



Reception English Curriculum Overview



Autumn 1	Topic: All about us							
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Text/Genre	Fiction/Non-fiction – settling/starting school	Talk for Writing Fiction The Little Red Hen			Talk for Writing – Innovation Fiction The Little Green Frog		Poetry Where am I? (RWI) Autumn colours Autumn Leaves are Falling Down Dingle Dangle Scarecrow	
Hook			Making bread		Fred the frog adventure			
Writing Outcome		Initial assessment Name writing		Mark making linked to main characters	Initial sound focus	Mark making linked to main characters	End of term – initial sound/CVC words	
Oracy	What will you put on your bread? What is your favourite sandwich?				Thinking Time focus			
Class Reads	The Hug Button	Recipe book – linked to LRH	Pumpkin Soup	Pattan’s Pumpkin	You Choose	Autumn – What to look for?	Ruby the Dragon can Share	
Drawing Club			Book - Not Now Bernard		Tale - Little Red Hen		Wacky Races cartoon clip	
Drawing Club ‘Get up Stand up’ vocabulary			gobble, chomp, astonished, ignore, destroy		baking, concocting, rising, collaborating, unhelpful		accelerate, braking, hazard, steering, overtake	

Autumn 2	Topic: Light and Dark							
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Text/Genre	Talk for Writing Non-Fiction Diwali learning– invitation	National Nursery Rhyme week – (nursery rhymes linked to theme) Talk for Writing Small’s Big Dream	Firework party Poetry - Zim Zam Zoom Zoom, zoom, zoom Rocket into space	Talk for Writing – Innovation Non-Fiction Invitations – Nativity			Christmas	
Hook	Space missions to complete		Bag of items to catch a star		Letter from Mr Bear			
Grammar & Punctuation				Capital letters and full stops				
Handwriting	Letter formation Name Writing							
Writing Outcome	Firework words	Responses to the space missions	List of things we would take to space. A fact about space.	Invitation - to our Nativity List of foods for our ‘party’	List of foods for our ‘party’	Reply to an invitation	End of term assessment –CVC words/short phrase Christmas cards (Name & CVC)	
Oracy	What dream do you have? How can you achieve your dream? What does Small do to achieve her dream?				Who will you invite? Why?			
Class Reads	Whatever Next?	Goodnight Moon! Margaret Wise	Astro Girl Small’s Big Dream	A dark, dark tale Nativity Story	Look Inside Space Dogs in Space	Coming to England Look Up	Mae Jemison Meet the Planets	

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	Rama and Sita							
Drawing Club		Small's Big Dream		How to Catch a Star Oliver Jeffers		Peace At Last		
Drawing Club 'Get up Stand up' vocab		shocked, terrified, isolated, dreary, shining		galaxy, adore, glimmering, searching, acquire, elevated		Exhausted, deafening, irritated, drowsy, rumbling		

Spring 1	Topic: Journeys							
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Text/Genre	Talk for Writing Fiction The Gingerbread Man	Talk for Writing – Innovate Fiction The Gingerbread Man	Talk for Writing Fiction We're Going to Find a Monster	Talk for Writing – Innovate Fiction We're Going to Find a Monster	Talk for Writing Non-Fiction Ginger bread Instructions Poetry Cakeosaurus	Talk for Writing – Innovation Non-Fiction Pancake Instruction		
Hook	Make gingerbread men They disappear. FxGuru clip of gingerbread men escaping			A walk in our local area – our own journey				
Grammar & Punctuation		Time connectives Capital letters and full stops Introduce ? And !			Capital letters and full stops			
Handwriting	Letter formation Name Writing							
Writing Outcome	Name writing assessment Super Sentence writing every week	Wanted posters for the Gingerbread Man	Labels for characters	Speech bubbles – what are all the characters saying?	Instructions linked to maps made	End of term assessment –CVC words/short phrase Captions linked to photos from the walk		
Oracy	Is the fox kind to the Gingerbread Man? What is the Gingerbread Man like? Why do you think that?				Directions Which way to get to....? Which routes are safe? Why?			
Class Reads	Sssh!	On the way home	The Gruffalo	We're Going on a Bear Hunt The Great Race	Martha Maps it Out	Amazing Animal Journeys		
Drawing Club	The Gingerbread Man		We're Going to Find the Monster		Road Runner clip			
Drawing Club 'Get up Stand up' vocab	leap, accelerate, cunning, pursue, mocking		Shimmering, beast, hushed, adventure, crept		Capture ,Sly, Crafty, Scheming , Inventing			

Spring 2	Topic: Why is Cornwall special?							
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Text/Genre	Talk for Writing Fiction The Cornish Knockers		Talk for Writing – Innovate Fiction The Cornish Knockers	Instructions Making Hevva Cake	Poetry - Oh, oh the story man			
Hook	A visit to Wheal Uny mine A letter and objects from the Knockers	Ongoing challenges sent by the Knockers		Making Hevva cake for the Knockers Finding and reading the recipe	Visit to The Minack Theatre - Storytelling			

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Grammar & Punctuation	Time connectives			Time connectives			
Handwriting	Letter formation families						
Writing Outcome	Writing replies to the Knockers		Writing the ingredients and method for the recipe	End of term assessment – short phrase/caption/sentence Responses to the Knocker challenges			
Oracy	Who are the Knockers? What are they like? How do you know? Are they friendly?			Thinking Time focus			
Class Reads	Cornish Folk tales (Mousehole Cat, Mermaid of Zennor, The Giant Boulder)		Tales from Porth Kanker, Goolan	Non-fiction linked to our famous, inspirational Cornish women study			
Drawing Club	The Cornish Knockers		The Cornish Pasty Pirates				
Drawing Club 'Get up Stand up' vocab	hasty, famished, mining, filthy, mischievous		storm, bleak, plummet, heroic				

Summer 1	Topic: The World Around Us							
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Text/Genre	Talk for Writing Fiction Mr Gumpy's Outing	Talk for Writing – Innovate Fiction Mr Gumpy's Outing	Talk for Writing Fiction Jack and the Beanstalk	Talk for Writing – innovate Fiction Jack and the Beanstalk	Talk for Writing Non-Fiction All about Bugs	Talk for Writing – innovate Non Fiction All about Bugs	RWI Poetry Poetry Zanzibar	
Hook	A trip to the woods and our local area		Planting		Outdoor exploration – insect homes			
Grammar & Punctuation	Using a capital letter and full stop in a sentence or caption							
Handwriting	Continuing to ensure letters are formed correctly during cross curricular writing tasks							
Writing Outcome	Assessment	Writing captions linked to the photos from our trip to the woods	Weekly Super Sentence writing linked to learning			End of term assessment short phrase/caption /sentence		
Oracy	What was Mr Gumpy like? Why do you think this? Were the animals kind to eachother?		Thinking Time focus					
Class Reads	Our World	The Visitors (picture book)	Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms	Ernest Shackleton	All about Bugs	The Extraordinary Gardener		
Drawing Club	Mr Gumpy's Outing		Jack and the Beanstalk					
Drawing Club 'Get up and Stand up' vocab	crowded, splash, float, navigate, drenched		chopping, booming, ginormous, clambering, descending					

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Summer 2	Topic: When I Grow Up							
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Text/Genre	Incredible You (Each week – focus non-fiction text linked to people who help us	Talk for Writing Fiction Would you rather?	Talk for Writing – innovate Fiction Would you rather?	Talk for Writing Non-fiction Transition story		Poetry The Tiger	My Year in Year R	
Hook	Visits from people who help us – from our local community – Mayor, librarian, Paramedic, Firefighter, Doctor, Dentist, Police Officer, Vet etc					Revisiting photos and videos from our year		
Grammar & Punctuation	Prepositions Bullet points recap							
Handwriting	Presentation focus Letters sitting on the line				Accurate letter size and formation			
Writing Outcome	Sentences linked to our visitors – who are they and how do they help us? Assessment – short phrase/caption/sentence			Weekly Super Sentence writing linked to photos and visitors Recount				
Oracy	What would you like to be when you are an adult? Why? What will you need to do to be successful?				Thinking Time focus		What are your favourite memories and why?	
Class Reads	Incredible You Monkey Puzzle (Each week – focus non-fiction text linked to people who help us)	Luna Loves Art The Dot	Fabulous Frankie The Odd Egg	Super Duper You I want to be....	A selection of our favourites from our Rated Reads this year		Books linked to transition work in collaboration with Y1 team.	
Drawing Club		Would you rather? John Burningham				Not now Bernard (repeat for assessment)		
Drawing Club 'Get up Stand up' vocab		foolish, decision, embarrassed, revolting, boiling				gobble, chomp, astonished, ignore, destroy		