

Willow Lane Community Primary English Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS						
Themes and Topics	Autumn History: Transport Geography: School and Local Area Study Science: Seasonal Change (1) Everyday materials (2) Art: Transport		Spring Geography: Continents Science: Animals – Human body parts and senses (1) Common names and basic structure (2) Art: Fruit and Vegetables DT: Make a Fruit and Veg smoothie		Summer History: Lancaster Past and Present Science: Plants common names and structures (1) Seasonal change Art: Plants and Flowers DT: Make a mini-monument	
English Curriculum Genres	Bridging Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry, songs and rhymes Story with a familiar setting Information text: poster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repetitive patterned stories / Stories by the same author Non-chronological reports Poems on a theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic stories or stories on a theme Instructions Traditional rhymes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional tales Recounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories with familiar settings Non-fiction: booklets Traditional rhymes / Poems on a theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories with fantasy settings Poems to learn by heart Recounts
Suggested Texts: English	Hickory Dickory Dock Harry the Happy Mouse	Zog Non-chronological report: Transport / Materials Christmas poems / Fruit and Veg poems	The Enormous Turnip Instructions: Recipes for smoothies	Jack and the Beanstalk The Three Little Pigs The Princess and the Pea (An African Folk Tale) Recount real event	Percy the Park Keeper Bog Baby Non-Fiction Lancaster / plants	Where the Wild Things Are Jumpstart Poetry: Pie Corbett Recount DT / School trip
Guided read			Maps Animal information books	Traditional Tales Lost and Found		
Class novel			Handa’s Surprise Oliver’s Vegetables	Snow White and the Seven Dwarves / Rapunzel / Cinderella	Tiny Seed	
Themes	Autumn Geography: United Kingdom – Villages, Towns and Cities Science: Animals – Living things and habitats (1) Material uses (2) Art: Buildings		Spring Term History: Explorers Science: Animals – offspring to adults (1) Basic needs and health (2) Art: Self-portraits DT: Make an exploration vehicle (mechanical)		Summer History: Morcambe – Victoria to Elizabeth II Geography: Oceans and Seas Science: Plants – seeds and growth Art: Lancaster Castle DT: Make puppets for a show	
English Curriculum Genres	Bridging Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal Adventure stories Non-Fiction: Page of an information book 	Poems on a Theme Traditional Tales with a Twist Instructions	Stories by the same author Non-Chronological Reports	Stories with familiar settings Persuasion Riddles	Animal Adventure Stories Recount: Letters Classic Poems	Y2: Last Push Pack Range of genres Poems on a Theme Explanations

Suggested Texts: English	The Way Home for Wolf	Autumn Poems The True Story of The Three Little Pigs Snow White in New York Jack and the Baked Beanstalk Instructions (Christmas crafts?)	The Man on the Moon (and other books by Simon Bartram) Non-Chronological Reports – Continents / Maasai Tribe	The Wind in the Willows (Classic) Mudpuddle Farm	The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch The Owl and the Pussycat	Aladdin (Disney Animated Classics) Mermaid's Purse Cream Curdled Oceans
Guided read	What we'll build (Oliver Jeffers) Animal information books e.g. Incredible Animals Animal Super Powers Survival and Extinction	The Pea and the Princess Traditional Tales (ORT)	Animal Poems Explorers non-fiction books (Pirates. Man on the Moon)	On Safari Giant Animals	Seaside stories Seaside poems The Queen's Hat The Queen's Handbag Caterpillar and Bean	At the Beach
Class novel	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark	Prince Cinders Ratpunzel Little Red Reading Hood My Hair	Look Up And Tango Makes 3	Fantastic Mr Fox / The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me	The Queen's Knickers Somebody Swallowed Stanley	Flotsam and Jetsam Love Grows Everywhere Sunflower Sisters
Themes	Autumn History: Pyramids Science: Forces and magnets Art: Forest landscape		Spring History: Prehistory Geography: Coasts and Caves Art: Cave paintings DT: Make a moving monster (mechanical)		Summer Geography: Biomes and Climate zones Science: Growth and function of parts (1) Animals – Muscles, skeleton and nutrition (2) Art: The Body DT: Make a healthy picnic snack	
English Curriculum Genres	Bridging Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative Information: Leaflet Guide 	Fables Poems with a structure Persuasion: letters	Story as a theme Poems on a theme Discussion	Novel as a theme Recount: Diaries	Non-Chronological Reports Classic Poetry (narrative outcome)	Classic poetry Mystery / Adventure / Fantasy stories Explanation
Suggested Texts: English	A Bear Called Paddington	Aesops Fables (Michael Rosen) Dear Greenpeace Meerkat Mail Dear Class Dear Dinosaur (letters texts) Shape poems (The Raindrop / Pie Corbett)	Stig of the Dump The Old Stone Dry Wall Discussion – would you like to live in the stone age or the present day?	The Iron Man / Woman A range of diary entries	Non-Fiction – Science Muscles, skeletons and nutrition The Spider and the Fly (learn, recite, critically evaluate)	The Enchanted Wood / The Magic Faraway Tree Explain KS2 to KS1 children coming up / Explain how picnic snacks were made

Guided read				Diary of a Killer Cat Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Playscripts: (Read and explore features)	
Class Novel		The Tin Forest by Helen Ward (and on Vimeo)	The Wild Way Home Sophie Kirtley	Iron Woman		
Themes	Autumn History: Roman Empire Geography: Rivers and the Water Cycle Science: Material Properties – States of matter Art: Portraits		Spring History: The Industrial Revolution Science: Sound (1) Electricity (2) Art: River Landscape DT: Make a morse-code machine (electrical)		Summer Geography: Migration Science: Living things – Classification and care of environment (1) Animals – Teeth and Digestion (2) Art: Food sculptures DT: Make a book cover (textiles)	
English Curriculum Genres	Bridging Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information: article / infographic for a children's magazine (explanation) Narrative: Adventure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairy Tales Classic Poetry Recount: Newspapers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories with Familiar settings / with issues and dilemmas Persuasion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Novel as a theme Non-chronological reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories with a theme Poems with a structure Debate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Folk tales Information booklets
Suggested Texts: English	How to Train your Dragon Infographic on different dragons or how to train your dragon (look at a range of non-fiction magazines)	Puss in Boots (Phillip Pullman) Macavity The Mystery Cat (poem) Newspaper – explore a real event, then write an newspaper recount of Macavity's crimes	The Girl Who Stole an Elephant (Nizrana Forook) Range of persuasive texts and leaflets (link to the industrial revolution / electrical items)	Street Child (Bernie Docherty) Non-Chronological on the Industrial Revolution or Electricity	The Butterfly Lion My Name is Not Refugee My Mother saw a dancing bear (Hook – opener) Dancing Bear (debate)	Hunted (vimeo) Brer Rabbit Anansi the Trickster Spider Information leaflet about teeth
Guided read	Explanation texts	The Pied Piper The Little Match Girl / The Tinderbox First News – newspaper articles	The Firework Makers daughter		Film and Play scripts – look at features and perform	
Class Novel	Romans on the Rampage	Grimm Tales (Phillip Pullman)	The Lightning Catcher	Gaslight (Elaine Williams)	Rumayasa The Secret Lake Karen Inglis	Weirdstone of Brisingamen

Themes	Autumn History: World War 1 Geography: Global Trade Science: Properties and Changes of materials Art: Portraits		Spring History: Ancient Greece Science: Earth and Solar System (1) Forces – Gravity and Resistance (2) Art: Space DT: Make a marble run (structure)		Summer Geography: Forest and Habitat Protection Science: Animals – Human development (1) Living things - Lifecycles (2) Art: Plants DT: Make a healthy meal (food)	
English Curriculum Genres	Bridging Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-chronological reports Narrative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories with historical settings Film and play scripts Classic narrative poetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science fiction stories Information booklets Poems with a structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Novel as a theme / Myths Magazine: information text hybrid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories from other cultures Debate Persuasion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legends Reports Poems with figurative language
Suggested Texts: English	Harry Potter	The Highwayman Alfred Noyes (Narrative outcome) A Christmas Carol (abridged graphic Film / animated CGI	E.T Aquilla Limericks / Haikus	Clockwork Greek Myths	Journey to the River Sea Journey to the Last River (journal) Persuasive Debate – deforestation BBC Olympic Advert (Literacy Shed)	Robin Hood – Outlaw (Michael Morpurgo) Report: Olympics David Attenborough documentaries Ramshackle Rainbow / I am the Seed that Grew the Tree
Guided read				The Explorer		George and the Dragon The Legend of Gelert
Class Novel						The Silver Arrow: Marcia Williams
Themes	Autumn History: Saxons and Vikings Geography: Climate Change and Sustainability Science: Electricity (1) Light (2) Art: Landscapes DT: Design a device to monitor your location (CAD)		Spring Geography: Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes Science: Living Things – classification (1) Inheritance and Evolution (2) Art: Mountains and Volcanoes		Summer History: Slave Trade and Emancipation Science Animals: Exercise, health and the circulatory system Art: Photography DT: Design and make an eco-product for the summer fair (mechanical/textile/electrical)	
English Curriculum Genres	Bridging Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative as a theme Biography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic fiction Non-chronological report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detective / crime fiction Explanations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short stories with flashbacks Last Push Pack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last push pack continued Recount: (autobiography) Poetry – songs and lyrics

Suggested Texts: English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion texts and debate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poems with imagery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasion: A Formal review • Persuasive letter (hoodies) 			
	The Nowhere Emporium Dynamo	Alice in Wonderland The Jabberwocky Christmas poems Information texts about Vikings	Macbeth Matilda (film) Persuasive letter to head re: hoodies	Sherlock Holmes / Alex Rider Explanations linked to Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Piano (Literacy Shed) SATS 1000 Year Old Boy Wonder 	1000 Year Old Boy Wonder Classic songs e.g. What a Wonderful World
Guided read		The Hobbit Figurative Poems	Earth Shattering Events (Look at Marcia Williams Mr William's Shakespeare Plays)	Sherlock (modern)	Heart and Circulation / Smoking comprehension	
Class Novel					Black and British	