

Year 3 and 4 English Curriculum Overview
2017-2018

Year 3 and 4 also receive daily 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>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Text/theme</u>	<u>Programme of Study covered</u>
<u>Fiction</u>	Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton This is a quest. Arthur sets off to save the town from the encroaching cold and ice when The Wolf puts out the fire. There are many obstacles for Arthur to overcome on his journey but Arthur is a born adventurer. The story is told through text and images.	Layout for presentation and meaning, present perfect, dialogue, adverbials, possessive apostrophe, multi-clause sentences.
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Ask Dr K Fisher by Claire Llewellyn A non-chronological text based on letters between Dr K Fisher and animals with problems.	Complex sentences, subordinating conjunctions, main and subordinate clause.
<u>Non-fiction</u>	<u>Cross curricular writing</u>	Explanations and instructions. Organising texts, sub-titles and paragraphing,
<u>Autumn 2</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister This is a magical book with gorgeous illustrations. There are places in the text that children can create their own settings such as 'the space between'. To do this they can use the style of writing used throughout the book.	Speech, adverbials, noun phrases
<u>Non-Fiction</u>	Penguins by Penelope Arlon This is a lovely book organised non-chronologically but with sections that are chronological such as the development of a penguin from emperor egg to chick.	A range of subordinating conjunctions, complex sentences
<u>Non-fiction</u>	<u>Cross curricular writing</u>	Explanations and instructions. Organising texts, sub-titles and paragraphing,
<u>Spring 1</u>		
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Ratpunzel by Charlotte Guillain A simple retelling of Rapunzel but with an animal twist.	Speech including a focus on the reporting clause, adverbial phrases, clauses and complex sentences
<u>Non-Fiction</u>	Beatrice's Dream Life in an African Slum by Karen Lynn Williams This recount allows for exploration of another culture with a description of Kibera at the end of the book. Strong, uncomplicated sentences that allow children to see different constructions clearly.	Adverbials, fronted adverbials, complex sentences, speech

<u>Spring 2</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	The Most Wonderful Thing in the World by Vivian French and Angela Barrett A beautifully illustrated traditional tale about wanting something only to find it right under your nose. The language is rich and the story pattern ideal for playing around with.	Noun phrases dialogue, conjunctions and contractions
<u>Non-Fiction</u>	Everything you need to know about SNAKES by John Woodward (information text) This book is a fascinating look at scaly reptiles and contains a range of text types.	Verb tense and choice, noun phrases and layout for meaning
<u>Non-Fiction</u>	<u>Cross curricular writing</u>	Explanations and instructions. Organising texts, sub-titles and paragraphing,
<u>Summer 1</u>		
<u>Fiction</u>	Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett This book looks simple but it isn't really. How to create postcards showing feelings about a place that get worse and worse as the week goes on.	Revision of simple and compound sentences and punctuation, possessive apostrophe
<u>Fiction</u>	Rainforest Rough Guide by Paul Masson A text organised around a diary but also including letters, fact files and emails.	Clauses, complex sentences, verbs
<u>Non-fiction</u>	Cross-curricular/Science booklet	Using expanded noun phrases
<u>Summer 2</u>		
<u>Poetry</u>	A First Poetry Book by Corbett and Morgan How to be a Pirate by David Harmer p150. We will also study a range of poems looking at form.	Noun phrases
<u>Poetry</u>	Paint me a Poem by Grace Nichols This poetry book is based on the idea of poetry in response to works of art. Ideas for home: Visit your local gallery/museum and write about their works of art.	Noun phrases
<u>Non-fiction</u>	<u>Recount</u> – diary of residential trip or holiday of our class trip	Using time connectives, paragraphs and extended sentences.