



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

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

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

You Can Do Anything (Motivational, persuasive) PSHE <i>Growth Mindset, effort</i>	Start To Cook (Instructional/Procedural) DT <i>Independence/ following instructions</i>	Happy Poems (Positive themes, anthology) Performance Joy, celebration	Love That Dog (Narrative-in-verse) PSHE <i>Creativity, confidence</i>	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 <i>Revenge, loyalty, belief</i>	Tales From Africa (Traditional Tales/Cultural, African) Geography, Traditional Tale <i>Morality, tradition</i>	Artists Everyone Should Know (Illustrated Biography) Art, History <i>inspiration</i>	A Day in The Life... (Report/Job roles/humorous) History, English (comparison) <i>Curiosity, past and present</i>	Pocket Book of Pocket Poems (Short-form classic and modern) English (poetic devices), Oracy <i>Emotions</i>	Wonder: Natural History Museum (themed poetry linked to artefacts) Science, Art <i>Natural Awe</i>
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Summer 2

Boy at the Back of the Class (Contemporary/realistic) PSHE, British Values <i>Refugee Crisis, Kindness</i>	The Songwalker (Fantasy/lyrical language) PSHE <i>Memory, courage, journey</i>	Kids Vs Adults Ultimate Quiz Book (Quiz format) General Knowledge <i>Fun</i>	100 Forest School Activities (Instructional) Science, DT, Forest <i>Nature, skills,</i>	Red Sky in The Morning, Poet's Warning (Narrative) Oracy, structure <i>Nature, imagery</i>	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