



WELLESBOURNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Living to Learn, Learning to Live



Year 3 Ready, Steady Read Yearly Overview

Autumn 1

Harry the Poisonous Centipede (Animal adventure) Science, character <i>Bravery, unfamiliarity</i>	The One and Only Ivan (Contemporary Animal Fiction) Geography, PSHE, British Values <i>Friendship, hope, captivity</i>	The Lego Idea Book (Idea Guide with visuals) DT <i>Creativity, Design</i>	Explore (Explanation/Humor) Science <i>Discovery</i>	Welcome to My Crazy Life (Humorous poetry collection) Oracy <i>Fun, identity</i>	A World Full of Poem (Free verse collection) PSHE <i>Emotions, Nature, celebration</i>	The Day I Fell into a Fairy Tale (Portal Fantasy, contemporary twist) PSHE <i>Courage, imagination</i>	Rumaysa (Feminist Fairy Tale retelling, portal adventure) Traditional Tale, PSHE, British Value <i>Independence, equality</i>
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Autumn 2

The Funny Life of Football (Humorous fact files) PE <i>Curiosity, facts</i>	The Usborne Beginner's Cookbook (Instructional recipes) DT <i>Independence, procedure</i>	Pick and Mix Poetry (Classical and modern anthology) Oracy, Rhyme and Rhythm <i>Language</i>	I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree (Thematic) Science <i>Nature, seasons</i>	Charlotte's Web (Classic, animal friendship) PSHE, Themes <i>Friendship/truth, loss</i>	The Wild Robot (Futuristic Eco) Geography, PSHE <i>Isolation, kindness</i>	Test Week Playscripts 1. Annotate Key Features 2. Read & Perform 3. Write own version
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Spring 1

The Wonders of Nature (Illustrated, animal profiles) Science <i>Awe, Wildlife</i>	Usborne Complete Book of Art Ideas (Instructional, creative prompts) Art <i>Creativity, process</i>	Cloud Busting (Novel in verse, diary entry) PSHE, POV, British Values (Respect, empathy) <i>Trust, viewpoints, difference</i>	Ted Hughes Collected Poems (Natural World) Science, poetic devices <i>Nature, observation</i>	The Last FireFox (Contemporary adventure) Science, PSHE <i>Courage, friendship, environment</i>	Varjak Paw (Urban fantasy, martial arts allegory) PSHE, Adventure <i>Belonging, bravery</i>
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Spring 2

An Anthology of Intriguing Animals (Animal focused) Science <i>Wonder/Diversity</i>	Feather, Flower, Forest, Fur (Instructional, art and nature) DT <i>Creativity, instruction</i>	Hot Like Fire and Other Poems (Anthology, diverse voices) PSHE <i>Culture, energy</i>	Quick, Let's Get Out of Here (Narrative-in-verse) PSHE <i>Humour, storytelling</i>	Test Week Playscripts 1. Punctuation & Stage Directions 2. Perform (expression & gesture) 3. Write new scene or alternative ending
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Summer 1

How to Train Your Dragon (Historical/ mythical) History, Myths <i>Heroism, fear, identity</i>	The Wonder Brothers (Traditional Tales/Magical realism) Geography, Cultural <i>Mystery, imagination</i>	Hamza's Wild World (Illustrated Biography) Art, Science, PSHE <i>Ambition, nature</i>	My Encyclopedia of Very Important Science (Reference Text, visual science) Science <i>Curiosity, discovery</i>	The Whale of a Time (Short-form classic and modern) English (word play, sound) <i>Emotion, Humour</i>	When Poems fall from the Sky (Nature poetry Anthology) Science, Art, imagery <i>Wonder, environment</i>
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Summer 2

Hello Universe (Contemporary/realistic) PSHE, British Values (diversity, respect) <i>Friendship, bravery, inclusion</i>	Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths (Contemporary, cultural) PSHE/identity, <i>humour, family</i>	My Very Important Human Body Encyclopedia (Quiz format) Science <i>Curiosity health</i>	There's No Such Thing as a Silly Question (Instructional Q&A) Science, DT <i>Nature, Inquiry</i>	Weird, Wild, Wonderful (Illustrated narrative) Oracy <i>Curiosity, nature</i>	Test Week Playscripts 1. Read Traditional Tale, discuss how to turn into playscript 2. Plan and adapt 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