

English

Unit Overview 2025/2026



By the end of the academic year, the units will cover all the required year group skills and knowledge criteria.

Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
EYFS	Nursery: Retelling stories. Environmental/instrumental sounds. Reception: Listening and retelling stories. Blending for reading.	Nursery: Initial sounds. Letter recognition in their own names. Reception: Segmenting for spelling. Listening and retelling stories.	Nursery: Writing names. Segmenting and blending CVC words verbally. Reception: Reading and writing sentences. Secure understanding of Phase 3 and 4 phonics.
Year 1	Sentence structure. Poetry writing Descriptive writing Instructions Letter writing Narrative: rewriting of a familiar story Writing facts	Suffixes - ed and ing Plurals Narrative writing Non-fiction writing Instruction writing Poetry Rewriting a familiar story	Traditional tales Recounts Sequencing of events Fact writing Explanation texts Instruction writing
Year 2	Narrative- write a sequel Recount - re-telling historical events. Poetry - calligrams based on single words. Poetry - list poems. Narrative- story writing	Report - assembling information. Poetry - shape poems Explanations - flowchart to sequence. Familiar stories -sequels. Narrative - rewriting a familiar story.	Instructions - non-fiction-based. Traditional Tales - myths (creation stories). Instructions - fiction-based Poetry- vocabulary building
Year 3	Traditional Tales - fables. Recount - report of an 'unfolding event' Instructions - giving directions Report - spidergram to organise information. Poetry - haiku, tanka and kennings.	Writing and performing a play. Traditional Tales - fairy tales (alternative versions). Explanations - flowchart of a process Poetry - limericks, haiku, tanka and kennings	Adventure stories. Persuasion - persuasive letter writing. Poetry- Free Verse and poet study
Year 4	Traditional Tales - myths (quests). Report - based on notes from several sources. Poetry - riddles. Autobiography	Writing and performing a play. Story settings. Explanation - using a flowchart. Poetry - narrative poetry.	Stories with a theme- Fantasy Persuasion - presentation of a point of view. Discussion - considering different sides. Poetry - poetry appreciation.
Year 5	Traditional Tales - legends. Recounts - using research. Instructions - including introduction and conclusion. Poetry - cinquain.	Explanation Suspense and mystery. Persuasion - different audiences and purposes. Poetry - spoken word poetry/rap. Narrative- short stories	Fiction from our literary heritage. Report - information leaflet. Discussion - balanced discussion. Poetry - poetry appreciation. Narrative- adventure
Year 6	Fiction - fantasy stories. Recount - diary entries. Persuasion - construct an argument.	Narrative workshop - reviewing key techniques. Discussion - multiple differing viewpoints. Report - non-fiction subject. Fiction- Mystery Stories	Study skills and revision. Assessment. Poetry - free verse poetry Year 6 Performance