



WELLESBOURNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Living to Learn, Learning to Live

Year 3 Ready, Steady Read Yearly Overview

Autumn 1

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

The Funny Life of Football (Humorous fact files) PE Curiosity, facts	The Usborne Beginner's Cookbook (Instructional recipes) DT Independence, procedure	Pick and Mix Poetry (Classical and modern anthology) Oracy, Rhyme and Rythm Language	I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree (Thematic) Science Nature, seasons	Charlotte's Web (Classic, animal friendship) PSHE, Themes Friendship/truth, loss	The Wild Robot (Futuristic Eco) Geography, PSHE Isolation, kindness	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 Awe, Wildlife	Usborne Complete Book of Art Ideas (Instructional, creative prompts) Art Creativity, process	Cloud Busting (Novel in verse, diary entry) PSHE, POV, British Values (Respect, empathy) Trust, viewpoints, difference	Ted Hughes Collected Poems (Natural World) Science, poetic devices Nature, observation	The Last FireFox (Contemporary adventure) Science, PSHE Courage, friendship, environment	Varjak Paw (Urban fantasy, martial arts allegory) PSHE, Adventure Belonging, bravery
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Spring 2

An Anthology of Intriguing Animals (Animal focused) Science Wonder/Diversity	Feather, Flower, Forest, Fur (Instructional, art and nature) DT Creativity, instruction	Hot Like Fire and Other Poems (Anthology, diverse voices) PSHE Culture, energy	Quick, Let's Get Out of Here (Narrative-in-verse) PSHE Humour, storytelling	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 Heroism, fear, identity	The Wonder Brothers (Traditional Tales/Magical realism) Geography, Cultural Mystery, imagination	Hamza's Wild World (Illustrated Biography) Art, Science, PSHE Ambition, nature	My Encyclopedia of Very Important Science (Reference Text, visual science) Science Curiosity, discovery	The Whale of a Time (Short-form classic and modern) English (word play, sound) Emotion, Humour	When Poems fall from the Sky (Nature poetry Anthology) Science, Art, imagery Wonder, environment
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Summer 2

Hello Universe (Contemporary/realistic) PSHE, British Values (diversity, respect) Friendship, bravery, inclusion	Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths (Contemporary, cultural) PSHE Identity, humour, family	My Very Important Human Body Encyclopedia (Quiz format) Science Curiosity health	There's No Such Thing as a Silly Question (Instructional Q&A) Science, DT Nature, Inquiry	Weird, Wild, Wonderful (Illustrated narrative) Oracy Curiosity, nature	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