

Year3 Skills and Purpose Document – St Ann’s RC Primary School

Autumn		THE BFG Roald Dahl Familiar author Y2, Y3	THE TIN FOREST Helen Ward Familiar Author Y3, Y4	THE FIRST DRAWING Mordicai Gerstein Familiar Author Y3, Y6	THE WILDERNESS Steve McCarthy
Diversity		Explores themes of difference, belonging, and celebrating those who don't fit in; promotes empathy for outsiders.	Environmental and ecological themes; promotes sustainability and hope.	Offers historical and anthropological diversity by exploring early human creativity and prehistoric cultures.	Themes of shyness, individuality, and embracing one's unique qualities.
Outcomes Non-fiction Fiction		Character descriptions Wanted posters Instructions Dream scenarios Diary entry recounts New Chapters Letters	Persuasive posters Information leaflets Postcards Diary entries Wishes Setting descriptions	Imaginary scenarios Character descriptions Diary entries Recounts	Character introductions Character comparisons Letter of advice Poetry Informal message Labels
		Own version narrative	Persuasive information leaflet	Own version narrative	Guidebook
Audience / Form		Character description of the giant Wanted poster for a giant Recipe instructions for 'Revoltin' Recipes' book Dream scenarios New chapter called 'The Plan' Letter to the BFG Own version 'child and giant' story	Persuasive poster to encourage recycling Informative leaflet for getting rid of rubbish Postcard to offer advice to Old Man Diary entry in role as Old Man Wish to the Moon Setting description of forest Information leaflet about protecting the local environment	Imaginary Stone Age scenarios Diary of a Stone Age boy Description of a woolly mammoth First person recount First person historical narrative	'Meet the family' introductions Character comparisons Advice letter to Oktober Poems about the wilderness S.O.S message Plant labels Guidebook to enjoying the wilderness
Purposes covered		Recount Describe Persuade Entertain Inform	Persuade Inform Reflect Describe	Reflect Describe Entertain	Inform Advise Entertain Describe
Grammar coverage (these may be taught multiple times throughout the sequence)		word classes noun / verb / adjective choices for effect compound words * -sion / -cian / -tion suffix	alliteration strength of adjectives	modal verbs* regular* / irregular plural nouns	modal verbs*
		adverbs / adverbial phrases similes with 'like' or 'as' commands * conditional sentences – if / when cause and effect conjunctions – because, as, whilst	noun phrases * expanded noun phrases with 'with' * range of sentence types * subordinating conjunctions – although, whilst, because, since modal verbs * preposition phrases	subordination – because, as, since* conditional sentences – if noun phrases expanded with 'with'* fronted adverbials	conjunctions to justify and compare adverbials of place adverbs of frequency noun phrases to describe adverbial phrases sentence types* adverbs to emphasise
	PUNCTUATION	begin to use commas after fronted adverbials * inverted commas for speech	question marks * exclamation marks *	exclamation marks * question marks * inverted commas for speech apostrophes for possession / omission *	commas to separate adjectives* question marks* exclamation marks*
	TEXT	headings – recipe writing paragraphs to group material consistent use of past tense	past perfect tense future tense – will paragraphs to group material headings	paragraphs to group material	present progressive tense* paragraphs and subheadings to group material

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Spring		THE LAST GARDEN Rachel Ip	THE SEARCH FOR THE GIANT ARCTIC JELLYFISH Chloe Savage	SMALL IN THE CITY Sydney Smith	CLOUD TEA MONKEYS Mal Peat
Diversity		Written by a Hong Kong–based author; themes of conflict, displacement, and hope; introduces global settings and resilience.	Female-led STEM-related exploration; promotes scientific curiosity and representation in adventure/expedition narratives.	Urban diversity; explores navigating big city life from a child’s perspective; themes of empathy, independence, and different lived experiences.	Set in the Himalayas; introduces cultural, geographical, and economic diversity; focuses on family, community, and traditional tea-picking life.
Outcomes Non-fiction Fiction		Setting descriptions Adverts Recounts Instructional flyers Online responses Dialogue Formal speech	Expedition proposals Persuasive letters Letters Diary entries Poetry Speech bubbles	Setting descriptions Poems Diary entries Dialogue Letters of advice Lost posters	Descriptive passages Writing in role ‘How to’ guides Letters Discussions
		Own version narrative	Non-chronological report	Extended narrative	Non-chronological report
Audience / Form		Setting description of the city then and now Advert to come to the garden Recount in role Instructions for staying safe Response to an online post Formal awards speech Own version tale of overcoming adversity	Persuasive Letter from Dr Morley Job acceptance letter Dr Morley’s Arctic Diary Motivational poetry Speech Bubble in role Non -Chronological report on the arctic expedition	Description of city setting Poem about being small in the city Diary entry of being in the city Letter of advice to Small Lost poster for cat Alternative ending to story Narrative from perspective of cat	Tea label descriptions Description of scene Thought bubble in role as Tashi Tea-tasting instructions Thank you letters from Tashi Questions about fair trade Non-chronological report about fair trade
		Purposes covered	Describe Persuade Recount	Describe Entertain Persuade Inform	Describe Reflect Inform
Grammar coverage (these may be taught multiple times throughout the sequence)	WORD	-ful / -less suffix * adverbs with -ly * superlatives -est *	Interpretive Verbs	adverbs with -ly * personification	use forms of a or an imperative verbs homophones
	SENTENCE	abstract noun phrases with ‘of’ subordinating / contrasting conjunctions sentence types * subordinate clauses prepositions – before / after adverbials of time	expanded noun phrases conjunctions of time/place/cause sentence types adverbs of possibility	contrasting / extending conjunctions expanded noun phrases prepositions questions / commands * adverbials to sequence	expanded noun phrases prepositions conjunctions of time / place / cause sentence types *
	PUNCTUATION	possessive apostrophe* commas after fronted adverbials * inverted commas for speech apostrophes for contraction	Question Marks	questions marks * inverted commas for speech commas after fronted adverbials	sentence ending punctuation *
	TEXT	present perfect paragraphs to group material	present perfect heading and sub-headings paragraphs to group material	present perfect paragraphs to group material	present perfect headings and sub-headings paragraphs to group material

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Summer		THE MYSTERIES OF HARRIS BURDICK Chris Van Allsburg	THE BARNABUS PROJECT The Fan Brothers	JIM, A CAUTIONARY TALE Hilaire Belloc	THE SEED OF DOUBT Irena Brignell
Diversity			Themes of inclusivity and embracing imperfections; characters represent “failed” experiments, promoting acceptance and diversity of form and identity.	Classic poetic storytelling and moral tales.	Themes of anxiety, self-belief, and overcoming inner doubt; emotional diversity and representation of internal challenges.
Outcomes Non-fiction Fiction		Diary entries Dialogue Setting descriptions Captions and titles	Instructional writing Descriptions Advertisements Writing in role Letters of advice Dialogue	Warning posters Warning announcements Letters of apology Alternative endings Performance poetry	Poetry Aspirations Setting description Letter of advice Informal message Character description Speech
		Mystery narrative	Brochure	Narrative poem	Motivational leaflet
Audience / Form		Atmospheric setting description Diary entry of girl with caterpillars New titles for illustrations Captions to accompany new titles Short mystery story Mystery story based on a photograph	Description of ‘perfect pets’ Shop advert Thought bubble for Barnabus Diary entry as Barnabus/failed pet Escape plan instructions Brochure to advertise a new pet shop	Warning poster about consequences of actions Tannoy announcement to warn Jim Letters of apology from Jim to Nurse Alternative ending to Jim story Performance of Jim poem Own version cautionary narrative poem	‘Tree of dreams’ poetry Dreams for the future Dreamscapes of a destination Advice letter to the boy Paper aeroplane message to the dad What makes a mentor Motivational speeches Motivational leaflet to inspire children to follow their dreams
Purposes covered		Describe Inform Entertain	Describe Persuade Reflect Instruct	Inform Reflect Entertain	Entertain Inspire Describe Persuade
Grammar coverage (these may be taught multiple times throughout the sequence)	WORD	types of nouns imperative verbs suffix -er	types of nouns imperative verbs suffix -er	rhyming words adverbs with -ly*	word classes abstract nouns accurate use of a/an modal verbs prepositions
	SENTENCE	questions / statements * noun phrases with ‘of’ * prepositions of place adverbs of time	adverbs of time expanded noun phrases prepositions range of sentence types* conjunctions – because fronted adverbials *	range of sentence types * adverbial phrases conditional sentences – if/then order of clauses *	expanded noun phrases + prepositions conjunctions to explain adverbials of time and manner sentence types (questions, commands)
	PUNCTUATION	questions marks * inverted commas for speech	apostrophes for contraction* inverted commas for speech commas to mark clauses*	question marks * exclamation marks * commas between clauses *	inverted commas for speech possessive apostrophe
	TEXT	present / past perfect paragraphs to group material	present perfect paragraphs to group material	rhyming couplets present progressive verb forms * simple past tense *	present perfect future tense paragraphs and subheadings to group material bullet points to organise

