



KS2 English Broad Overview 2025-2026

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Autumn Term 2023	<p>Stories on a Theme: Feeling at Home Using two wonderful texts <i>The Blue House</i> and <i>I'll Take You to Mrs Cole</i>, explore settings and how characters feel about home. Focus on prepositions and punctuating dialogue applying this to their own story based on those read.</p> <p>Essential Texts: <i>The Blue House</i> by Phoebe Wahl <i>I'll Take You to Mrs Cole</i> by Nigel Gray and Michael Foreman</p> <p>Poems: <i>Dear Mum</i> by Brian Patten <i>Crazy, Mayonnaisy Mum</i> by Julia Donaldson (in resources)</p>	<p>Instructions and Explanations: Keeping Healthy A fun block drawing on dance crazes, cures from <i>Horrible Histories</i>, happy minds and active bodies. Explore paragraphs and headings, possessive apostrophes and commas. Write instructions and letters of explanation.</p> <p>Essential Texts: Included in resources</p> <p>Non-essential Texts: Any reference or instruction books about food, the human body, exercise, sport, recipes or health. Any <i>Horrible Histories</i> books for children who have been inspired by the video clips.</p>	<p>Humorous Poems Learn about poetic devices and different forms of poetry while reading <i>I Bet I Can Make You Laugh</i>. Have fun performing a poem from the book and writing one about an imaginary teacher. Explore the use of expanded noun phrases, prepositions and prepositional phrases.</p> <p>Essential Texts: <i>I Bet I Can Make You Laugh</i> by Joshua Seigal and Friends</p>



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Spring 2024	<p>Fairy tales: Alternative Versions Enjoy looking at Fairy Tales from a new perspective; the Wolf's version of the Three Little Pigs is quite a different story. Revise dialogue punctuation and use of the perfect form.</p> <p>Essential Texts <i>The Three Pigs</i> by David Wiesner <i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i> by Jon Scieszka <i>The Wolf's Story</i> by Toby Forward <i>The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig</i> by Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury 'Snow White' from <i>The Oxford Treasury of Fairy Tales</i> by Geraldine McCaughrean and Sophy Williams (<i>text is provided in resources as the book is out of print</i>) <i>Snow White in New York</i> by Fiona French <i>Mixed Up Fairy Tales</i> by Hilary Robinson and Nick Sharratt</p>	<p>Animal Biographies: Wild Lives Discover the amazing biographies of extraordinary animals. Summarise events, write film pitches and create a biography. Use paragraphs to organise writing and explore and use adverbials.</p> <p>Essential Texts: <i>Wild Lives: 50 Extraordinary Animals that Made History</i> by Ben Lerwill</p>	<p>Poetry: Shaping the World Study biographies and shape poems inspired by historical heroes in Liz Brownlee's wonderful anthology <i>Shaping the World</i>. Carry out word investigations and revise fronted adverbials. Write a biography and poem about a hero.</p> <p>Essential Texts: <i>Shaping the World</i> chosen by Liz Brownlee Optional Text: <i>Stories for Kids who Dare to be Different</i> by Ben Brooks</p>



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Summer 2024	<p>Fantasy: Amazing Adventures Follow the fantastical adventures in the stunning books <i>The Antlered Ship</i> and <i>The Barnabus Project</i>. Grammar includes adverbials and verb tenses. Write a new adventure for the characters in a story sequel.</p> <p>Essential Texts: <i>The Barnabus Project</i> by The Fan Brothers <i>The Antlered Ship</i> by Dashka Slater and The Fan Brothers</p>	<p>Explanations: Modern Technology Introduce explanation texts using the entertaining <i>Until I met Dudley</i>. Use conjunctions to extend sentences and nouns and pronouns to write cohesively. Design and invent a new machine and clearly explain its purpose.</p> <p>Essential Texts: <i>Until I met Dudley: How Everyday Things Really Work</i> by Roger McGough</p> <p>Non-essential Texts: <i>DK: First How Things Work Encyclopaedia</i> Any reference books about modern technology</p>	<p>Poems by the same Poet: Valerie Bloom Enjoy a selection of poems from Valerie Bloom's <i>Stars with Flaming Tails</i>. Revise prepositions and expanded noun phrases before writing a tribute poem as a gift to someone special.</p> <p>Essential Text: <i>Stars with Flaming Tails</i> by Valerie Bloom</p>