, themes or quality of text to inspire children.

#### Picture Books

Picture books still have a place in Key Stage 2 and where possible, will be integrated within topics in the wider curriculum alongside non-fiction texts.

#### **Teaching Reading**

Lower Key Stage Two take part in a two-weekly cycle in the style of Jane Considine's 'Hooked on Books' approach to teaching reading.

Week 1				Class	Comprehension
	Reading	Reading	Reading		

- Book Talk —. The 3ominute lesson is split into 3 chunks. Each chunk consists of 6-7 minutes of reading within groups then 3-4 minutes of answering a question using a sentence stem provided by the teacher. The three chunks relate to lenses within each of the three tiers of the Reading Rainbow. Children are not required to provide written answers as the lesson is based around producing answers orally. Teachers could use this session to explore themes within their class novel.
- Whole Class Reading Using the extracts provided by Ashley Booth's reading curriculum (fiction, non-fiction, poetry), teachers will demonstrate high-quality comprehension by thinking aloud and providing high utility words to support children in developing in-depth answers. These sessions are guided by the teacher. Children record answers in books.
- Independent comprehension One lesson each week, children are given the opportunity to work independently to provide high quality answers within comprehension. This should be based around the lenses taught previously within Book Talk/Whole Class Reading.

## **Teaching Writing**

Reading and writing are taught separately to ensure skills are taught explicitly; however, some class novels could feed into writing if teachers feel this is appropriate. Our writing approach follows Jane Considine's 'The Write Stuff' and requires writing to be taught in small steps (sentence based) through lenses of the 'Writing Rainbow'. Each lesson is split into 3 chunks – each chunk focusing on one lens of the Writing Rainbow which is split into 3 tiers: Fantastics (ideas), Grammaristics (grammar) and Boomtastics (techniques). Teachers model and provide a bridge from discussion to writing. Children then create their own sentences in books. At the end of guided units, children follow a sequence of lessons which lead to an independent write.

Writing opportunities are organised by purpose: entertain, inform, persuade and discuss. Children are encouraged to think carefully about the purpose and audience when writing and this informs their vocabulary choices.



## Writing Genres



The Write Stuff unit plans can be used to support planning; however, this is optional. Teachers can choose a stimulus and plan a sequence of lessons using The Write Stuff approach if they feel this will be more engaging for their children. By the end of the two-year rolling programme, all genres of writing for LKS2 will have been covered.

## **Poetry**

Poetry is included within whole class reading to ensure children study a poem for its meaning. In addition, children use examples of poems to create poetry of their own with a particular focus e.g. limericks, free verse etc. Each year, one poem is chosen for children to learn and recite.



# 'The Write Stuff' Unit Plans

3	Flood - Alvaro F. Villa	Narrative	Picture book
3	Stone Age Boy - Satoshi Kitamura	Narrative	Picture book
3	The True Story of Three Little Pigs - Jon Scieszka	Narrative	Picture book
3	The Blue Umberlla - Pixar	Narrative	Film
3	Theseus and the Minotaur - Hugh Lupton	Narrative	Novel
3	Star In The Jar - Sam Hay	Narrative	Picture book
3	The Happy Prince - Jane Ray	Narrative	Picture book
3	The Secret of Black Rock - Joe Todd-Stanton	Narrative	Picture book
3	Wolves in the Walls - Neil Gaiman	Narrative	Picture book
3	The Incredible Book Eating Boy - Oliver Jeffers	Narrative	Picture book
3	How A Robot Dog Works	Non-fiction	Explanation
3	The Magic Paintbrush	Narrative	Picture book
4	Bike Boy - Jane Considine	Narrative	Picture book
4	Charlie And Choc Factory - Roald Dahl	Narrative	Novel
4	Feast - Disney	Narrative	Film
4	Princess And The Pea - Lauren Child	Narrative	Picture book
4	The Iron Man - Ted Hughes	Narrative	Novel
4	The Lost Thing - Shaun Tan	Narrative	Film
4	BFG - Roald Dahl	Narrative	Novel
4	The Great Chocoplot - Chris Callaghan	Narrative	Novel
4	Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp - Philip Pullman	Narrative	Novel
4	Float - Daniel Miyares	Narrative	Picture book
4	The Whale - Ethan and Vita Murrow	Narrative	Picture book
4	Journey - Aaron Becker	Narrative	Picture book
4	The Plague - Playscript	Non-fiction	Playscript
4	Newspaper Report Wizards Of Once	Non-fiction	Report
4	Holiday Brochure	Non-fiction	Brochure
4	Persuasive Letter	Non-fiction	Persuasive
4	Creatures	Non-fiction	Report

		Autumn 1 (Stone Age to Iron Age) 7 weeks	Autumn 2 (Why is the NE special?) 6 weeks	Spring 1 (Egyptians) 5 weeks	Spring 2 (Is the UK the same everywhere) 5 weeks	Summer 1 (Romans) 5 weeks	Summer 2 (What can we discover about Europe?) 5 weeks
	Class Reader	The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog (Jeremy Strong)  TRANSITION TEXT POST COVID 19  The Iron Man (Ted Hughes)	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Roald Dahl)	Bill's New Frock (Anne Fine)	The Girl Who Stole an Elephant (Nizrana Farook)	When the Mountain's Roared (Jess Butterworth)	How to Train Your Dragon (Cressida Cowell)
	Themes	Perseverance Humour Bravery Prejudice	Greed Kindness Hope Poverty	Differences Gender inequality	Friendship Bravery Diversity Adventure	Poaching Grief Overcoming fear Indian Culture Female Protagonist	Destiny Self confidence Standing up for beliefs
	Picture Books Links to topic	Stone Age Boy (Picture Book – Satoshi Kitamura)		The Egyptian Cinderella (Picture Book – Shirley Climo)	Same, Same But Different (Picture book – Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw)	Escape from Pompeii (Picture Book - Christina Balit)	
Cycle A	Whole Class Reading Extracts	Disney Songs – The Bare Necessities, How Far I'll Go, Try Everytthing	Roald Dahl – BFG, Fantastic Mr Fox, The Dentist and the Crocodile (Author link)	Songs – Count on Me, Rise Up, Fight Song Children's Classics Vol 1 – A Bear	Dick King Smith – The Hedgehog, Henry Pond The Poet, Aristote  Notable People	Novels Vol 1 – Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Zombies, The Legend of Spud, Ottoline and the Yellow Cat	Greece – Moussaka Recipe, The Role of Women in Ancient Greece, Theseus and the Minotaur
5	Ashley Booth Y4	Robots. – The Iron Man , Rusty the Squeaky Robot, The Iron Woman (Class Novel Link)  Poetry The Owl and the	Armistice Day — Why do people wear poppies? Tail End. No Man's Land  States of Matter — The Rhytm pf the Rain, Plasma,	Called Paddington, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Poetry	Vol2 – Grace Darling, Hatshepsut, Louis Braille  International Women's Day – Emmeline	Poetry The Dragon Who Ate Our School Sonnet 18 by William Shakespeare	Monsters – Isadora Moon Goes On Holiday, Amelia Fang and the Unicarn Lords, The Nothing To See Here Hotel
		Pussycat Matilda Who Told Lies The Sound Collector  Anne Fine	What's the Matter? (Science Link)  Children's Classics Vol 1  Spiders	Life Doesn't Frighten Me At All by Maya Angelou The Adventures of Isabel by Ogden Nash Oh The Places You'll Go by Dr	Pankhurst, Rosa Parks, Marie Curie Colours Guy Bass	Teeth – Tooth by Tooth, Dentist Dan, Demon Dentist (Science Link)  Forces Novels Vol 1	Sports People – Muhammad Ali, Simone Bates, Serena and Venus Williams.
		Picture Books Vol1  Notable People Vol 1	Jennifer Killick  Songs from  Musicals	Seuss Hearing Impairment		NOVES VOLT	Money Vikings
		Recycling Week		Shang Dynasty			
	Book Talk	-	n, Bible stories and etry		n, Bible stories and etry		n, Bible stories and etry



Poems			Jabberwocky	by Lewis Carroll		
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recite		T	T	T	T	T
Writing	Introduce the	Writing to	Writing to Inform	Writing to	Writing to	Writing to
	Writing Rainbow	Entertain	Non-fiction	Entertain	Persuade	Entertain
	(1 week)	Narrative	Newspaper report	Narrative	Non-Fiction	Poetry
		Charlie and the	(3 weeks)	(3 weeks)	Persuasive letter	Free Verse
	Live Lessons – Jane	<b>Chocolate Factory</b>			(3 weeks)	(1 week)
	Considine (3 weeks)	(3 weeks)	Writing to	Writing to Inform		
			Entertain	Non-Fiction	Writing to	Writing to Inform
	Writing to	Writing to	Description	Information Text	Entertain	Non-fiction
	Entertain	Persuade	(1 week)	(2 weeks)	Narrative	Non-chronologica
	Narrative	Non-fiction	,	, , ,	(2 weeks)	report
	The Iron Man	Advert/Poster	Writing to		`	(3 weeks)
	(2 weeks)	(2 weeks)	Entertain			(5,
	(2 Weeks)	(2 Weeks)	Poetry			
	Writing to	Writing to	Limericks			
	Entertain	Entertain	(1 week)			
	Poetry	Spooky Writing	(I WEEK)			
	Clerihews	(1 week)				
		(1 week)				
	(1 week)					
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Curricula						
r Writing						

		Autumn 1 (Stone Age to Iron Age)	<u>Autumn 2</u> (Local Fieldwork)	Spring 1 (Ancient Greeks)	Spring 2 (Why do we have cities?)	Summer 1 (Romans)	Summer 2 (Why does Italy shake and roar?)
	Class Reader	Stig of the Dump (Clive King)	The Firework Maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman)	Varjak Paw (S F Said)	Charlotte's Web (E. B. White)	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Kate Dicamillo)	Cloud Busting (Malorie Blackman)
	Themes	Friendship Adventure Acceptance Bravery	Female Protagonist Overcoming obstacles Courage Persistence Fantasy	Family Loyalty Right and wrong Self-discovery	Friendship Female Protagonist	Grief Loss Love Bravery Friendship	Bullying Friendship Feelings School
Cycle B	Picture Books Links to topic	Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age and His Search for Soft Trousers (Raymond Briggs)		Here Comes Hercules (Stella Tarakson)			
	Whole Class Reading Extracts Ashley Booth Y3	Picture Books Vol 2 — The Day The Crayons Quit, Masai and I, I'll take You To Mrs Cole  Prehistoric	Children's Classics Vol 2  - Winnie The Pooh, Stig of the Dump, Charlotte's Web  Weather - Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Raindrops keep falling on my head, How are	Different Cultures  – Same, Same But Different, Planet Omar, Anisha: Accidental Detective  Internet Safety Be Safe on the	Lighthouses – How does a lighthouse work? My lighthouse, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Rabbits – The Legend of Podkin One Ear, The Velveteen Rabbit, The Miraculour Jurney of Edward Tualane (Novel Link)	Phillip Reeves and Sarah Mcintyre — Jinks and O'Hare, Pugs of the Frozen North, Oliver and the Seawigs.  Towns, Cities and Villages —
	Booth Y4	Prenistoric Britain – How To wash a Woolly Mammoth,	Rainbows Formed?  Poetry	Internet, Digiduck's Big Decision	Electricity, Thomas Edison, Electricity  Poetry	Romans – Ancient Rome, Romulus and Remus,	Settlements, Tokyo, Town Is By The Sea



	Stone Age Boy, Stonehenge (Topic Link)  Witches and Wizards – The Witches, The Worst Witch, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone  Notable People Vol 1  Songs from Musicals  Mental Health	Firework Night Poem by Enid Blyton Please Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg  Disney Songs  Habitats  Notable People Vol 2	Chinese New Year  - Chinese New Year, The Firework Maker's Daughter, The Story of the Chinese Zodiac.  Novels Vol 2  Rivers	If by Rudyard Kipling Mister Mistoffelees by TS Elliot Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen  Children's Classics Vol 2  Novels Vol 2	Boudica (Topic Link)  Poetry From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson Walking With My Iguana by Brian Moses Be Glad Your Nose Is On Your Face by Jack Prelutsky  Plants  Migration	Songs – Who's Laughing Now? Bridge Over Troubled Water. Read All About It.  Light and Shadows  Rocks and Fossils	
Book Talk	Fiction, Non-Fic Poetry	tion, Bible stories and	Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry	Bible stories and	stories and Fiction, Non-Fiction, Bible stories and Poetry		
Poems to learn and recite			Daffodills by Worsdworth				
Writing	Basic Skills (2 weeks)  Introduce the Writing Rainbow (1 week)  Writing to Entertain Narrative Stone Age Boy (3 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Poetry Kenning Poems (1 week)	Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks)  Writing to Inform Non-Fiction Diary entry (2 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Spooky Writing (1 week)	Writing to Entertain Poetry Tetractyls (1 week)  Writing to Entertain Narrative Theseus and the Minotaur (3 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Descriptive Writing (1 week)	Writing to Inform Non-fiction Explanation (3 weeks)  Writing to Persuade Non-fiction Persuasive Letter (2 weeks)	Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks) Writing to Inform Non-Fiction Biography (2 weeks)	Writing to Entertain Poetry Free Verse (1 week) Writing to persuade Non-Fiction Holiday Brochure (3 weeks)	
Cross Curricular Writing							

## Upper Key Stage 2: English Overview

Upper Key Stage Two follow a two-year rolling programme which encompasses a range of reading and writing opportunities

#### Class Reader

A class novel is read to the class daily during 10 minutes of 'reading for pleasure' time. Teachers aim to make this time enjoyable by providing drama and enthusiasm in their reading. Within this time, teachers use one sentence to 'rinse meaning' from as part of demonstration reading (see Jane Considine's approach to demonstration reading). Novels have been chosen because of their content, themes or quality of text to inspire children.

## **Picture Books**

Picture books still have a place in Key Stage 2 and where possible, will be integrated within topics in the wider curriculum alongside non-fiction texts. They may also provide a writing stimulus.

## **Teaching Reading**

Week 1	Book Talk	Whole	Class	Whole	Class	Whole	Class	Comprehension
		Reading		Reading		Reading		

- Book Talk The 3 ominute lesson is split into 3 chunks. Each chunk consists of 6-7 minutes of reading within groups then 3-4 minutes of answering a question using a sentence stem provided by the teacher. The three chunks relate to lenses within each of the three tiers of the Reading Rainbow. Children are not required to provide written answers as the lesson is based around producing answers orally.
- Whole Class Reading Using the extracts provided by Ashley Booth's reading curriculum (fiction, non-fiction, poetry), teachers will demonstrate high-quality comprehension by thinking aloud and providing high utility words to support children in developing in-depth answers. These sessions are guided by the teacher. Children record answers in books.
- Independent comprehension One lesson each week, children are given the opportunity to work independently to provide high quality answers within comprehension. This should be based around the lenses taught previously within Book Talk/Whole Class Reading.

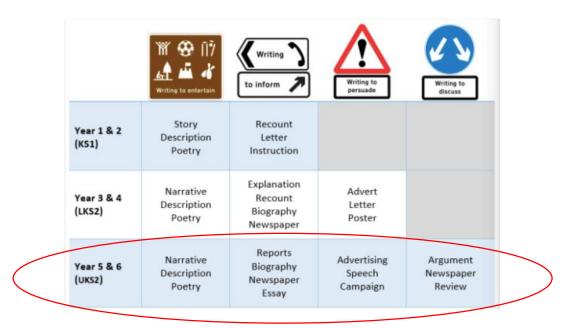
#### **Teaching Writing**

Reading and writing are taught separately to ensure skills are taught explicitly; however, some class novels could feed into writing if teachers feel this is appropriate. Our writing approach follows Jane Considine's 'The Write Stuff' and requires writing to be taught in small steps (sentence based) through lenses of the 'Writing Rainbow'. Each lesson is split into 3 chunks – each chunk focusing on one lens of the Writing Rainbow which is split into 3 tiers: Fantastics (ideas), Grammaristics (grammar) and Boomtastics (techniques). Teachers model and provide a bridge from discussion to writing. Children then create their own sentences in books. At the end of guided units, children follow a sequence of lessons which lead to an independent write.

Writing opportunities are organised by purpose: entertain, inform, persuade and discuss. Children are encouraged to think carefully about the purpose and audience when writing and this informs their vocabulary choices.



## Writing Genres



The Write Stuff unit plans can be used to support planning; however, this is optional. Teachers can choose a stimulus and plan a sequence of lessons using The Write Stuff approach if they feel this will be more engaging for their children. By the end of the two-year rolling programme, a good range of genres for UKS2 will have been covered for each writing purpose.

#### **Poetry**

Poetry is included within whole class reading to ensure children study a poem for its meaning. In addition, children use examples of poems to create poetry of their own with a particular focus e.g. limericks, free verse etc. Each year, one poem is chosen for children to learn and recite.

# The Write Stuff Unit Plans

5	Zoo - Anthony Browne	Narrative	Picture book
5	Computer Dad - Jane Considine	Narrative	Picture book
5	Cosmic - Frank Cottrell Boyce	Narrative	Novel
5	Gorilla - Anthony Browne	Narrative	Picture book
5	One Small Step - Taiko Studios	Narrative	Film
5	The Nowhere Emporium - Ross Mackenzie	Narrative	Novel
5	The Present - Jacob Frey	Narrative	Film
5	The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore by Moonb	Narrative	Film
5	I Believe in Unicorns - Michael Morpurgo	Narrative	Novel
5	Biography - Hatshepsut Egypt	Non-fiction	Biography
5	Balanced Argument - Screen Use	Non-fiction	Balanced Argument
5	Diary - Scott of the Antarctic	Non-fiction	Diary
5	Kick - Persuasive Letter	Non-fiction	Persuasive
5	Emperor Penguins	Non-fiction	Information
6	The Journey - Francesca Sanna	Narrative	Picture book
6	Hansel and Gretel - Neil Gaiman	Narrative	Novel
6	Paperman - Disney	Narrative	Film
6	The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman	Narrative	Novel
6	Varmints - Helen Ward	Narrative	Picture book
6	Postcard from Prison	Non-fiction	Post card
6	A Monster Calls - Patrick Ness	Narrative	Novel
6	Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo	Narrative	Novel
6	The Firework Maker Daughter - Philip Pullman	Narrative	Novel
6	Thornhill - Pam Smy	Narrative	Graphic Novel
6	Greta - Speech	Non-fiction	Speech
6	Mars Transmission	Non-fiction	Journal
6	Letter to Scrooge - Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens	Non-fiction	Letter
6	Anglo Saxon Boy - Speech Unit	Non-fiction	Speech
6	Newspaper - Goldilocks	Non-fiction	Report
6	Letters From The Lighthouse - Emma Carroll	Non-fiction	Recount



		Autumn 1 (Anglo Saxons	Autumn 2 (What shapes my world?)	Spring1 (Why do we remember the vikings?)	Spring 2 (Where can we go? Fantastic journeys)	Summer 1 (Local History Study)	Summer 2 (Where has my food come from?)	
	Class Reader	Rooftoppers Katherine Rundell	The Nowhere Emporium Ross Mackenzie	Can You See Me? Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott	Nevermoor Jessica Townsend	Street Child Berlie Dougherty OR Gaslight Eloise Williams	No Ballet Shoes in Syria Catherine Bruton	
	Themes	Love Family Perseverance	Family Bullying Loss Change Loneliness Reality v Non- reality	Autism Bullying Friendship Change Transition	Magic and fantasy Misfits and underdogs Female role models	Death Poverty Historical Fiction Victorian Era	Refugees War Bereavement Friendship	
	Picture Books/ Non- Fiction Texts  Links to topic	Anglo Saxons (Explore) – Jane Bingham  Anglo Saxons (What they don't tell you about) – Robert Fowke	Flotsam – David Weisner  A River – Marc Martin  The Rhythm of the Raine – Grahame Baker-Smith	The Viking Invader (Newspaper Histories) – Fergus Flemming  Everything Vikings – National Geographic Kids	Dependent upon places studied from UNESCO World Heritage List	See local library		
Cycle A	Whole Class Reading Extracts From A.Booth Y5 From A.Booth Y6	Disney Songs – I've Got A Dream (Tangled), Be Prepared (The Lion King), Out There (The Hunchback of Notre Dame)  Notable People Vol 2 – Ada Lovelace, John Archer, Tim Berners-Lee  Katherine Rundell – Rooftoppers, The Good Thieves, The Wolf Wilder  Great Openings  Life Cycles  Inspirational Women  Spooky Openings	Christmas — The Christmas — Tree Ship, 'Twas The Night Before Christmas, A Christmas Carol  Evolution — Charles Darwin, Moth (science link)  Poetry The Highwayman The Listeners  Antarctic Explorers  Civil Rights  Magic	Changing Materials — Chromatography, Heston's Craziest Recipes, Mentos and Coke (Science Link)  Children's Classics — Peter Pan, Mermaid's Lagoon  Autism — Understanding autistic spectrum disorder, Can You See Me? The London Eye Mystery  Beetles  Picture Books Vol 1  Songs From Musicals	Equality — International Women's Day, Cesar Chavez, The Youngest Marcher  Novels Vol 2- Kick, Wonder, Street Child  Poetry The Walrus and the Carpenter Do not stand at my grave and weep We Refugees  Children's Classics Vol 1  Animals Inc Humans  Spies	Energy/Forces William Kamkwamba, How Parachutes Work, How do solar panels work? (Science Link)  Frank Cottrell Boyce – Cosmic, The Unforgotten Coat, Millions  Poetry Victorian Poetry Pack (Books for topics)  Children's Classics Vol2  Novels Vol 2  Notable People Vol 1	Children's Classics Vol 2 — Treasure Island, Swallows and Amazons, Oliver Twist  Ibtihaj Muhammad — The Proudest Blue, I am a Muslim Woman, Proud  Pompeii — Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius, Escape from Pompeii, Pompeii by Bastille  Songs  Living Things  The Raven	
	Book Talk	Fiction, non-fiction, p	oetry, Bible stories	Fiction, non-fiction, p	oetry, Bible stories	Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, Bible stories		



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learn and	I					
recite						
Writing	Introducing the	Writing to	Writing to Inform	Writing to	Writing to	Writing to
	Writing Rainbow –	Entertain	Diary Entry	Persuade	Entertain	Entertain
	(1 week)	Narrative	(2 weeks)	Persuasive Letter	Description	Poetry
		The Nowhere		(2 weeks)	(1 week)	Renga
	Writing to	Emporium Page 1	Writing to			(1 week)
	Entertain	(3 weeks)	Entertain	Writing to Discuss	Writing to	
	Live Lessons – Feast		Narrative	Balanced Argument	Entertain	Writing to Inform
	(3 weeks)	Writing to	(3 weeks)	Screen Use	Poetry	Newspaper
		Inform/Persuade		(3 weeks)	Senryus	(3 weeks)
	Basic Skills	Letter			(1 week)	
	(2 weeks)	Letter to Scrooge				
	(,	(3 weeks)			Writing to	
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	Poetry				(3 weeks)	
	Haiku					
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		Autumn 1 (How did the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings do Battle for Britain?	Autumn 2 (Fantastic Forests - why are they so important?)	Spring 1 (Were the Mayans a peaceful peples?)	Spring 2 (Local fieldwork)	Summer 1 (What's in a name? Durham and WW1)	Summer 2 (Destination Sao Paulo! What do places have in common?)
	Class Reader	The Boy at the Back of the Class Onjali Q Rauf	Room 13 Robert Swindells	<b>Wonder</b> RJ Palacio	The House with Chicken Legs Sophie Anderson	<b>Holes</b> Louis Sachar	Oranges in No Man's Land Elizabeth Laird
	Themes	Bereavement Friendship Refugees Human rights	Spooky Suspense	Kindness Appearances Friendship Isolation Courage Family	Life Death Loneliness Love Betrayal Russian Folk-tale	Fate Free will Justice Choices Power Transformation	Diversity War Family Fear Human rights
	Picture Books/ Non- fiction texts  Links to topic	See Cycle A	See school non- fiction texts – forests	The Great Kapok Tree – Lynne Cherry  The History Detective Investigates: The Mayan Civilisation – Claire Hibbert		Where the Poppies Now Grow – Hilary Robinson Stories of the First World War – Jim Eldridge	Reading through websites
Cycle B	Whole Class Reading Extracts	Sia Titanium, Alive, Elastic Heart	Notable People Vol  Lilian Bader,	<u>Circuses</u> – Leon and the Place Between, Wild Boy,	Children's Classics Vol 1 – Holes, The Graveyard Book, Northern Lights	Medieval Monarchs – Henry II, King Rochard and King John, Henry V	Brazil — Pele, Journey to the River Sea, Trains to Brazil (Topic Link)

From A.Booth Y5  From A.Booth Y6  CHOOSE 3 THEMES FOR EACH HALF TERM - ALL POETRY UNITS MUST REMAIN	Titanic — Liverpool's link to the Titanic, RMS Titanic: Information Sheet, The Unsinkable Molly Brown.  Drugs and Alcohol — The Risk Factors of Smoking, Stories of former smokers, Old Red Eyes is back (Science link)  Poetry Ozymandias — Percy Bysshe Shelley The Moment — Margaret Atwood  Novels Vol 2  Critiquing the Media	Mae Jemison, Helen Sharman  Rainforests – Running Wild, The Great Kapok Tree, The Explorer (topic link)  Spooky Openings – Malamander, The Dream Snatcher, Room 13 (link to spooky writing day)  Islands/Leprosy Pic Books Vol 2  Drugs and Alcohol	Novels Vol 1 Phoenix, The Star Spun Web, Orphans of the Tide  Light — On a Beam of Light, The Parts of the Eye (Science Link)  Kate DeCamillo  Space	Inspirational Women – Anna Al Haddad and May Kom, The Bronte Sisters, Michelle Obama  Poetry Tyger – William Blake Invictus – Ernest Henley Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll  Nigeria Songs	Michael Morpurgo Private Peaceful, War Horse, Kensuke's Kingdom.  Electricity – James Chadwick, How burglar alarms work, Wires (Science Link)  Poetry Poems from the First World War – Gabby Morgan  Songs from Musicals  Notable People Vol 2	Middle-Eastern Countries — The Breadwinner, Gertrude Bell, Searching for hidden beauty across the Middle East  WW2 — Once, Letters from the Lighthouse, Goodnight Mr Tom.  Novels Vol 1  Industrial Revolution  The Arrival
Book	Resilience Fiction, non-fiction, po	oetry, Bible stories	Fiction, non-fiction, p	oetry, Bible stories	Fiction, non-fiction, p	oetry, Bible stories
Talk Poem to	The Listeners – Walte	r De le Mare				
learn and recite	The Listeners Walte	i De le Mare				
Writing	Writing to Entertain Description/basic skills (2 weeks) Writing to Inform Speech Greta/Refugees (3 weeks) Writing to Entertain Poetry Ottava Rima (1 week)	Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks)  Writing to Inform/Persuade Letter (3 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Spooky Writing Day	Writing to Inform Diary Entry (2 weeks)  Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks)	Writing to Persuade Persuasive Letter (2 weeks) Writing to Discuss Balanced Argument (3 weeks)	Writing to Entertain Description (1 week)  Writing to Entertain Poetry lambic Pentameter (1 week)  Writing to Entertain Narrative (3 weeks)	Writing to Entertain Poetry Free Verse (1 week)  Writing to Inform Newspaper (3 weeks)
Cross Curricular Writing		<b>Writing to Inform</b> Non-chronological Report			<b>Writing to Inform</b> Biography	