



WELLESBOURNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Living to Learn, Learning to Live

Year 5 Ready, Steady Read Yearly Overview

Autumn 1

Between Worlds (Myths/fables/short stories)	Secrets of a Sun King (Historical Fiction)	Against the Odds (Biographical shorts)	Coming to England (Autobiography)	Where My Wellies Take Me (Hybrid: narrative poetry/scrap book/diary)	Wicked World (Illustrative / Figurative)	Wonder (Contemporary/realistic) PSHE	The Goldfish Boy (Mystery/Psychological contemporary) PSHE
PSHE Culture	History Bravery	PSHE Resilience, achievement	British Values/PSHE/History Migration/identity	Geography Nature	Emotions	Empathy	Mental Health

Autumn 2

Three Lionesses (Biography/Sporting Profiles)	A World of Flavour (Persuasive/informational)	Tiger Tiger Burning Bright (Rhyming/free verse)	The Way of the Dog (Multiple viewpoints)	The Storm Keeper's Island (Contemporary magical realism)	October, October (Contemporary-First person)	Test Week Playscripts 1. Read and annotate 2. Perform (Emotion & mood) 3. Add Stage Directions
PE PSHE Achievement	Geography Diversity/culture	Nature	Science Environment/Loyalty	PSHE Family/Memory	PSHE Nature	

Spring 1

The Moon (Informative/explanation)	Knowledge Encyclopedia: Space (Reference Text)	We are Family (Interactive/Personal Viewpoint)	A Poem for Every Night of the Year (Anthology: Classic/modern)	Sky Song (Environmental Quest fantasy)	The Explorer (Adventure Survival)
Science	Science	PSHE	Emotions	Geography/PSHE	Geography

Spring 2

Magic Your Mind Happy (Motivational Guide)	A Romani Story- A Different Kind of Freedom (Historical narrative/procedural inserts)	Bright Bursts of Colour (Contemporary/illustrated)	Wonderland: Alice in Poetry (Narrative-inverse/thematic)	Test Week Playscripts 1. Read a chapter and choose 2. Write 3. Peer rehearse and Perform
PSHE	History/PSHE	Positivity/creativity	Growth	

Summer 1

Kick (Sports based realistic historical fiction)	The Nowhere Emporium (Portal fantasy fiction)	Mythologica (Myth based biography)	Windrush Child (Historical Fiction – post WW2 migration)	Utterly Brilliant Poetry (Puffin) (Range of poetry/ humorous)	The Highway Man (Ballard/narrative)
PSHE Justice/Ambition	Mystery	History Mythology/Symbolism	History/PSHE Belonging/identity		Classic Love/consequence

Summer 2

Ballet Shoes (Period Fiction- early 20 th Century)	No Ballet Shoes in Syria (Contemporary refugee fiction)	Sport Legends (Profiles/Quiz format)	The Illustrated Encyclopedia of: 'Ugly' Animal (Scientific classification & fact files)	Fio and the Last Snow Deer (Seasonal nature fantasy)	Test Week Playscripts 1. Choose roles 2. Rehearse 3. Perform
PSHE Family/determination	PSHE/ British Values Refugee/Identity	PE	Science Nature	Science Nature	

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