

English Writing Overview Years 1 – 6

2026 - 2027

Year 1	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Texts	Traction Man by Mini Grey Look Up! by Nathan Bryon (BHM)	Martha Maps it Out by Leigh Hodgekinson	Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson Various Letters linked to Fairytales	Katie in London by James Mayhew	Beegu by Alexis Deacon	We're going on a Lion Hunt by David Axtell Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett
Poetry		Christmas Poems – Acrostic		Spring Poems - Shape Poems		Summer Poems – Senses
Genres	Narrative Non-Chronological Report Letter (BHM)	Recount Diary Poetry	Narrative Letter	Recount Non-Chronological Report Poetry	Narrative Diary Non-Chronological Report - Planes	Narrative Non-Chronological Report - Animals Letter Poetry
Year 2	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Texts	Bob's Best Ever Friend by Simon Bartram Mae among the Stars by Roda Ahmed (BHM)	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson	Vlad & the Great Fire of London by Kate Cunningham and Sam Cunningham The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis	Ocean meets Sky by Eric Fan and Terry Fan	Little Red by Bethan Woollvin Wolves by Emily Gravett	Pirate Cruncher by Jonny Duddle
Poetry		The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear – Rhyming		All the Wild Wonders by Elizabeth Honey – Nature Poems		Sea Shanty by Anonymous - Shanties
Genres	Narrative Diary Letter (BHM)	Narrative Non-Chronological Report Poetry	Narrative Explanation – Great Fire of London Diary	Narrative Instructions – Ocean Meets Sky Poetry	Recount – Tower of London Trip Narrative Non-Chronological Report – Wolves	Narrative Explanation – What makes a good Pirate? Poetry Letter
Year 3	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Texts	Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammed (BHM)	George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl	Iron Man by Ted Hughes and Tom Gauld (F)	Zoo by Anthony Browne Dear Greenpeace by Simon James	Cinderella on the Nile by Beverley Naidoo and Marjan Vafaeian Story of Tutankhamun by Patricia Cleveland-Peck and Isabel Greenberg	Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry Tin forest by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson Amazon by Eyewitness
Poetry		Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen – Narrative		Haiku Poems		Jungle Jingles by Dick King-Smith - Animal Poems
Genres	Narrative Explanation NCR Letter (BHM)	Narrative Instructions – Medicine Poetry	Narrative Letter Newspaper	Letters – Greenpeace Diary – Zoo Poetry	Narrative Newspaper – Tutankhamun Recount - Trip NCR	Narrative – Comparative Settings NCR Poetry

Year 4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Texts	Escape from Pompei by Christina Balit Tar Beach by Faith Ringold (BHM) DKfindout! Ancient Rome by DK	Ernest Shackleton by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara and Olivia Holden	Beowulf by Sir Michael Morpurgo Everything Anglo-Saxons by National Geographic Kids	The Minpins by Roald Dahl The Story of Climate Change by Catherine Barr	The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt	When the mountains roared by Jess Butterworth
Poetry		Snow Fox by Liz Brownlee – Descriptive			Leave the Whales alone, please! By Tony Bradman – Environmental/Sustainability	The Tyger by William Blake
Genres	Narrative Diary NCR Formal Letter (BHM) Playscript – Romans	Poetry Narrative Diary Biography	Narrative Persuasive Letter NCR Newspaper	Narrative Instructions NCR with Explanation	Letters Speech/Oracy Poetry	Narrative Diary Poetry
Year 5	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Texts	The Odyssey by Gillian Cross Hidden Figures by Margot Lee (BHM) Ancient Greece (DK Eyewitness)	Curiosity by Markus Motum	Street Child by Berlie Doherty Suffragettes the Battle for Equality by David Roberst	The Man who walked between two Towers by Mordicai Gernstein	Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephania	The Tempest by William Shakespeare (Playscripts)
Poetry		Where we Live Poems linked to Local Area (A First Poetry Book)			Windrush Child by John Agard	William Shakespeare Poetry
Genres	Narrative NCR – Ancient Greeks Persuasive Letters (BHM)	News Report Explanation Instructions Poetry	Narrative Diary Biography Formal Letter - Suffragettes	Narrative Balanced Arguments Debate News Report	Narrative Diary Letters – Informal NCR – Windrush Poetry – Windrush	Narrative Playscripts Poetry Balanced Argument Unit: Formal & Informal Letter and Debates
Year 6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Texts	Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by J.K. Rowling (extracts)	The Arrival by Shaun Tan	Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan and Roberto Innocenti Anne Frank by Isabel Sanchez Vegara The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank Other texts and extracts chosen through internal Moderation	The Boy at the back of the class by Onjali Rauf Other texts and extracts chosen through internal Moderation	The true story of the Three little Pigs by Jon Scieszka The Spider and the Fly by Tony DiTerlizzi Other texts and extracts chosen through internal Moderation	High rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson Other texts and extracts chosen through internal Moderation
Poetry	Invictus by William Ernest Henley (BHM)	Poetic Technique Poems – Colossal Words for Kids by Colette Hiller			The Highwayman (Taught through History)	
Genres	Narrative Explanation Instructions Informal Letters linked to Poem (BHM) Formal Letters linked to Poem (BHM)	Narrative Diary Newspaper Poetry	Narrative Letters Diary NCR Newspaper Other genres chosen through internal Moderation	Diary NCR Balanced Arguments/Debate Other genres chosen through internal Moderation	Narrative Balanced Arguments/Debate Persuasive Letter Other genres chosen through internal Moderation	Narrative Biography Instructions Explanations

