English Overview (Cycle A)

Fiction Non-Fiction Poetry Film Book Based Writing

(Pupils follow Read Write Inc Reading and Writing programme prior to the English curriculum).

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Unit 1 – Book Based **What The Ladybird Heard (2 weeks)** Narrative Speech bubbles Description Fact Sheet	Unit 1 – Book Based **The Colour Monster (2 weeks)**	Unit 1 – Book Based **Fantastic Mr Fox (2 weeks)** Narrative (Character, Building Sentences) Newspaper (Fiction) Diary	Unit 1 – Book Based **George's Marvellous Medicine (2 weeks)** Lists Instructions Recipe Formal writing Character description	Unit 1 – Book Based **A Series of Unfortunate Events (2 weeks)** Diary Entry Narrative Retelling	Unit 1 – Book Based **Street Child (2 weeks)** Diary Narrative Biography Non-Chronological Report
Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Lists, Labels and Captions (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Postcard and Letters (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Letters (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Informal Letters (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Book Based **Who Let the Gods Out (2 weeks)** Press Release Narrative	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Recounts (2 weeks)**
Unit 3 – Poetry **Acrostic and List Poems (2 weeks)**	Unit 3 – Poetry **Repeating Patterns (2 weeks)**	Unit 3 – Book Based **The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe (2 weeks)** Narrative (Vocabulary, Sequences, Figurative Language, First-Person)	Unit 3 – Book Based **How To Train Your Dragon (2 weeks)** 1st Person Narrative Non-Chronological Report	Unit 3 – Non-Fiction **Recounts and Diaries (2 weeks)**	**Persuasive Writing** ***** 26/10/2026** Unit 3 – Book Based **Treason (2 weeks)** Narrative (Settings, Openings and Viewpoints)

Unit 4 – Book Based **Hibernation Hotel (2 weeks)** Narrative Suffixes Adjectives Joining Sentences	Unit 7 – Book Based **Bog Baby (2 weeks)**	Unit 4 – Poetry **Question and Answer Poems (2 weeks)**	Unit 4 – Poetry **Simile and Metaphor Poems (2 weeks)**	Unit 4 – Poetry **Figurative Language Poetry (2 weeks)**	Unit 4 – Non-Fiction **Persuasive Writing (2 weeks)**
Unit 5 – Non-Fiction **Postcards and Letters (2 weeks)**	Unit 4 – Book Based **The Magic Paintbrush (2 weeks)**	Unit 5 – Non-Fiction **Information Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 5 – Book Based **The Day The Crayons Came Home (3 weeks)** Narrative Informal Letter	Unit 5 – Book Based **The Lion and The Unicorn (2 weeks)** Narrative (Setting and Character)	Unit 5 – Poetry **Classic Poetry (2 weeks)**
Unit 6 -Book Based **Stanley's Stick (2 weeks)** Narrative Sequencing Character Performance	Unit 6 – Non-Fiction **Persuasive Adverts and Letters (2 weeks)**	Unit 6 – Book Based **Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine (2 weeks)** Narrative Formal Letter (Fiction) Poetry	Unit 6 – Non-Fiction **Instructions (2 weeks)**	Unit 6 – Book Based **Romeo and Juliet (2 weeks)** Precis Narrative Diary Monologue Review	Unit 6 – Book Based **Shackleton's Journey (3 weeks)** Character Diaries Descriptive Writing Creative Perspectives
Unit 7 – Book Based **Wanted: The Perfect Pet (2 weeks)**	Unit 5 – Book Based **Cottonwool Colin (2 weeks)**	Unit 7 – Poetry **Kennings and Quatrains (2 weeks)**	Unit 7 – Poetry **Haikus, Tankas and Cinquains (2 weeks)**	Unit 7 – Non-Fiction **Newspapers (2 weeks)**	Unit 7 – Non-Fiction **Journalistic Writing (2 weeks)**

Narrative Labels Advert Recount					
Unit 8 – Book Based **Beegu (2 weeks)** Narrative Speech Bubbles Persuasion Letter	Unit 8 – Book Based **A Squash and A Squeeze (1 week)**	Unit 8 – Book Based **The Iron Man (3 weeks)** Narrative Poem Writing Writing a Monologue	Unit 8 – Book Based **Plague: A Cross at the Door (2 weeks)** Narrative Diary Entry Character Perspective Themed Paragraphs	Unit 8 – Book Based **Kensuke's Kingdom (2 weeks)** Narrative Range of Poetry	Unit 8 – Book Based **Over the Line (2 weeks)** Identifying Audience and Purpose Persuasive Writing Letter Writing Editing
Unit 9 – Non-Fiction **Explanation Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 9 – Book Based **How to Hide a Lion (1 week)**	Unit 9 – Book Based **The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles (2 weeks)** Job Advertisement Job Application Letter Poetry	Unit 9 – Book Based **Flotsam (2 weeks)** Narrative Synopsis Short Story	Unit 9 – Booked Based **Holes (2 weeks)** Narrative Informal letter Non-Chronological Report	Unit 9 – Book Based **Pig Heart Boy (5 weeks)** Writing a TV News Report Informal Speech Writing a Free Verse Poem
Unit 10 – Book Based **On Sudden Hill (2 weeks)** Narrative Diary Writing Performance	Unit 10 – Book Based **Look Up (2 weeks)**	Unit 10 – Non-Fiction **Recounts (2 weeks)**	Unit 10 – Book Based **Leo and the Gorgon's Curse (3 weeks)** Narrative Storyboard Newspaper Report	Unit 10 – Non-Fiction **Informal Letters (2 weeks)**	Unit 10 – Poetry **Poetry from Art (1 week)**

Unit 11 – Poetry **Poetry from Art (1 week)**	Unit 11 – Book Based **Samson's Titanic Journey (2 weks)**	Unit 11 – Poetry **Poetry from Art (1 week)**	Unit 11 – Poetry **Poetry from Art (1 week)**	Unit 11 – Book Based **Mark of the Cyclops (3 weeks)** Narrative Writing a Diary Entry Writing a Book Review	Unit 11 – Non-Fiction **Biographies (2 weeks)**
Unit 12 – Book Based **The Storm Whale (2 weeks)** Narrative Sentence Construction Vocabulary	Unit 12 – Poetry **Poetry from Art (1 week)**	Unit 12 – Book Based **Escape from Pompeii (6 weeks)** Narrative Recount	Unit 12 – Non-Fiction **Information Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 12 – Poetry **Poetry from Art (1 week)**	`Unit 12 – Non-Fiction **Information Texts (2 weeks)**
Unit 13 – Non-Fiction **Information Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 13 – Book Based **The Great Kapok Tree (2 weeks)**	Unit 13 – Non-Fiction **Explanation Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 13 – Book Based **A Midsummer Night's Dream (2 weeks)** Narrative (First Person) Explanation Missing Poster	Unit 13 – Non-Fiction **Persuasive Writing (2 weeks)**	Unit 13 – Poetry **Sonnets (2 weeks)**
Unit 14 – Book Based **Dogs Don't Do Ballet (2 weeks)** Narrative Letter	Unit 14 – Non-Fiction **Recounts (2 weeks)**	Unit 14 – Poetry **Where The Forest Once Stood (1 week)**	Unit 14 – Non-Fiction **Formal Letters (2 weeks)**	Unit 14 – Book Based **Wonder (3 weeks)** Character, Emotive Speech, Poetry, Precis, Diary, Informal Letter	Unit 14 – Poetry **Where The Forest Once Stood (1 week)**

Inference Question Writing					
Unit 15 – Book Based **George and the Dragon (2 weeks)** Narrative Comic Strip Descriptive Poetry	Unit 15 – Book Based **The Koala Who Could (4 weeks)**	Unit 15 – Book Based **Gregory Cool (2 weeks)** Blog Entry Narrative	Unit 15 – Poetry **Where The Forest Once Stood (1 week)**	Unit 15 – Poetry **Where The Forest Once Stood (1 week)**	Unit 15 – Book Based **War Horse (2 weeks)** Diary Pamphlet Narrative
Unit 16 – Poetry **Where The Forest Once Stood (1 week)**	Unit 16 – Poetry **Where The Forest Once Stood (1 week)**	Unit 16 – Book Based **The Dot (2 weeks)** Poetry Narrative	Unit 16 – Book Based **Storm and the Minotaur (2 weeks)** Narrative Building Suspense Letter Writing	Unit 16 – Book Based **Fortunately The Milk (2 weeks)** Narrative Writing Information Text	Unit 16 – Book Based **The Tempest (2 weeks)** Diary Sequel Explanation
Unit 17 – Book Based **The Deep Dark Wood (2 weeks)** Narrative Instructions Description Sequencing	Unit 17 – Non-Fiction **Instructions (2 weeks)**	Unit 17 – Poetry **Performance Poetry (1 week)**	Unit 17 – Book Based **The Night Bus Hero (2 weeks)** Character Profile Writing in Role Informal Letter	Unit 17 – Book Based **Escape to the River Sea (2 weeks)** Write field notes Use parenthesis and descriptive detail Write a story for oral retelling	Unit 17 – Film Writing **Film Units (1 week)**
Unit 18 – Book Based	Unit 18 – Book Based		Unit 18 – Film Writing **Film Units (1 week)**	Unit 18 – Film Writing **Film Units (1 week)**	Unit 18 – Poetry **Performance Poetry (1 week)**

Were Going to Find the Monster (2 weeks) Narrative Sequencing Prepositions	**Toby and the Great Fire of London (2 weeks)**				
Unit 19 - Film Writing **Film Units (1 week)**	Unit 19 - Film Writing **Film Units (1 week)**		Unit 19 – Poetry **Performance Poetry (1 week)**	Unit 19 – Poetry **Performance Poetry (1 week)**	
Unit 20 – Poetry **Performance Poetry (1 week)**	Unit 20 – Poetry **Performance Poetry (1 week)**				
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Unit 1 – Book Based **Zog (2 weeks)**	Unit 1 – Book Based **Roald Dahl Magic Finger (4 weeks)**	Unit 1 – Book Based **Mrs Noah's Pocket (4 Weeks)** Narrative Informative Playscript	Unit 1 – Book Based **Hello Lighthouse (6 weeks)** Informal Letter Narrative Newspaper Book Review Poetry	Unit 1 – Book Based **Cloud Busting (4 weeks)** Persuasive Speech Suspense Poetry	Unit 1 – Book Based **Titanic Death on the Water (4 weeks)** CV Writing Informal Letter Playscript Writing

			Diary		
Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Instructions (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Explanation Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Newspapers (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Recounts (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Discussion (2 weeks)**	Unit 2 – Non-Fiction **Explanation Texts (2 weeks)**
Unit 3 – Poetry **Riddles (2 weeks)**	Unit 3 – Poetry **Shape and Diamante Poems (2 weeks)**	Unit 3 – Poetry **Limericks and Clerihews (2 weeks)**	Unit 3 – Poetry **Free Verse (1 week)**	Unit 3 – Poetry **Free Verse (1 week)**	Unit 3 – Poetry **Narrative Poetry (2 weeks)**
Unit 4 – Book Based **Hair Love (4 weeks)**	Unit 4 – Book Based **Amelia Earhart (2 weeks)**	Unit 4 – Book-Based **Stone Age Tales: The Great Cave (2 weeks)** Story writing Story retelling	Unit 4 – Book Based **Danny The Champion of The World (3 weeks)** Narrative Descriptive Recounts	Unit 4 – Book Based **Secret Suffragette (3 weeks)** Infer Information Creating Plausible Characters	Unit 4 – Book Based **Tuesday (2 weeks)** News Report Newspaper Diary
Unit 5 – Book Based **Little Red (2 weeks)**	Unit 5 – Book Based **Ravi's Roar (2 weeks)**	Unit 5 – Non-Fiction **Information Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 5 – Non-Fiction **Newspapers (2 weeks)**	Unit 5 – Book Based **Beowulf (2 weeks)** Biography Newspaper CV Kennings	Unit 5 – Book Based **Private Peaceful (2 weeks)** Persuasive Speech Narrative
Unit 6 – Book Based **The Squirrels Who Squabbled (4 weeks)**	Unit 6 – Book Based **The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac (2 weeks)**		Unit 6 – Book Based **Journey (2 weeks)** Narrative (Dialogue, Action, Setting)	Unit 6 – Book Based **Room 13 (2 weeks)** Suspense Narrative Persuasive Advert	Unit 6 – Non-Fiction **Informal Letters (2 weeks)**

			Sequel		
Unit 7 – Poetry **Apes to Zebras (1 week)**	Unit 7 – Non-Fiction **Newspapers (2 weeks)**	Unit 6 – Book Based **Arthur and The Golden Rope (4 weeks)** Narrative (Character) Diary Persuasive Letters	Unit 7 – Poetry **Apes to Zebras (1 week)**	Unit 7 – Non-Fiction **Biographies (2 weeks)**	Unit 7 – Book Based **Clockwork Conspiracy (2 weeks)** Persuasive Suspense Ghostly Narrative
Unit 8 – Book Based **Sometimes You Have to Be a Little Bit Naughty (2 weeks)**	Unit 8 – Poetry **Apes to Zebras (1 week)**	Unit 7 – Poetry **Apes to Zebras (1 week)**	Unit 8 – Book Based **Nothing to See Here Hotel (2 weeks)** Narrative Sequel	Unit 8 – Poetry **Apes to Zebras (1 week)**	Unit 8 – Poetry **Apes to Zebras (1 week)**
Unit 9 – Non-Fiction **Recounts (2 weeks)**	Unit 9 – Book Based **The Day the Crayons Quit (2 weeks)**	Unit 8 – Book Based **Kaspar and The Prince of Cats (2 weeks)** Narrative Diary Entry Conjunctive Adverbials	Unit 9 – Book Based **The Pebble in My Pocket (2 weeks)** Narrative Poetry Conjunctions	Unit 9 – Book Based **Hidden Figures (4 weeks)** Character Map Newspaper Persuasive Letter Memoir	Unit 9 – Non-Fiction **Discussions (2 weeks)**
Unit 10 – Poetry **Midnight Feasts (1 week)**	Unit 10 – Non-Fiction **Recounts (2 weeks)**	Unit 9 – Non-Fiction **Balanced Arguments (2 weeks)**	Unit 10 – Non-Fiction **Explanation Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 10 – Non-Fiction **Autobiographies (2 weeks)**	Unit 10 – Book Based **Curse of the Maya (4 weeks)**

					Narrative Building Tension Writing Flashbacks
Unit 11 – Book Based **Stuck (2 weeks)**	Unit 11 – Poetry **Midnight Feasts (1 week)**	Unit 10 – Book Based **The Boy Who Grew Dragons (2 weeks)** Poetry Information (Fiction) Diary Informal Letter (Fiction)	Unit 11 – Poetry **Midnight Feasts (1 week)**	Unit 11 – Poetry **Midnight Feasts (1 week)**	Unit 11 – Poetry **Midnight Feasts (1 week)**
Unit 12 – Poetry **Free Verse (1 week)**	Unit 12 – Non-Fiction **Information Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 11 – Poetry **Midnight Feasts (1 week)**	Unit 12 – Book Based **Son of the Circus (4 weeks)** Drawing inferences on character Making predictions from stated and implied details Writing a review	Unit 12 – Poetry **Narrative Poetry (2 weeks)**	Unit 12 – Non-Fiction **Autobiographies (2 weeks)**
Unit 13 – Non-Fiction **Newspapers (2 weeks)**	Unit 13 – Book Based **Traction Man is Here (4 weeks)**	Unit 12 – Non-Fiction **Instructions (2 weeks)**	Unit 13 – Non-Fiction **Persuasion (2 weeks)**	Unit 13 – Non-Fiction **Information Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 13 – Book Based **Boy in The Tower (2 weeks)** Looking at different perspectives Letter writing Diary entries

Unit 14 – Book Based **The River (2 weeks)**	Unit 14 – Poetry **Free Verse (1 week)**	Unit 13 – Book Based **Charlie and The Chocolate Factory (2 weeks)** Narrative Voice Explanation (Fiction) Character Description	Unit 14 – Poetry **Free Verse Poetry (1 week)**	Unit 14 – Book Based **Land of Roar (3 weeks)** Playscripts Performance Improvise	Unit 14 – Poetry **Free Verse (1 week)**
Unit 15 – Book Based **The Disgusting Sandwich (2 weeks)**	Unit 15 – Book Based **Grandpa and The Kingfisher (2 weeks)**	Unit 14 – Non-Fiction **Persuasive Adverts (2 weeks)**	Unit 15 – Book Based **Crazy Hair (2 weeks)** Narrative Poetry Rhyming Patterns Direct Speech	Unit 15 – Non-Fiction **Explanation Texts (2 weeks)**	Unit 15 – Non-Fiction **Formal Language (2 weeks)**
Unit 16 – Book Based **Story Soup (2 weeks)**	Unit 16 – Film Writing **Film Units (2 weeks)**	Unit 15 – Book Based **The Last Zookeeper (1 week)**	Unit 16 – Film Writing **Film Units (2 weeks)**	Unit 16 – Film Writing **Film Unit (2 weeks)**	Unit 16 – Book Based **Rooftoppers (2 weeks)** Newspaper Diary Setting Description Narrative
Unit 17 – Film Writing **Film Units (2 weeks)**	Unit 17 – Poetry	Unit 16 – Book Based	Unit 17 – Poetry	Unit 17 – Poetry	Unit 17 – Film Writing **Film Unit (2 weeks)**

	Performance Poetry (1 week)	**The Boy Who Biked The World (2 weeks)** Diary Instructions Explanation	**Performance Poetry (1 week)**	**Performance Poetry (1 week)**	
Unit 18 – Poetry **Performance Poetry (1 week)**		Unit 17 – Film Writing **Film Units (2 weeks)**			Unit 18 – Poetry **Performance Poetry (1 week)**
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Step 7	Gothic: Non-Fiction	War: Fiction	19th Century: Poetry	Shakespeare: A Midsummer's Night Dream	Detectives: Fiction	Dystopia: Non-Fiction	Consolidation /Grammar Revision							
Step 8	Gothic: Poetry	War: Non-Fiction	19th Century: Fiction	Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet	Detectives: Non-Fiction	Dystopia: Poetry	Consolidation /Grammar Revision							
Step 9	Gothic: Fiction	War: Poetry	19th Century:	Shakespeare: MacBeth	Detectives: Poetry	Dystopia: Fiction	Consolidation /Grammar Revision							

			Non-Fiction					

Planning adapted from Literacy Shed Plus (Step 1-6), Boost Hodder Education (Step 7-9) and Exam Specifications (Step 10-11).