

# The Literary Curriculum Whole School Thematic Overview

Reception	Outside Inside Autumn 1					Knowing Yourself Autumn 2				
Planning Sequence	Where the Wild Things Are Maurice Sendak	Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain Verma Aardema	OR Anansi Gerald McDermott	Look up! Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola	I am Henry Finch Alexis Deacon	OR Halibut Jackson David Lucas				
Theme/Term	Talents & powers Spring 1					Sowing a seed Spring 2				
Planning Sequence	The Magic Paintbrush Julia Donaldson and Joel Stewart	Little Red Lynn Roberts and David Roberts	OR Super Milly and the Super School Day Stephanie Clarkson	The Tiny Seed Eric Carle	I Will Not Ever Eat a Tomato Lauren Child	OR The Extraordinary Gardner Sam Boughton				
Theme/Term	Strength of mind Summer 1					Family & friends Summer 2				
Planning Sequence	Willy the Wimp Anthony Browne	Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy Lynley Dodd	OR The Night Pirates Pete Harris and Deborah Allwright	So Much Trish Cooke and Helen Oxenbury	Oi! Frog Kes Gray and Jim Field	OR Izzy Gizmo Pip Jones				
Year 1	Journeys & exploration Autumn 1					Heroes & villains Autumn 2				
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Cave Baby Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett	Naughty Bus Jan Oke and Jerry Oke	OR Naughty Bus Jan Oke and Jerry Oke	Astro Girl Ken Wilson-Max	OR Sidney, Stella and the Moon Emma Yarlett	I Want My Hat Back Jon Klassen	Billy and the Beast Nadia Shireen	OR Send for a Superhero Michael Rosen & Katharine McEwan		
Theme/Term	Similarities & differences Spring 1					Nature & environment Spring 2				
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Beegu Alexis Deacon	The Odd Egg Emily Gravett	OR Leo and the Octopus Isabelle Marinov	Stanley's Stick John Hegley and Neal Layton	Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish Michael Foreman	OR The Sea Saw Tom Percival				
Theme/Term	Friendship & kindness Summer 1					Imagination & creativity Summer 2				
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Lost and Found Oliver Jeffers	Yeti and the Bird Nadia Shireen	OR Pig the Pug Aaron Blabey How to be a Dog Jo Williamson	Iggy Peck, Architect Andrea Beaty and David Roberts	The Magic Bed John Burningham	Julian is a Mermaid Jessica Love				
Year 2	A twist in the tale Autumn 1					Creation & conservation Autumn 2				
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Goldilocks & the Three Bears Lauren Child	Wolves Emily Gravett	OR Jim and the Beanstalk Raymond Briggs	The Journey Home Frann Preston-Gannon	We Are Water Protectors Carole Lindstrom	OR House Held Up By Trees Ted Kooser				
Literary Leaf Text	The Spider and the Fly Mary Howitt and Tony DiTerlizzi	Cinderella An Art Deco Fairy Tale Lynn Roberts and David Roberts	There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom James Sellick	Lost Species Jess French	The Magic and Mystery of Trees Jen Green					
Theme/Term	Bravery vs. fear Spring 1					Change & relationships Spring 2				
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	The Bear Under the Stairs Helen Cooper	The Minpins Roald Dahl	OR The Bear and the Piano David Litchfield	The Owl and the Pussy-cat Edward Lear	Tadpole's Promise Jeanne Willis	OR If All the World Were... Joseph Coelho				
Literary Leaf Text	Rabbit and Bear by Julian Gough & Jim Field A Book of Bears Katie Viggers	Hotel Flamingo Alex Milway	Too Small Tola Atinuke	Fanatical about Frogs Owen Davey						
Theme/Term	Fictional Worlds & fantasy Summer 1					Urban metropolis Summer 2				
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	The Dragon Machine Helen Ward	OR Ocean Meets Sky Eric Fan and Terry Fan	Toys in Space Mini Grey	The Great Fire of London Emma Adams	Rosie Revere, Engineer Andrea Beaty	OR A Walk in London Salvatore Rubbino				
Literary Leaf Text	Eric Shaun Tan	Cakes in Space Philip Reeve	Ada Twist and the Perilous Pantaloons Andrea Beaty	The Street Beneath my Feet Charlotte Guillain						

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Year 3	Magic & wonder Autumn 1					Dreams & curiosity Autumn 2								
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text		Leon and the Place Between Angela McAllister		The Heart and the Bottle Oliver Jeffers		OR The First Drawing Mordicai Gerstein		The BFG Roald Dahl		The Tear Thief Carol Ann Duffy		OR The Tin Forest Helen Ward		
Literary Leaf Text		The Lost Spells Robert MacFarlane		Arthur and the Golden Rope Joe Todd Stanton				The BFG Roald Dahl		New and Collected Poems for Children Carol Ann Duffy				
Theme/Term	Disaster, hope & healing Spring 1					Overcoming adversity Spring 2								
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text		The Pied Piper of Hamelin Michael Morpurgo		Escape from Pompeii Christina Balit		OR The Last Garden Rachel Ip		Cloud Tea Monkeys Mal Peet		OR Black Dog Levi Pinfold		Cinderella of the Nile Beverley Naidoo		OR Sparky! Jenny Offil
Literary Leaf Text		The Pied Piper of Hamelin Robert Browning		Earth Shattering Events Robin Jacobs				Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats T. S. Eliot		Africa, Amazing Africa Atinuke				
Theme/Term	From mystery to discovery Summer 1					Confidence & caution Summer 2								
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text		The Mysteries of Harris Burdick Chris Van Allsburg		How to Live Forever Colin Thompson		OR Flotsam David Wiesner		Jim, A Cautionary Tale Hilaire Belloc		The Legend of Sally Jones Jakob Wegelius		OR The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish Neil Gaiman		
Literary Leaf Text		Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure Alex T. Smith		I am the Seed that Grew the Tree Fiona Waters				A Necklace of Raindrops Joan Aiken		Fortunately, the Milk Neil Gaiman				
Year 4	Finding Freedom Autumn 1					Invention & innovation Autumn 2								
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text		Tar Beach Faith Ringgold		Varmints Helen Ward		OR The Mermaid of Zennor Charles Causley		FArTHER Grahame Baker Smith		Until I Met Dudley Roger McGough and Chris Riddell		OR The Iron Man Ted Hughes		
Literary Leaf Text		Undefeated Kwame Alexander		Zombierella Joseph Coelho				The Story of Flight Jakob Whitfields		The Wild Robot Peter Brown				
Theme/Term	Darkness & light Spring 1					Taking courage Spring 2								
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text		Winter's Child Angela McAllister		The Selfish Giant Oscar Wilde		OR Cinnamon Neil Gaiman		The Lion and the Unicorn Shirley Hughes		Odd and the Frost Giants Neil Gaiman		OR The Matchbox Diary Paul Fleischman		
Literary Leaf Text		The Firework Maker's Daughter Philip Pullman		Tamarind and the Star of Ishta Jasbinder Bilan				How Does a Lighthouse Work? Roman Belyaev		Viking Voyagers Jack Tite		Letters from the Lighthouse Emma Carroll		
Theme/Term	Exploration & discovery Summer 1					Different worlds Summer 2								
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text		Weslandia Paul Fleischman		OR Jonathan Swift's Gulliver Martin Jenkins		The Story of Tutankhamun Patricia Cleveland-Peck		OR Shackleton's Journey William Grill		The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe C. S. Lewis		Jabberwocky Lewis Carroll		OR Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag Rob Sanders
Literary Leaf Text		The Humans: Ancient civilisations Jonny Marx		The Polar Bear Explorers' Club Alex Bell				The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe C. S. Lewis		Two Weeks with the Queen Morris Gleitzman				

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Year 5	Ambition & desire Autumn 1					Power vs. principles Autumn 2				
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers Mordicai Gerstein	Hidden Figures Margot Lee Shetterly	OR The Tempest William Shakespeare	Robot Girl Malorie Blackman	The Odyssey Gillian Cross	OR Percy Jackson Rick Riordan				
Literary Leaf Text	Eleven Tom Rogers	Cosmic Frank Cottrell Boyce	The Race for Space Clive Gifford	Cogheart Peter Bunzl	Who Let the Gods Out Maz Evans	Mythologica Dr. Stephen P. Kershaw				
Theme/Term	Belonging & acceptance Spring 1									
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	The Lost Thing Shaun Tan	The Island Armin Greder	Coming Soon	OR Freedom Bird Jerdine Nolen	The Sleeper and the Spindle Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell	Beowulf Michael Morpurgo	OR The Lost Happy Endings Carol Ann Duffy			
Literary Leaf Text	The Wonderling Mira Bartok	Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow Benjamin Dean	Black and British: A short, essential history David Olusoga	When the Stars Come Out Nicola Edwards	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight Michael Morpurgo	The Listeners Walter de la Mare				
Theme/Term	Lessons from history Summer 1									
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Kaspar, Prince of Cats Michael Morpurgo	OR Children of the Benin Kingdom Dina Orji	Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank	OTTO Josephine Poole	OR Otto, Autobiography of a Teddy-bear Tomi Ungerer	High Rise Mystery Sharna Jackson	OR Origami Yoda Tom Angleberger	Curiosity Markus Motum	OR Firebird Saviour Pirotta and Catherine Hyde	
Literary Leaf Text	The Story of Titanic for Children Joe Fullman	Poems from the Second World War Gaby Morgan	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit Judith Kerr	Overheard in a Tower Block Joseph Coelho	Real-life Mysteries: Can you explain the unexplained? Susan Martineau and Vicky Barker					
Year 6	Migration & movement Autumn 1									
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	The Arrival Shaun Tan	Rain Player David Wisniewski	OR Windrush Child Benjamin Zephaniah	The Promise Nicola Davies	OR Can We Save the Tiger? Martin Jenkins	The Last Bear Hannah Gold	OR The Hidden Forest Jeannie Baker			
Literary Leaf Text	Fly Me Home Polly Ho Yen	On the Move: Poems about Migration Michael Rosen	Beetle Boy M. G. Leonard	The Tiger Rising Kate DiCamillo	Darwin's Voyage of Discovery Jake Williams					
Theme/Term	Enterprise & activism Spring 1									
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	The Invention of Hugo Cabret Brian Selznick	Suffragette: The Battle for Equality David Roberts	OR The Templeton Twins: Have an Idea Ellis Weiner	The Three Little Pigs Project The Guardian	Boy in the Tower Polly Ho-Yen	OR The Last Wild Piers Torday				
Literary Leaf Text	Children's Book of Cinema Dorling Kindersley Coming Soon	Politics for Beginners Louie Stowell	Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes Benny Andrews	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Joan Aiken						
Theme/Term	Fate vs. free will Summer 1									
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Grimm Tales for Young and Old Phillip Pullman	OR The Wind in the Wall Sally Gardner	Romeo and Juliet William Shakespeare	OR The Princess' Blankets Carol Ann Duffy	The Unforgotten Coat Frank Cottrell Boyce	OR Night Mail W H Auden	A Beautiful Lie Irfan Master	OR Some Places More Than Others Renee Watson		
Literary Leaf Text	Grimm Tales for Young and Old Phillip Pullman	Poetry for Kids: William Shakespeare illustrated edition William Shakespeare	Incredible Journeys Levison Wood	Caged Bird Maya Angelou	After the War: From Auschwitz to Ambleside Tom Palmer					



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