

Year 1 English Curriculum Overview

Reading Comprehension and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar activities thread through the learning across the curriculum and are explicitly taught in Phonics lessons and specifically planned lessons where appropriate.

All sequences of written work include planning, drafting and editing; all three skills are included in specific lessons in a writing sequence.

	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer term 2
Supporting Text or Themes	Labelling and lists using a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts	Amazing Grace Alan's Big Scary Teeth Pass the Jam Jim Dogs Don't do Ballet	Lost and Found The Gingerbread Man	The Storm Whale Growing poem and other poems Giraffes Can't Dance	Dictionary The Magic Bed (describing settings)	Handa's Surprise The story of Grace Darling The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch
Fiction	Labelling and lists based upon a fictional character	Showing comprehension of a story to describe a main character	To re-tell the story using descriptive language To sequence and re-tell simply a	Write a narrative Categorise and use different sentence types	Creating our own stories building on previous terms' work on structure and character	Creating menus for the lighthouse keeper Re-writing The story of Handa's
	Narrative writing using simple sentences based upon fictional characters	To begin to create a word bank in preparation for written work To sequence and re-tell simply a	familiar story To understand the structure of a story – and to give examples	Use -ed as a suffix Use extended noun phrases	Describing settings	Surprise with different adjectives
	To read a story and answer questions	familiar story To understand the structure of a story – and to give examples showing the beginning, middle and end	showing the beginning, middle and end	Re-telling stories using the structure – beginning, middle and end plus descriptive vocabulary Rhyming stories		
Non Fiction	Labels Lists Simple sentences Simple narrative/information Prayer writing	Information writing about animals (link to science) To describe a real character, knowing that they really lived -	Information writing – recording findings from investigations. Information writing about the Sikh religion	Fact file on Floella Benjamin (history link) Writing factual sentences about whales using new vocabulary	Continue work with lists, using lists to compare Learning to use a dictionary, alphabetical order	Finding out about Grace Darling, describe her and her life. Newspaper reports about Grace's rescue
		Harriet Tubman Show understanding of instructions and bossy words Write a simple set of instructions Non-chronological report on alligators	Prayer writing.		Information writing – RE, other religion Finding information on a computer Instruction writing - planting	Writing questions Information about lighthouses Research RNLI

Poetry	Class senses poem	Read a selection of poems together, create a class poem.		Features of a poem – lines, verses, rhyme and rhythm		Seaside poems.
		Write individual poems – Use a repeating style, not rhyming.				
Speaking and Listening	Role play familiar stories to	Role play	Say out loud what we are going to	Role play	Say out loud what we are going to	Hot seating:
Drama	encourage re-telling		write		write	Interviewing Grace Darling and
Performance		Performance poetry to each other		Performance poetry		those who she rescued
	Say out loud what we are going to		Discuss what we have written		Discuss what we have written	Planning and asking the questions
	write	The Christmas story				and answers
			Read writing aloud		Read writing aloud	Class and pairs work