



Year 2 Ready, Steady Read Yearly Overview

Autumn 1

A World full of Animal Stories: Africa (Traditional Animal , retelling) Science, Geography <i>Bravery, unfamiliarity.</i>	A World full of Animal Stories: North America (Traditional tales, animal folklore) Geography, PSHE, British Values (Mutual Respect) <i>Morality, wisdom</i>	Everything Under the Sun (illustrated Q&A) DT <i>Creativity, Design</i>	My Encyclopedia of very Important Things (Visual explanation) Science <i>Discovery,</i>	The Works (Humorous poetry collection) <i>Oracy Fun, identity</i>	A First Book of Animals (Free verse collection) PSHE, Science <i>Emotions, Nature, celebration</i>	Lenora Bolt, Secret Inventor (Invention Focused portal Fantasy) PSHE, Science <i>Courage, imagination</i>	Secrets of the Forest (Feminist Fairy Tale retelling, twist) Traditional Tale, PSHE, British Value (Equality, Challenging Stereotypes) <i>Independence, equality</i>
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Autumn 2

My Encyclopedia of very Important Dinosaurs (Humorous fact files) Science <i>Curiosity, facts</i>	Little People, Big Dreams (Biography) DT PSHE History <i>Independence, resilience</i>	50 Ways to Score a Goal (Poetry, fact collection) Oracy, PE, Rhyme, Rhythm <i>Language, performance</i>	The Shirley Hughes Treasury (Thematic) Science <i>Nature, seasons</i>	The Real Boat (Modern Fable, classical animal journey) PSHE, Themes <i>Friendship, loss, hope</i>	Pinocchio (Classic Tale, retold) PSHE, British Values (Truth, Choice) <i>kindness, morality</i>	Test Week Playscripts 1. Look, highlight speaker and stage directions 2. Practise (expression) 3. Sequence speech lines and perform
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Spring 1

A Year Full of Celebrations and Festivals (Illustrated global events) RE, Geography, British Values (tolerance) <i>Awe, celebration</i>	Never Get Bored Draw and Paint (Instructional activity guide) Art <i>Creativity, process</i>	A Poem for Every Season (Seasonal anthology) PSHE, British Values (Respect, empathy) <i>Trust, viewpoints, difference</i>	Fantastic First Poems (Anthology, natural themes) Science <i>Nature, wonder</i>	101 Aesop's Fables (Classic fables) PSHE <i>Morality, life lessons</i>	Einstein the Penguin (Mystery, humorous) PSHE, Character study <i>Belonging, bravery</i>
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Spring 2

101 Great Science Experiments (Instructional, STEM) Science, DT <i>Curiosity, exploration</i>	National Trust: Out and About Bird Spotter (Field Guide) Science, DT <i>Observation, classification</i>	Words can Fly (Anthology, diverse) PSHE, language and voice <i>Culture, expression</i>	Poems for 7 Year Olds. (Narrative in-verse) PSHE, Performance <i>Storytelling, humour</i>	Test Week Playscripts 1. Recap (how a line is said) 2. Read a new mini script. 3., Perform (voice, movement)
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Summer 1

The Tunnel (Symbolic/ mythical) History (Myths), PSHE, Themes <i>Fear, courage, family</i>	Wild Magic (Traditional Tales/Magical realism) Geography, Cultural <i>Mystery, imagination</i>	First Big Book of How (Illustrated, Q&A) Art, Science, PSHE <i>Discovery, explanation</i>	The Wildlife of Animals (Visual reference, animal facts) Science <i>Curiosity, observation</i>	A First Book of Nature (Poetic non-fiction) Science, structure <i>Emotion, wonder</i>	Midnight Feasts (Thematic Anthology) Science, Art, imagery <i>Nature, awe, food</i>
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Summer 2

A Year Full of Stories (Realistic, anthology, cultural) PSHE, British Values (diversity, respect) <i>Friendship, bravery, inclusion</i>	Grinwood (Contemporary, cultural) PSHE, Character Study <i>Identity, humour, family</i>	DK Complete Children's Cookbook (Instructional, recipes quiz) Science, DT <i>Curiosity, health, nutrition</i>	The First Book of Why (Illustrated Q&A, explanation) Science, DT <i>Curiosity, Scientific Enquiry</i>	Weird, Wild, Wonderful (Illustrated narrative) Oracy, Science, discussion skills <i>Curiosity, nature, discovery</i>	Test Week Playscripts 1. Plan a scene with 2/3 characters 2. Teacher model script layout, shared write a few lines 3. Rehearse and perform
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Core Themes Across Year Groups

Theme	Description	Linked British Values
Friendship & belonging	Central to texts exploring community, connection, and acceptance	Mutual Respect, Tolerance, Individual Liberty
Bravery & Resilience	Prominent in survival stories, historical conflict, and fantasy adventures	Individual Liberty, Rule of Law
Identity & Self-Discovery	Explored through characters facing difference, change, and personal growth	Tolerance, Mutual Respect, Equality
Justice & Morality	Characters face dilemmas about right and wrong, fairness, and standing up	Rule of Law, Democracy
Empathy & Understanding	Stories offer diverse viewpoints and global perspectives	Mutual Respect, Tolerance
Environmental Awareness	Texts encourage respect for the natural world and understanding ecosystems	Responsibility, Respect
Diversity & Inclusion	Culturally rich texts represent a range of voices and backgrounds	Mutual Respect, Tolerance, Equality
Creativity & Curiosity	Encouraged through invention, inquiry-based texts, and imaginative narratives	Individual Liberty, Exploration of Ideas
Growth Mindset & Ambition	Found in motivational and character-building stories	Individual Liberty, Resilience
Family & Community	Texts explore intergenerational relationships, migration, and social identity	Mutual Respect, British Community Values