



Year 2 – English Overview



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| Unit Purpose |
| To inform |
| To entertain |

| Autumn Term | | | | |
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| Great Fire of London | | | Deep Freeze | |
| Genre | Narrative: Mystery/Detective Write about a crime in school | Retelling: Diary Experiences of the Great Fire of London | Narrative: Adventure Falling into a fairy tale (retelling a story) | Information: Letter |
| Purpose | To engage | To inform To provide historical information | To entertain | To inform |
| Audience | Year 2 pupils and families with children | Themselves as diaries tend to be written for personal use | KS1 pupils and parents | Father Christmas |
| Text Link | The Detective Dog by Julia Donaldson | Vlad and the Great Fire of London (A Flea in History) Toby and the Great Fire of London | The Day I Fell into a Fairy-Tale by Ben Miller | Dear Father Christmas by Alan Durant |
| Hook/Stimulus | | Burning their houses that they made | Text | Children to receive letter response from Father Christmas |
| Guided Reading Text | Little Wandle phonics reading groups x 3 weekly | | | |
| Wider Curriculum | Geography: Deep Freeze | Science: Materials | History: Great Fire of London and The Deep Freeze explorer | |

Spring Term

| Australia | | | Wriggle and Crawl | | |
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| Genre | Narrative: Myth | Recount: travel journal All about the Australian outback | Explanation: Poster Explaining the life cycle of a butterfly | Narrative: Realistic Fiction Describe setting | Poetry: Free Verse Linking to topic-insects, butterfly wings, creepy crawlies |
| Purpose | To entertain To inform about why things are the way they are | To inform about the outback To entertain To persuade others to visit | To explain To inform | To intrigue and amaze To develop imagination | To entertain To create curiosity |
| Audience | Year 2 pupils and families | The author | Children and families People with an interest in butterflies | Peers Children and families | Children and families |
| Text Link | Stories from the Billabong | Expedition Diaries: Australian Outback | | (abridged version of classic novel) The Secret Garden by Claire Freedman | Hurt No Living Thing by Christina Rossetti |
| Hook/Stimulus | Stories from the Billabong | Australian Outback diaries and Dairy of a Wombat | Butterfly day Caterpillar farm | Walking through gardens video Making mood board and map of their garden | Link to Wellington Country Park bug hunt Make own boxes (planning) |
| Guided Reading Text | Little Wandle phonics reading groups x 3 weekly Mother Koala knows best and other Australian animal stories How to live forever The Wild Robot | | | | |
| Wider Curriculum | Geography: Australia | | Science: Animal including humans Living things and their habitats | | History: N/A |

Summer Term

| World Kitchen | | | | Roald Dahl | | |
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| Genre | Information: Poster All about world foods Booklet about various foods | Narrative: Adventure Describing the adventures of their own sandwich | Narrative: Transformation Write about a transforming fruit | Information: Biography All about Roald Dahl | Narrative: Conquer the Monster | Explanation How to look after your plants |
| Purpose | To inform To persuade To create curiosity | To entertain | To entertain | To inform | To entertain | To inform, to explain |
| Audience | Year 2 parents and pupils | Peers Children and families | Year 2 parents and pupils | Roald Dahl fans | KS1 pupils | Writing to be displayed around the school in garden areas to encourage children to look after plants. |
| Text Link | Lunch at 10 Pomegranate Street by Felicita Sala | The Disgusting Sandwich | James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl | Information texts on the life of RD | The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl | A variety of explanation texts |
| Hook/Stimulus | Text Making food from around the world | Making their own disgusting sandwich | Text | Expose the children to a variety of Roald Dahl stories | Member of staff wanted poster | Growing their own plants |
| Guided Reading Text | Little Wandle phonics reading groups x 3 weekly Summer 2: The Twits | | | | | |
| Wider Curriculum | Geography: World Kitchen | | Science: Plants | | History: Life of Roald Dahl | |