

Year 1 and 2 English Curriculum Overview
2-year cycle: 2017-2018, 2018-2019

Please note that the Foundation Stage children (Reception age) will also be enjoying these texts, and will be given many enjoyable opportunities to read and write about them in a play context. For example:- writing a letter to a character from a story, following a recipe written by a character from a story, making notes on clipboards in the role-play area, writing clues to find hidden objects from the story etc.

Year 1 and 2 also receive daily Phonics, Spelling and Grammar sessions. Our school follows the No Nonsense Grammar and No Nonsense Spelling programme, as recommended by the Devon English Advisory team.

	<u>Year A</u>	
<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Text/theme</u>	<u>Programme of Study covered</u>
<u>Fiction</u>	It's My Birthday by Helen Oxenbury An interesting way of using instructions to create a birthday cake. Use this to create food for any celebratory occasion.	Using 'and', punctuating sentences
<u>Non-fiction</u>	How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Robinson and Hindley This is an imaginary set of instructions that are quite sparse but leave lots of room for children to write the parts that are not included. Funny.	Verbs. Punctuation, commands, questions, statements
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Science booklet based on science learnt this half-term	Commas in a list, contractions
<u>Autumn 2</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	Man on the moon – John Lewis Christmas ad. In the sequence this ad is used alongside Baboon on the Moon and focuses on the characters' feelings.	Noun phrases
<u>Fiction</u>	How to Hide a Lion at School by Helen Stephens This is a funny story about a little girl and her lion who goes everywhere with her. When the class	Questions, conjunctions – co-ordinating and subordinating, precise verbs

	take a trip to a museum, lion goes too but has to hide. Eventually he is discovered but saves the day on the way home.	
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Science booklet based on science learnt this half-term	Using the apostrophe for possession
<u>Spring 1</u>		
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Chinese New Year Festivals Around the World by Grace Jones This is a simple non-chronological report about a festival which includes captions and labels.	Conjunctions – and, when – writing in sections.
<u>Poetry</u>	Train Ride (poetry)	Beginning to punctuate
<u>Fiction</u>	No-Bot, the Robot with no Bottom by Sue Hendra A very funny story about a robot losing his bottom with an ending where he loses his arm. The book invites the reader to create their own story around this event.	Range of punctuation and sentence forms
<u>Spring 2</u>		
<u>Non-Fiction</u>	Reptiles by Angela Royston from the Animal Classifications series. This is a simple non-chronological text about reptiles that will allow children to write about any large group of animals, toys, cars etc.	Conjunctions Verbs Noun phrases
<u>Poetry</u>	Tell Me a Dragon by Jackie Morris (poetry) A beautiful book that is well known by many teachers, Imagine a dragon and then describe it.	Noun phrases
<u>Non-Fiction</u>	Science booklet based on science learnt this half-term	Using subordination- when, if, that, because
<u>Summer 1</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	Orion and the Dark by Emma Yarlett This book tells the story of Orion and his great fear	Questions, punctuation, capital letters

	of the dark. Dark, however comes to visit Orion and helps him overcome his fear. Perfect for talking about fears and ways of overcoming them.	
<u>Fiction</u>	The Day Louis Got Eaten by John Fardell This is one of those wonderful books where the pictures tell more of the story than the text, providing a fantastic opportunity for children to fill in the gaps.	Verbs, past tense, punctuation, subordination using when,
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Cross-curricular/Science booklet	Using expanded noun phrases
<u>Summer 2</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	Traction Man is Here! By Mini Grey A great book for children to create adventures around favourite toys.	Progressive form, sentences, adjectives and punctuation.
<u>Fiction</u>	Dear Mother Goose by Michael Rosen A series of short letters from characters in fairy tales/traditional stories.	Range of punctuation in sentences, using <i>and</i>
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Recount of our class trip	Using Time connectives, paragraphs and extended sentences

	<u>Year B</u>	
<u>Autumn 1B</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Programme of Study covered</u>
<u>Fiction</u>	Wanted: The Perfect Pet by Fiona Robertson A lovely book set out in short chapters about a child who wants a pet. This is an ideal text to use when you want Yr2 children to produce an extended piece of writing. The story does include adverts.	Expanded noun phrases, commas in lists, speech
<u>Fiction</u>	Fatou, Fetch the Water by Neil Griffiths	Questions and question marks Commas in lists

	A journey story about a young girl in Africa, using patterned text. Similar to Handa's Surprise.	Joining with 'and'
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Science booklet based on science learnt this half-term	Using subordination- when, if, that, because
<u>Autumn 2B</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	How to Catch Santa by Reagan and Wildish This is a lovely story with a set of instructions and essential tips about catching Santa. This does come from a series of books about How to...by the authors. Inventive and funny.	Sentence types: questions, statements and commands, noun phrases and conjunctions
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Science booklet based on science learnt this half-term	Using co-ordination- and, or, but
<u>Spring 1B</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	The Boy Who Cried Ninja by Alex Latimer A very funny book which is really an adaptation (invent!) of The Boy Who Cried Wolf.	Conjunctions, questions
<u>Poetry</u>	What I Like! Poems for the very young by Gervaise Phinn.	Expanded noun phrase, spelling year 2 common exception words
	Science booklet based on science learnt this half-term	Subheadings and extended sentences
<u>Spring 2B</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	Augustus and his Smile by Catherine Rayner A finding story where Augustus goes looking for his smile and guess what? It is right there under his nose! A good story for structure and language.	Using the conjunction 'but' Expanding noun phrases Alliteration
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Could a Penguin Ride a Bike? By Bitskoff and Beydoyere This is a really funny book which uses questions and answers to inform readers about the special	Questions, conjunctions, statements, questions

	features of the penguin.	
<u>Fiction</u>	Little Red Riding Hood. We will look at the structure of this traditional tale and will invent our own version of it.	Exclamatory sentences
<u>Summer 1B</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	Don't Spill the Milk by Stephen Davies and Christopher Corr A journey story about a little girl carrying milk to her father out in the fields watching the goats. A very similar plot to Handa's Surprise and Fatou, Fetch the Water.	Capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks
<u>Fiction</u>	Boa's Bad Birthday by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross Yr1 Another winner from this talented duo. Boa receives a range of presents for his birthday, none of which are very useful to him. That is until his friend the dung beetle arrives.	Simple and compound sentences, questions
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Dino Dinners by Manning and Granstrom A dual text book using a poetic and informative voice, laid out in a particular way. Children can write about any large group of animals or objects.	Past and present tense, verbs. poetic voice, informative voice
<u>Summer 2B</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	Stuck by Oliver Jeffers A very funny cumulative story where a kite gets stuck in the tree and then other things are thrown up to try and release it. A good text to use to teach structure.	Capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, past tense, complex sentences
<u>Non-fiction</u>	<u>Science Writing</u> in the form of a poster	Questions and statements
<u>Fiction</u>	The Mouse and The Elephant: Oxford Reading Tree Traditional Tales; Level 1 by Narinda Dhami et al. A wordless picture book. The book is used as a stimulus for children to write the story.	Noun phrases, exclamatory statements, sequencing

--	--	--