

Year 1 Literacy Unit Overview

Term	Week	Unit	Extra Info/Cross Curricular links	Curriculum Coverage/outcomes	
Black History Month Key figure		Key figure- Ella Fitzgerald Outcome- Write a fact file and goals and dreams			
1 J	1	Handwriting, Presentation, Class Author, Class Poet Baseline Assessments	Alan Alhberg is adopted. CLA	Introduce class author/poet, Set presentation expectations	
	3	Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson (Literacy Tree)	Class Author	Narrative retelling- labels and captions, informal letters CT/HT- My favourite book and why	
Autumn 1	4 5 6	Naughty Bus by Jan Oke (Literacy Tree)	History cross curricular link- Favourite toys	Own adventure stories- letters, diaries, sequels, non-chronological reports CT/HT- basic letter starting with 'to' and 'from'	
	7 8	Stanley's Stick by John Hegley and Neal Layton (Literacy Tree) Assessment week and revision from AfL	Science cross curricular link – Materials (Aut 2) & History cross curricular link – Toys	Own version narratives- retellings and descriptions CT/HT- My favourite toy	
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Autumn 2	1	Poetry week Action/Circle Rhymes Here we go around the Mulberry Bush and A Sailor went to sea.			
	3 4	Yeti and the Bird by Nadia Shireen (Literacy Tree)	Geog cross curricular link- Local area Unusual friendships/habitats Author Nadia Shireen is from Pakistani	Own version narratives- list of rules, letters, postcards, character descriptions CT/HT- Character description	
	5 6	Iggy Peck Architect by Andrea Beatty and David Roberts (Literacy Tree)	heritage Science cross curricular links- Materials	Fact files- labels, captions, character comparisons,	



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			Architecture/buildings	thought and speech bubbles CT/HT- labels- label a picture
	7	Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish by Michael Foreman	Science cross curricular links-	Pamphlets- letters, setting descriptions, instructions,
	8	(Literacy Tree)	Materials	narrative retellings, posters
		End of term assessments	Environment, speciesism, conservationism, extinction	CT/HT- Instruction texts- Write consecutive instructions
			Thin down plan to allow time for end of term assessments	
End of term				

	1	Poetry week – Whole School	'Kindness'-	
		Performance poetry unit (Will perform	PSHE link	
		poem in assembly)	Mary Seacole	
		Acrostics poems (Range)	as key figure	
			focus.	
	2	Astro girl by Ken Wilson-Max	History cross	Fact files- writing in role,
		(Literacy Tree)	curricular	commands, 'How to'
			link- Greatest	guides.
			History Maker	CT/HT- Explanatory text-
				Write a series of
Spring 1			Space/space	sentences to explain a
rin			travel	simple, process based on
Sp				first-hand experiences
			Cultural link	
			BME- Black	
			family	
	3	Beegu by Alexis Deacon		Narratives-descriptions,
	4	(Literacy Tree)		commands, letters, non-
				sense word dictionary,
				poems, non-fiction
				reports.
				CT/HT- Persuasive text-
				Write simple examples of



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	5	Gruffalo Crumble by Julia Donalson (Back on Track) End of term assessments	Class author	persuasion in the form of a letter to a character. Non-narrative forms-labels, recipes. CT/HT- Instructions – write basic instructions		
		Half term				
	1	Poetry week Riddles (Range)				
Spring 2	3	The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett (Literacy Tree)	Science cross curricular link- Animals including humans Links- Adoption, bullying, eggs	Non-Fiction Reports- Thought and speech bubbles, diaries, letters, certificates CT/HT- Write a simple non-chronological report by writing sentences to describe aspects of subject		
S	4	I want my hat back by Jon Klassen	friendship,	Story sequels/Letter		
	6	(Literacy Tree) End of term assessments	saying sorry and managing powerful emotions such a jealousy and anger	writing- questions, speech bubbles, letters and lists CT/HT- recount- Write simple person recounts linked to 'events' in order, maintaining paste tense and consistent use of first person.		
	End of term					

Summer 1	1	Poetry week Chants (examples of a narrative)- There was an Old Lady who swallowed a fly Kye Kye Kule Traditional West African Call and		
띹		Response Song		
S	2	Billy and the Beast by Nadia	Author Nadia	Narrative- write own narrative,
	3	Shireen	Shireen is	wanted posters, summaries,
	4	(Literacy Tree)	from Pakistani	emails, character description,
			heritage	recipes.
				CT/HT- Character description



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	5	Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell End of term assessments Extended writing opportunities; feedback from AfL	Science cross curricular link- Animals including humans Geog cross curricular links- Where food comes from	Narrative- Stories with predictable phrasing, instructions, postcards, retell the narrative CT/HT- Retell a story with predictable phrasing
		Half	term	
	1	Poetry week Free Verse/List Poems- In Daisy's Secret Door by Matt Simpson (From Maths Poetry book) I always like summer best by Nikki Giovanni		Children to use Nikki Giovanni poem as a basis to write their own I always like summer best because (write why they like summer/autumn/winter/spring best)
	2	Lost and found by Oliver Jeffers	Geography	Own version 'losing/finding'
Summer 2	3 4	(Literacy Tree)	cross curricular links- Penguins & Geography link- locational knowledge	narratives- character descriptions, retellings, advice, instructions, non-chronological reports CT/HT- Discussion Texts- Write sentences to convey their opinion and sentences to convey a contrasting opinion of another e.g. I think that he should give the book back. James thinks he should keep it.
	5	The Magic Bed by John		Fantasy stories- setting
	6	Burningham		descriptions, additional scenes,
	7	Assessment week and revision from AfL		lists, descriptions CT/HT- Retell a fantasy narrative
End of term				

CT/HT- Cold Task and Hot Task- Ensure each unit has a cold task at the start of the unit and a hot task at the end of the unit. The features of the text must be taught after each cold task.