



Year 4 – English Overview



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Non-Fiction	Narrative	Poetry
Explanation Information Information Persuasion Information Recount Persuasion	Myth Historical Recount Fantasy Losing Tale Traditional Tale Adventure	Haiku Narrative

Autumn Term- Shaping the World

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Text Type	Narrative: Myth Retelling an Indian myth	Explanation About a flying machine	Narrative: Historical Recount All about George Stevenson's Rocket	Narrative: Fantasy Heroes vs villains Story of Cinderella	Information: Biography All about Rosa Parks
Purpose	To entertain	To explain To give information	To entertain To give historical details To record thoughts	To entertain	To inform
Audience	Children	Year 4	Year 4 or Year 3	KS1 children Year 4 for nostalgia	Children and adults interested in significant figures from history
Text Link	Indian myth - The Birth of the Rainbow	Discovering Victorian automobiles (teacher written)	The Railway Children (Classic Novel link)	Cinderella: an Islamic tale Cinderella of the Nile Prince Cinders	A variety of biographies on famous people, e.g. JK Rowling.
Hook/Stimulus	Indian myth - Birth of the Rainbow	Children designing their own flying machine	The Railway Children film	Guess the Disney...!	Horrible Histories- Rosa Parks Song
Guided Reading Text	The Creakers by Tom Fletcher				
Wider Curriculum	Geography: None in this topic		Science: States of Matter & Sound		History: Victorian inventions, famous people who have shaped the world we live in

Spring Term- Toga-tastic

Text Type	Information: Non-chronological Report About Pompeii	Narrative: Adventure Writing about the adventures of a Roman Solider	Persuasion: Brochure All about a holiday to Rome	Recount: Food Critic Review	Myth: Romulus and Remus
Purpose	To inform	To entertain	To persuade	To inform	To entertain To share To be retold
Audience	Year 4 pupils	Year 4 pupils	Adults likely to book a holiday	Those wanting to visit the restaurant Those wanting to try/make the dish	Audience around a campfire
Text Link	Escape to Pompeii by Christina Balit	Dum Spiro (teacher written)	Crete holiday brochure (teacher written)	Reviews of dishes familiar to the children (teacher written)	Different versions of Romulus and Remus
Hook/Stimulus		Dum Spiro (Literacy Shed video)	Holiday brochures and videos for places around the world	Making pizzas (DT link) Ratatouille film clip	
Guided Reading Text	The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman				
Wider Curriculum	Geography: Roman Empire, physical geography of St Albans- looking at the ruins		Science: Electricity & Living things and their Habitats	History: The Romans	

Summer Term- Destructive Earth

Text Type	Poetry: Haiku	Recount: News Report TV report about the earthquake in Turkey	Narrative: Folk tale Exploring different folk tale	Persuasion: Letter To a major company responsible for marine pollution	Poetry: Narrative
Purpose	To entertain	To inform	To entertain	To persuade	To entertain
Audience	Class (to be read aloud)	Children and adults/the public	Year 3 or 4	The King or companies identified as the top polluters	Year 3 or 4

Text Link	Weather haikus	Volcano news report (teacher written)	Winter's Child by Angela McAllister	Letter about air pollution (teacher written)	The Pebble in my Pocket by Meredith Hooper
Hook/Stimulus	Exploring weather haikus	Earthquake news reports	Winter's Child book	Is plastic good or bad? (oracy link)	Real pebbles!
Guided Reading Text	Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood				
Wider Curriculum	Geography: Destructive Earth		Science: Living Things and their Habitats & Animals, Including Humans		History: Links with previous topic on the Romans for the report about Pompeii