

English Annual Topic Overview with Books

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Marvellous Me! / Africa Core Texts: Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne Tanka Tanka Skunk Steve Webb	Brilliant Bears Core Text: We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury	Where The Wild Things Are Core Text: Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell	Are We There Yet? Core Text: Whatever Next by Jill Murphy	A Garden Adventure Core Text: Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen	A Garden Adventure Core Text: The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Reception	My community and me <i>Different members of our community</i> Text: The Everywhere Bear by Julia Donaldson & Rebecca Cobb	Belonging <i>Fitting in</i> Texts: Ladybird First Favourite Tales: The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Irene Yates Blue Penguin by Petr Horacek	Pets, pets, pets <i>Caring for pets</i> Texts: Our Very Own Dog: Taking Care of Your First Pet by Amanda McCardie & Salvatore Rubbino Stanley's Stick by John Hegley & Neal Layton	Go wild <i>Nature</i> Texts: Wild by Emily Hughes A Brave Bear by Sean Taylor & Emily Hughes	Family <i>African Culture and transition</i> Texts: Little Red Riding Hood (My First Fairy Tales) by Mara Alperin & Loretta Schauer Anna Hibiscus' Song by Atinuke & Lauren Tobia	Family <i>African Culture and transition</i> Texts: No Dinner! The Story of the Old Woman and the Pumpkin by Jessica Souhami Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

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Year 1	<p>From Field to Fork <i>The journey of food from the field to our plate. With lots of opportunities to cook, write instructions and taste different foods.</i></p> <p>Texts:</p> <p>Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar</p> <p>Gruffalo Crumble and Other Recipes by Julia Donaldson</p> <p>Nadiya's Bake Me A Story by Nadiya Hussain</p>	<p>Let's Remember <i>The events of the Great War and the importance of remembering.</i></p> <p>Texts:</p> <p>The Little Hen and the Great War by Jennifer Beck</p> <p>Where the Poppies Now Grow by Hilary Robinson</p> <p>The Christmas Truce by Hilary Robinson</p>	<p>Extreme Weather <i>Weather throughout the seasons in the UK and extreme weather around the world.</i></p> <p>Texts:</p> <p>The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins</p> <p>Percy the park keeper – After the Storm by Nick Butterworth</p> <p>Percy the park keeper – One Snowy night by Nick Butterworth</p>	<p>Post a Pringle <i>Can you post a pringle? An investigation into the properties of materials.</i></p> <p>Text:</p> <p>The Jolly Postman and Other People's Letters by Janet & Allan Ahlberg</p>	<p>Animal Antics <i>Literacy and Science topic that looks at new life and animal behaviour.</i></p> <p>Text:</p> <p>A Squash and a Squeeze by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler</p>	<p>African Adventure <i>Focus on the continent of Africa, countries, culture and traditions.</i></p> <p>Texts:</p> <p>Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema & Beatriz Vidal</p> <p>Jamela's Dress by Niki Daly</p>
Year 2	<p>Express Yourself <i>An opportunity for pupils to show their talents in creative ways whilst reflecting on their achievements.</i></p>	<p>Great and Ghastly Events <i>A journey through British history looking at the great and ghastly events.</i></p> <p>Text:</p> <p>Mr Fawkes, the King and the Gunpowder</p>	<p>Great and Ghastly Events <i>A journey through British history looking at the great and ghastly events.</i></p> <p>Texts:</p> <p>Time travelling Toby and the Battle of</p>	<p>Books, Books, Books <i>Literacy and D&T topic where children look in-depth at a variety of books by the same author and make their own books.</i></p> <p>Texts:</p> <p>Charlie Cook's</p>	<p>Can you feel the force? <i>Investigations into forces where children will build a catapult, a marble run and a lift! They will even experience the forces at work in a circus.</i></p>	<p>Amazing Places and Spaces <i>What makes the UK an amazing place and space? Focus on different countries in the UK, cultures and traditions.</i></p>

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		Plot by Tom & Tony Bradman	Trafalgar by Graham Jones & Neil Parkinson Time travelling Toby and the Apollo Moon Landing by Graham Jones & Neil Parkinson	Favourite Book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler	Texts: The show must go on by Richard O'Neill & Michelle Russell George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl	
Year 3	Plants <i>A literacy and science topic that explores a world of plants through text and investigation.</i> Texts: The Green Ship by Quentin Blake James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl	Light <i>An exploration of light, expressing ideas through paint and music.</i> Text: The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman	Language <i>A journey through history looking at the development of communication and language.</i> Text: Stories of Beowulf: Told to the Children by H E Marshall	Heroes and Villains <i>A comparison of original and contemporary versions of fairy tales with images depicted through art.</i> Texts: Cinderella – Ladybird Book Cinderella: The Graphic Novel by Beth Bracken Hansel and Gretel: The Graphic Novel by Sean Dietrich & Donald Lemke	Eurovision <i>Traditions and cultures in the countries of Europe.</i>	Buildings <i>A comparison of architectural designs of different buildings resulting in creating computer aided designs of their own building.</i>

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				Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne		
Year 4	Rainforest <i>An in-depth study of the Amazon Rainforest and survival within it.</i> Text: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell	Light it up <i>An investigation into circuits within D&T.</i> Text: The Iron Man by Ted Hughes	Transport and Trade <i>Around the world in 80 days and a multi-transport journey around London in 1 day.</i> Text: Classic Starts: Around the world in 80 days: Retold from the Jules Verne original	Transport and Trade <i>A journey through history exploring the development of transport and trade.</i> Text: The Roman Quests: Escape from Rome by Caroline Lawrence	Land of Hope and Glory <i>An in-depth study of the different areas within the UK and a focus on migration throughout the ages to the present day.</i> Texts: We Are Britain by Benjamin Zephaniah Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah	The Arts <i>An analysis and creation of pieces of art and music in the style of different inspirational artists.</i>
Year 5	Kingdom <i>Literacy, art and music unit based on Michael Morpurgo's text 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.</i> Text: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpugo	Achievements and Legacies <i>Gain an understanding of lives throughout history and how achievements changed the way that we live.</i> Text: Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji	Achievements and Legacies <i>Achievements and legacies up to the present day including the suffragettes, key individuals who have changed society as we know it and advances in technology.</i> Text:	Rich and Poor <i>The difference between rich and poor lifestyles throughout history and in the present day.</i> Text: Far From Home by Berlie Doherty	Wacky Races <i>Comparison of modern and classic cars. Pupils design, make and test their own cars using their knowledge of forces.</i> Text: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming	Angry Earth <i>Exploring the physical and human geography of earthquakes, zones and volcanoes.</i> Text: Survivor: Escape from Pompeii by Jim Eldridge

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			Street Child by Berlie Doherty			
Year 6	Land of the free <i>A geographical study of north America, including study of the importance of the Underground Railroad.</i> Text: Oh, Freedom! by Francesco D'Adamo	Land of the free <i>A historical and present day study of Black History in north America and the UK, including study of the civil rights movement and Black Lives Matter.</i> Text: 500 Words: Black Lives Matter Various authors	Conflict <i>A study of conflict from the iron age to Romans, Vikings and Anglo Saxons and their influence on Britain.</i> Text: The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien	Conflict <i>Focus on World War 2 and its casualties. Also how members of the community served their country, propaganda and evidence of the war and its effect on our local area.</i> Texts: The Story of Anne Frank (DK Readers) Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll	Conflict <i>Focus on World War 2 and the war effort in Britain.</i> Text: Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll	Tomorrow's World <i>Transition unit that looks at preparing our young people for the future. Topical issues are raised and pupils demonstrate their thoughts and feelings through art, DT, music and performance.</i>