



WELLESBOURNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Living to Learn, Learning to Live

Year 4 Ready, Steady Read Yearly Overview

Autumn 1

Beowulf (Epic Myth Retelling) History (Anglo-Saxons) Heroism	Stories From Around The World (Traditional Tales) Geography Diversity/values	The Travel Book (Informational-Atlas style) Geography Exploration	How to Spaghettify your Dog (Explanation/Humor) Science Curiosity	Werewolf Club Rules (Humorous poetry collection) Fun/Word play/identity	Cherry Moon (Free verse collection) PSHE Nature	The Legend of Pod-kin One-Ear (Fantasy, animal-led epic) PSHE Resilience	The Land of Roar (Fantasy/Portal adventure) Friendship
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Autumn 2

Atlas of Ocean Adventures (Fact Files) Geography/Science Discovery/Marine Life	Ultimate Footballer (Fact/opinion) PE Text comparison Team work/ambition	Gargling with Jelly (Classical Performance Poetry/rhyme) Oracy Performance	Poems from a Green and Blue planet (Thematic) PSHE, Science Environment/awarenness	When life gives you Mangoes (Contemporary) PSHE Friendship/truth	Jimmy at the River School (Contemporary African Fiction) Geography/PSHE School life/culture/kindness	Test Week Playscripts 1. Compare 2. Perform 3. Rewrite
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Spring 1

Make Your Own Magic (Motivational) PSHE Positivity/confidence	Quiz Yourself Clever (Quiz Format) Text Layout & Purpose/General Knowledge Fun facts	Over to You (Diary entry, interactive, view points) PSHE, POV Decisions, Real Life	Where Zebras Go (Modern poetic collection) Science Nature, perspective	The Last Bear (Eco Fiction, animal, climate change) Science, PSHE Climate. compassion	The Girl Who Stole and Elephant (Adventure/Historical) Geography (Sri Lanka) Justice, courage, rebellion
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Spring 2

You Can Do Anything (Motivational, persuasive) PSHE Growth Mindset, effort	Start To Cook (Instructional/Procedural) DT Independence/ following instructions	Happy Poems (Positive themes, anthology) Performance Joy, celebration	Love That Dog (Narrative-in-verse) PSHE Creativity, confidence	Test Week Playscripts 1. Explore Stage Directions 2. Perform (voice shows emotions) 3. Write dialogue (character emotions)
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Summer 1

The Viking Boy (Historical/ Norse Legend/Myth) History, Myths Revenge, loyalty, belief	Tales From Africa (Traditional Tales/Cultural, African) Geography, Traditional Tale Morality, tradition	Artists Everyone Should Know (Illustrated Biography) Art, History inspiration	A Day in The Life... (Report/Job roles/humorous) History, English (comparison) Curiosity, past and present	Pocket Book of Pocket Poems (Short-form classic and modern) English (poetic devices), Oracy Emotions	Wonder: Natural History Museum (themed poetry linked to artefacts) Science, Art Natural Awe
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Summer 2

Boy at the Back of the Class (Contemporary/realistic) PSHE, British Values Refugee Crisis, Kindness	The Songwalker (Fantasy/lyrical language) PSHE Memory, courage, journey	Kids Vs Adults Ultimate Quiz Book (Quiz format) General Knowledge Fun	100 Forest School Activities (Instructional) Science, DT, Forest Nature, skills,	Red Sky in The Morning, Poet's Warning (Narrative) Oracy, structure Nature, imagery	Test Week Playscripts 1. Recap Structure (Myth/Tale) 2. Write a script 3. Rehearse & 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