

The Gates Primary School

English Curriculum Overview 2024-2025

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term			
EYFS	<p><u>Focus Text</u></p> <p>How are you feeling today?</p> 	<p><u>Focus Text</u></p> <p>The Rhyming Rabbit by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks</p> 	<p><u>Focus Text</u></p> <p>Traditional tales: The Billy Goats Gruff</p> 			
	<p><u>Other Reading texts</u></p> <p>Whole School-The Day the Crayons Quit <i>Drew Daywalt</i></p> <p>Elmer and the Wind by David McKee <i>Ed Shed</i></p> <p>Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae <i>Ed Shed</i></p> <p>Mixed by Arree Chung</p> <p>Only one You by Linda Kranz</p> <p>Super Duper You! Sophy Henn</p> <p><u>Writing</u></p> <p>Explorative mark making opportunities</p> <p>Mark making for meaning</p> <p>Correct letter formation</p>	<p><u>Other Reading texts</u></p> <p>The Christmas Pine Julia Donaldson</p> <p>Meg and Mog by Helen Nicoll</p> <p>Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson</p> <p>Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson and Tiphonie Beeke</p> <p>The Very Helpful Hedgehog by Rosie Wellesley</p> <p>Pattan's Pumpkin Chitra Soundar and Farane Lessac</p> <p>Non-Fiction books: Winter, Christmas and Hannukah themed</p>	<p><u>Other Reading texts</u></p> <p>Journey by Aaron Becker</p> <p>William Bee's Wonderful World of Thing That Go! By William Bee</p> <p>Cars and Trucks and Things That Go by Richard Scarry</p> <p>Non- fiction transport books</p> <p>Super Submarine book collection.</p> <p>Emma Jane's Aeroplane Katie Haworth and Daniel Rieley</p> <p>The Hundred Decker Bus by Mike Smith</p> <p><u>Writing</u></p> <p>Labelling</p>	<p><u>Other Reading texts</u></p> <p>Paddington's Easter Egg Hunt by Michael Bond and Karen Jankel</p> <p>Santa Claus Vs the Easter Bunny by Fred Blunt</p> <p>The Very First Easter by Kelly Pulley</p> <p>Farmer Clegg's Night Out by Peter Bently</p> <p>Mr Birdsnest and the House Next Door by Julia Donaldson</p> <p>Giraffe Can't Dance by Giles Andreae</p> <p>The Tiger Who Came Who Came for Tea by Judith Kerr</p>	<p><u>Other Reading texts</u></p> <p>Veg Patch Party by Clare Foges and Al Murphy</p> <p>Fruit and Vegetables by Tracy Cottingham</p> <p>Pip and Posy: The Friendly Snail by Axel Scheffler</p> <p>A Squash and a Squeeze by Julia Donaldson and Axel Sheffler</p> <p>Superworm</p> <p>The Enormous Turnip Julia Donaldson and Axel Sheffler</p> <p>One Little Frog (Life Cycles) by Lesley Sims and Brendan Kearney</p>	<p><u>Other Reading texts</u></p> <p>Traditional tales: Little Red Riding Hood</p> <p>Traditional tales: The Gingerbread Man</p> <p><u>Alternatives</u></p> <p>Goldilocks in Space by Peter Bently and Chris Jevons</p> <p>The Gingerbread Man 2: What Happened Later? By Stephen Dixon</p> <p>Non-fiction Summer books</p> <p><u>Writing</u></p> <p>Traditional Tales</p> <p>Drama</p> <p>Billy Goats' Gruff, Three Little</p>

Poetry/Nursery
Rhymes

Writing names	Rama and Sita by Malachy Doyle Hanukkah Bear by Eric Kimmel <u>Writing</u> Letters Lists Invitation	Instructions Sentences	Non-fiction Spring books <u>Writing</u> Poetry Non-fiction fact writing Instructions Mothering Sunday poems and descriptions	Non-fiction books about Planting SLS loan <u>Writing</u> Non- fiction finding out using different ways. Labelling Alphabetical order Recount Instructions	Pigs, Gingerbread Man, The Little Red Hen etc. Sentences Retelling and ordering stories
Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes Hey Diddle Diddle Jack and Jill	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I cought a fish Alive Humpty Dumpty Twinkl Twinkl Little Star	Here we go round the Mulberry Bush Row Row Row your Boat	Mary Had a Little Lamb Baa Baa Black sheep	Incy Wincy Spider 5 Little Speckled Frogs Mary Mary Quite Contrary	The Grand Old Duke of York Pat-a-cake Little Bo Peep

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Focus Text	Oliver Jeffers Focus 	Mrs Mole, I'm Home by Jarvis 	Beegu by Alexis Deacon 	The Deep Dark Wood by Algy Craig Hall and Ali Pye 	Wanted: The Perfect Pet' by Fiona Robertson 	The Squirrels who Squabbled by Rachel Bright & Jim Field 
Other reading texts	What We'll Build by Oliver Jeffers The Moose Belongs to Me by Oliver Jeffers Stuck by Oliver Jeffers	The Great Fire of London: An Illustrated History of the Great Fire of 1666 by Emma Adams The Great Fire of London by Liz Gogerly Vlad and the Great Fire of London by Kate Cunningham	The Boy who Biked the World by Alastair Humphreys The Disgusting Sandwich by Gareth Edwards Grandad's Secret Giant by David Litchfield	Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure by Kate Cunningham The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson & Paul Howard Billy and the Beast by Nadia Shireen	Look Up by Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola (Stereotypes). Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion by Shannon Stocker & Devlon Holzwarth Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers (Earth Day).	The Smart Cookie by Jory John & Pete Oswald A Whale of a Time: A Funny Poem for Every Day of the Year by Lou Peacock & Matt Hunt Forever Star by Gareth Peter & Judi Abbot (LGBT Pride Month).
Poetry	The Names I Give My Toes by Kate Wakeling		Monster March by Jane Newberry		Hide and Seek by Matt Goodfellow	
Writing	<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u> Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures	(NF) Recount: School Trip (NF) Letter: Christmas Letter (Read, Write, Perform) (NF) News Report: Great Fire (Read, Write, Perform)	(P) Poetry: Acrostic & Lists (Literacy Shed) (N) Character Description: Create a lost poster for Beegu (NF) Non- Chronological Report: Earth/ A planet of their choice.	(N) Character Description: Monster Best Friend (N) Narrative: Write part of the story from the Wolf's point of view. (NF) Instructions: How to hide from the Wolf.	(NF) Persuasion: Pupil Leadership (NF) Advertisement: Write an advertisement for the perfect pet (NF) Recount: Retell their adventures with their perfect pet.	(P) Poetry: Free Verse (Literacy Shed) (N) Narrative: Setting Description (when the bird takes the pine cone).
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Focus Text	Oliver Jeffers Focus 	Grandad's Secret Giant by David Litchfield 	The Tin Forest by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson 	The Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers 	The Dragon in the Library by Louie Stowell 	The Twits by Roald Dahl 
Other reading texts	What We'll Build by Oliver Jeffers The Moose Belongs to Me by Oliver Jeffers Stuck by Oliver Jeffers	The Great Fire of London by Liz Gogerly Vlad and the Great Fire of London by Kate Cunningham The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K.Ali (Equality & Diversity)	The Boy who Biked the World by Alastair Humphreys The Couch Potato by Jory John & Pete Oswald (NY Resolutions). Blue by Sarah Christou (Mental Health)	Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure by Kate Cunningham Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov & Chris Nixon (Autism) Inside the Villains by Clotilde Perrin	Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers (Earth Day). The Mellons Build an Eco House by Robin Jacobs & Nik Neves (Earth Day) Izzy the Inventor and the Unexpected Unicorn by Zanna Davidson & Elissa Elwick (Stereotypes)	The Big Books of the Blue by Yuval Zommer (World Ocean's Day) Forever Star by Gareth Peter & Judi Abbot (LGBT Pride Month). Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival (Transition)
Poetry	The Average Hippopotamus by Jack Prelutsky		The Little Pencil by Matt Goodfellow		The Washing Machine Jive by Kate Wakeling	
Writing	<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u> Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures	(NF) Letter: Christmas Letter (Read, Write, Perform) (NF) News Report: Great Fire (Read, Write, Perform) (N) Character Description: Description of their own giant	(P) Poetry: Repeating Patterns (Literacy Shed) (NF) Persuasive Letter: Persuading school/the environment to recycle more. (N) Narrative: Journey of an object being thrown.	(N) Narrative: Retell the section of the story where Green Suit captures the creatures. (N) Diary Entry: Choose an event in the book and write from Barnabus' perspective (P) Poetry: Shape and Diamante (Literacy Shed)	(NF) Persuasion: Pupil Leadership (NF) Recount: School Trip (N) Narrative: Write a story about spending a day with a dragon.	(N) Character Description: Create their own revolting characters (P) Letter: Write a letter persuading the Twits to change their ways. (NF) Non-Chronological Report: Muggle-wump Monkeys
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Focus Text	David Wiesner Focus 	Arthur & The Golden Rope by Joe Todd- Stanton 	The BFG by Roald Dahl 	The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd 	The Iron Man by Ted Hughes 	The Last Bear by Hannah Gold 
Other reading texts	Flotsam by David Wiesner Tuesday by David Wiesner The Three Pigs by David Wiesner	WW2 Poetry – A range of poets Time Train to the Blitz by Sophie McKenzie If I Were Prime Minister by Trygve Skaug (Picture Book – UK Parliament Week)	The Camel's Hump by Rudyard Kipling (Poetry) Moth by Isobel Thomas Ish by Peter H. Reynolds (Picture Book – Mental Health Week).	The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling Find Your Happy by Emily Coxhead (Picture Book- International Day of Happiness)	Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx Amulet by Ted Hughes Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo	Egyptology: Search for the Tomb of Osiris by Emily Sands Ocean Meets Sky by The Fan Brothers (Picture Book – Link to Big Question) Can I Build Another Me? By Shinsuke Yoshitake
Poetry	If I Was An Ant – Kate Wakeling		The Dragon Who Ate Our School – Nick Toczek		Ride – Matt Goodfellow	
Writing	<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u> Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures	(NF) Recount: School Trip (NF) Diary Entry: Recount the wolf's savage attack on the town. (NF) Persuasive Letter: Persuade Joe Todd-Stanton to let them be the next hero/heroine.	(P) Poetry: Kennings & Quatrains (Literacy Shed) (NF) Recipe: Write a recipe which uses snozzcumbers. (NF) Persuasion: Write a script for a radio advert selling their recipe/ingredient.	(P) Poetry: Limericks & Clerihews (Literacy Shed) (F) Narrative: Write a chapter from a character's perspective. (NF) Non-Chronological Report: Dragons	(NF) Persuasion: Pupil Leadership (N) Narrative: To write a monologue from the Iron Man's point of view (NF) Non-Fiction: To write a letter from the Iron Man to the young boy.	(N) Character/Setting Description: April's ride on Bear (NF) Diary Entry: From Dad's perspective about April's behaviour. (P) Poetry: Free Verse (Literacy Shed)
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Year 4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Text	David Wiesner Focus 	How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell 	Varjak Paw by S.F. Said 	The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q Rauf 	Rumblestar by Abi Elphinstone 	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo 
Other reading texts	Flotsam by David Wiesner Tuesday by David Wiesner The Three Pigs by David Wiesner	The British by Benjamin Zephaniah If I Were Prime Minister by Trygve Skaug (Picture Book – UK Parliament) Coming to England by Baroness Floella Benjamin & Diane Ewen (Black History).	Hurt No Living Thing by Christina Georgina Rosetti (Poetry) Eye of the Wolf by Daniel Pennac Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival (Picture Book – Mental Health)	Frankie's World by Aoife Dooley (Autism Awareness). Happy Here by Black British authors and illustrators (International Day of Happiness). My Heart is a Poem by various poets	The Legend of Tutankhamun by Morgan Sally Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly (Non-Fiction – Big Question). My Shadow is Pink by Scott Stuart (Picture Book – Tolerance).	Egyptian Diary: The Journal of Nakht, Young Scribe by Richard Platt The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs by Kate Messner & Matthew Forsythe (World Ocean's Day). The Midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer
Poetry	School Tomorrow, Excuses For Mum – Joseph Coelho		Keepy-Uppy Kid – Rachel Rooney		Free – Kate Wakeling	
Writing	<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u> Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures	(NF) Recount: School Trip (P) Poetry: Haikus, Tankas and Cinquains (Literacy Shed Plus) (NF) Non-Chronological Report: Dragons	(F) Narrative: An action scene: Varjak's helicopter encounter. (NF) Non-Chronological Report: Mesopotamian Blue Cats (NF) Formal Letter: A letter from Hector to Mrs Vergara.	(NF) Wanted Poster: Create a 'Wanted' poster for a bully character (NF) Formal Letter: Write the letter Hector gives to Mrs Vergara (P) Poetry: Similes & Metaphors (Literacy Shed +)	(NF) Persuasion: Pupil Leadership (F) Narrative: Write a rescue story (NF) Biography: Environmental Activist	(P) Poetry: Free Verse - a poem which conveys Edward's transformation (Literacy Shed Plus) (F) Narrative: Dialogue between two characters
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Focus Text	Neil Gaiman Focus 	Wonder by R.J.Palacio 	Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murray 	A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket 	The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan 	The Boy at The Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf 
Other reading texts	Instructions by Neil Gaiman Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman The Wolves in the Wall by Neil Gaiman	If I Were Prime Minister by Trygve Skaug (Picture Book) If – Rudyard Kipling (Poetry). War Horse by Michael Morurgo (Picture Book)	My Heart is a Poem by various authors and various illustrators The Little Raindrop by Joanna Gray The Aquanaut by Dan Sentat	Being Me by Liz Brownlee (Poetry Collection). Shackleton's Journey by William Grill (Short Story). Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly (Inclusion).	El Deafo by Cece Bell (Deaf Awareness) A Planet Full of Plastic by Neal Layton (Picture Book – Big Question). Varmints by Helen Ward (Earth Day)	Ella on the Outside by Cath Howe Wisp: A Story of Hope by Zana Fraillon (Picture Books).
Poetry	Star by Michaela Morgan		Defending the title by Rachel Rooney		Dreams by Langston Hughes	
Writing	<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u> Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures	(N) Narrative: To write an internal monologue from a character's perspective. (NF) Informal Speech: Write a speech to be read at Daisy's funeral. (P) Poetry: Figurative Poetry (Literacy Shed)	(NF) Narrative: Plan a flashback sequence which is sentimental to Ellie. (P) Poetry: Narrative Poetry (Literacy Shed) (NF) News Report: Choose an event from the book and write a report about it.	(N) Narrative: Create a setting description for the inside of Count Olaf's home. (NF) Diary Entry: Write a diary entry for the day of the theatre troupe dinner. (NF) Balanced Argument: "Should the Baudelaire orphans have been allowed to live independently?"	(NF) Persuasion: Pupil Leadership (NF) Narrative: Write a conversation between two characters. (NF) Playscript: To create a script and act out a scene from the book.	(NF) Instructions: How to be a good student. (NF) Letter: Write a letter to the monarch asking for help to help Ahmet (P) Poetry: Free Verse (Literacy Shed)
Writing	13 th September – Roald Dahl Story Day 3 rd October – National Poetry Day	11 th – 15 th November – World Nursery Rhyme Week	9 th January – 13 th January – Walker Books Week 27 th January – 4 th February – National Storytelling Week	7 th March – World Book Day 21 st March – World Poetry Day		June – National Writing Day

Year 6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Text	Neil Gaiman Focus 	Holes' by Louis Sachar 	Floodland By Marcus Sedgwick 	'Room 13' by Robert Swindells 	When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle 	'Can You See Me?' by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott 
Other reading texts	Instructions by Neil Gaim Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman The Wolves in the Wall by Neil Gaiman	Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer (Short Novel) Shackleton's Journey by William Grill (Short Story). A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (Short novel).	The Arrival by Shaun Tan (Wordless picture book). Song of the River by Gill Lewis & Zanna Goldhawk (Shorter Read). The River by Hanako Clulow	A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll (Autism) Why Water's Worth it by Lori Harrison The Viewer by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan	The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow & Joe Todd-Stanton (Poetry) Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman Wisp: A Story of Hope by Zana Fraillon (Picture Books).	The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse by Charlie Mackesy (Poetry) Go Big by Matthew Burton You are Awesome by Matthew Syed
Poetry	Nothing To Do by Valerie Bloom		Special Badger By Matt Goodfellow		New Beginnings by Tony Walsh	
Spellings	<u>Handwriting, Grammar & Sentence Focus</u> Handwriting Practise (Daily) Slow Write (Weekly) Sentence Structures (NF) Diary Entry: The Residential	(NF) Newspaper Report: Report the murder of the Sheriff (NF) Motivational Speech: Warden to the staff or Stanley to his friends. (NF) Non-Chronological Report: Yellow-Spotted Lizards	(P) Poetry: Free Verse (Literacy Shed) (N) Narrative: Prologue (NF) News Report: Reporting on a recent flooding.	(N) Dual Narrative: Francis (Literacy Shed Plus) (NF) Formal Review: Write a formal review about the guest house on Whitby's West Cliff. (Exemplification - 2023) (NF) Formal Letter: Write a management response to the negative online review. (Exemplification – 2023)	(NF) Persuasion: Pupil Leadership (P) Poetry: Sonnets (Literacy Shed) (NF) Formal Letter: Write a formal letter from the Local Authority to Mrs F.	(P) Poetry: Free verse – 'Moving On' (Literacy Shed) (NF) Procedure: Instruction manual -How to be a successful year 6 student (N) Guide: Primary School Survival Guide (based on the book 'Go Big').
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