



# Grimsargh St Michael's CE Primary School

## English Curriculum whole-school Overview 2025-26



Year Group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Reception</b>	Reception class read a variety of books daily. These differ from the core/link texts below, are determined by the interest of the children and can change frequently.					
<b>Core/Link Texts inc. Poems</b>	Our Class is a family All are welcome Funny Bones Incredible You The Dot The Invisible String The Koala Who Could Ruby's Worry The Lion Inside The Perfect Fit All Are Welcome Handa's Surprise! Autumn is here The Tiny Seed Scarecrow's Wedding Supertato Story of a Storm Pumpkin Soup Harvest Days around the Word Oliver's Vegetables	Tap The Magic Tree Owl Babies The Squirrels who Squabbled We're going on a leaf hunt Supertato Panda's Footprints Detective Dog A Superhero Like You Super Daisy Elliot the Midnight Superhero Kindness is my Superpower Super duper you Dipal's Diwali 10 Rules of being a superhero Twas the Night Before Christmas Stickman The Nativity Story A World of Cookies for Santa The Empty Stocking Welcome (migration)	The Great Explorer Blue Penguin One Snowy Night The Winter Fox How to Catch a Dragon Lost and Found Oh No! A Shark in the Snow Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear? Under the Snow Little Robin Red Vest The Gruffalo The Gruffalo's Child Can't you sleep little bear? Rosie's Walk The Boy, The Fox, The Horse and The Mole by Charlie Mackesy (CMH week)	Here we are You Choose Welcome to Our World To the Edge of the World Shine Our Class is a Family The Tiny Seed The Bad Seed A Seed in Need Eddie's Garden Jasper's Beanstalk Oliver's Vegetables The Spring Rabbit The Rhyming Rabbit Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms Dear Earth	Bee My Friend The Very Impatient Caterpillar The Very Hungry Caterpillar Oi Frog Non-fiction texts on Life-cycles Minibeast Bop Mad about Minibeasts Aaarrgghh Spider! The Bad-tempered Ladybird The Snail and the Whale The Butterfly dance What the Ladybird Heard Who is my mother? Animals on the farm Wake up time on Bumble Farm	Jack and the Beanstalk The Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears The Three Billy Goats Gruff Goldilocks and the Three Bears The Gingerbread Man Dogger Books to aid with transition: Incredible You The Dot The Koala Who Could Ruby's Worry The Perfect Fit

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						Dinosaur's Day Out	
	<b>English Units (inc. cross-curricular links)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phase 1 Phonics</li> <li>- Introduce Phase 2 Sounds</li> <li>- Hear initial sounds</li> <li>- Handle books carefully</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 2 sounds</li> <li>- Correct letter formation</li> <li>- Shared reading and writing</li> <li>- Write my name</li> <li>- Oral blending</li> <li>- Beginning to join in repeated refrains</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 2/3</li> <li>- Writing labels, captions and phrases.</li> <li>- Blending for writing</li> <li>- Sequencing stories &amp; events</li> <li>- Recognise familiar words</li> <li>- Write letters clearly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3</li> <li>- Non-fiction books</li> <li>- World Book Day</li> <li>- Comprehension</li> <li>- Sentence building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3/4</li> <li>- Non-fiction books</li> <li>- Writing sentences independently</li> <li>- Read and write key words</li> <li>- Read own writing</li> <li>- Characters</li> <li>- Retelling stories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing sentences</li> <li>- Key Word Spelling</li> <li>- Read and Write tricky words</li> <li>- Use new vocab</li> <li>- Use phonic knowledge to write unfamiliar words</li> <li>- Traditional Tales</li> </ul>
	<b>Guided Reading</b>	No guided reading for the first term.		A selection of pink and red book bands for higher ability reading groups.		A selection of pink, red, yellow and blue book bands for all reading groups.	
<b>Year 1</b>	Year 1 read a variety of books daily. These differ from the core/link texts, are determined by the interest of the children and can change frequently.						
	<b>TRIC</b>	Sophie's Adventures – Dick King Smith	Harry the Poisonous Centipede -Lynne Reid Banks	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson	A Bear Called Paddington- Michael Bond	Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl	The Hat Full of Secrets - Karl Newson

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	<p><b>Core/Link Texts inc. Poems</b></p>	<p>The Cloudspotter Imaginary Fred</p> <p>A selection of poems and rhymes *****</p> <p>Ring a Ring a Roses. Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush. In and Out the Dusty Bluebells. Oranges and Lemons. London Bridge is Falling Down. Ten Green Bottles Row, Row, Row your Boat One, Two Buckle my Shoe One Man went to Mow There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly</p>	<p>Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers Up and Down by Oliver Jeffers And other stories by Oliver Jeffers</p> <p>A selection of Winter poems</p>	<p>Little Red Riding Hood and other traditional tales</p> <p>Examples of non-chronological texts linking to a theme</p>	<p>The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter</p> <p>Examples of Instruction texts</p>	<p>Bringing the Rain to Kapat Plain Handa's Hen We all went on Safari</p> <p>A selection of traditional rhymes*****</p>	<p>Alan's Big Scary Teeth</p> <p>A selection of Poems</p> <p>Bubbles</p>
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	<b>English Units (inc. cross-curricular links)</b>	Poems, songs and rhymes.  Stories with familiar setting, friendship  Non-fiction texts: booklets	Stories by the Same Author  Poems on a theme  Range of non-fiction texts	Traditional Tales  Non-Chronological Reports	Classic stories  Instructions  Recounts – historical	Repetitive patterned stories  Traditional rhymes	Stories with fantasy settings  Recounts
	<b>Guided Reading Texts (colour book bands)</b>	A selection of pink, red and yellow book band books matched to the phonics ability.		A selection of pink, red and yellow book band books matched to the phonics ability.		A selection of red, yellow and orange book band books matched to the phonics ability .	
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>TRIC</b>	George's Marvellous Medicine - Roald Dahl The Legend of Kevin: A Roly-Poly Flying Pony Adventure – Philip Reeve. Nellie Choc-Ice Penguin Explorer – Jeremy Strong		An Alien in the Jam Factory – Chrissie Sains The BFG - Roald Dahl Marv and the Mega Robot – Alex		Marv and the Mega Robot – Alex Einstein the Penguin – Iona Rangeley	
	<b>Core/Link Texts inc. Poems</b>	The Way Home for Wolf by Rachel Bright  Little Red Riding Hood The Three Little Pigs	The Pea and the Princess by Mini Grey  Snow White in New York by Fiona French	Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame  Link texts by Dick King Smith and Jill Tomlinson: A range	Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram  A Right Royal Disaster! (Plus other Simon Bartram texts)	Aladdin – focused writing unit based on the story and film of Aladdin.	Mudpuddle Farm - Michael Morpurgo.  Mossop's Last Chance Albertine Goose Queen Jigger's Day Off

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			Red Riding Hood and the Sweet Little Wolf by Rachael Mortimer	of animal adventure stories			Pigs Might fly! Martians at Mudpuddle Farm Mum's the word
	<b>English Units (inc. cross-curricular links)</b>	<p>Wolf character poster</p> <p>Innovated narrative based on a model</p> <p>Information text based on a model</p>	<p>Traditional Tales with a twist</p> <p>Instructions</p>	<p>Recount: Letters</p> <p>Classic Poetry</p>	<p>Story based on a model.</p> <p>Non-Chronological Report - linked to History</p> <p>Poems on a theme</p>	<p>Narratives</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>	<p>Innovated narrative with a farm setting</p> <p>Persuasive writing</p> <p>Riddles</p>
	<b>Guided Reading Texts (coloured book band)</b>	<p>Phase 5 Decodable books for lowest guided reading groups.</p> <p>Turquoise: A Home for Bonnie The Giant Jumperee (play) Sam and the Tadpoles Changing Shape Whatever Next!</p> <p>Purple: Friends Peace at Last Peanuts</p>	<p>Turquoise: Friends Poems Space Poems Extreme Living Farmer Duck</p> <p>Purple: Pedal Power The Flying Carpet Catherine and the Lion A Pipkin of Pepper</p> <p>Gold: Jack and the Beanstalk</p> <p>White: Where the Poppies Now Grow</p>	<p>Turquoise: Superdog Dilly and the Goody-Goody Elmer and Wilbur</p> <p>Purple: Freaky Fish Yun and the Giant Bird Yun and the Fire Demon Sports Poems Cherokee and the Little People</p> <p>Gold:</p>	<p>Gold: White: Yokki and the Parno Gry</p>	<p>White: The Enormous Crocodile Lime: Cool as a Cucumber The Finger Eater</p>	<p>Lime: Julian's Glorious Summer Philomena: The dog who thinks she's a cat.</p>

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		Viking Adventure (play) Some Dogs Do Gold: White: The Pea and the Princess		The Emperor's New Clothes (play)  White: Winnie's New Computer			
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>TRIC</b>	Amazing Islands: 100+ Places That Will Boggle Your Mind (Our Amazing World) by Sabrina Weiss  UG: Boy Genius of the Stone Age and His Search for Soft Trousers by Raymond Briggs  The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher		Stars with Flaming Tails by Valerie Bloom  How to Change the World by Rashmi Sirdeshpande		Play time by Julia Donaldson  Queen of Darkness by Tony Bradman  The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton	
	<b>Core/Link Texts inc. Poems</b>	The Lancashire Giant	Fables - Aesop's Fables  Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg	The Coming of the Iron Man by Brenda Williams  Iron Man by Ted Hughes  The Old Dry Stone Wall by Ann Perrin	Iron Man by Ted Hughes	A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson.  How to catch a star by Oliver Jeffers	The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton  Play time by Julia Donaldson
	<b>English Units (inc. cross-</b>	- Sentence Toolkit (1 week)	-Fables 3 weeks	- Persuasive Letters 3 weeks	- Novel on a theme (4 weeks)	- Explanations (3 weeks)	- Adventure Stories (4 weeks)

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	<b>curricular links)</b>	- Folk Tales (Lancashire Folk Tales) 3 weeks  - Recount: Biography 3 weeks	- Descriptive/Diary Writing 3 weeks	- Poetry 2 weeks  - Novel on a theme Iron Man (1 week)		- Classic Poetry (performance poetry) 1 week	-Play scripts (2 weeks)
	<b>Guided Reading Texts (coloured book band)</b>	Colours We Eat (Non-Fiction) Zoom In (Non-Fiction) Gobstoppers (Non-Fiction)  Horrid Henry's Underpants (Fiction) The Hodgeheg (Fiction) The Secret Railway (Fiction)	Zoom In (Non-Fiction) Gobstoppers (Non-Fiction) Welcome to Planet Earth (Non-Fiction)  SuperDad's Day Off (Fiction) Bilal's Brilliant Bee (Fiction) Freckly Feet and Itchy Knees (Poetry)	Gobstoppers (Non-Fiction) Welcome to Planet Earth (Non-Fiction) Believe it Or Not (Non-Fiction)  Bilal's Brilliant Bee (Fiction) The Secret Railway (Fiction) The Invincibles (Fiction)	Making a Splash (Non-Fiction) Who? What? Why? (Non-Fiction) Great Artists (Non-Fiction)  The Hodgeheg (Fiction) The Worst Witch (Fiction) Wind in the Willows (Fiction)	Who? What? Why? (Non-Fiction) The Spy's Secret handbook (Non-Fiction) Ancient Rome (Non-Fiction)  The Secret Railway (Fiction) Freckly Feet and Itchy Knees (Poetry) The Monster of Shiversands Cove (Fiction)	The Pelican Chorus (Poems) Big Game Adventure (Fiction) The Butterfly Lion (Fiction)
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>TRIC</b>	Fairy vs Wizard by Jenny McLachlan  How do Meerkats order pizza by Brooke Barker		The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan		When the mountains roared by Jess Butterworth  The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S Lewis	

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	<b>Core/Link Texts inc. Poems</b>	Wallace and Gromit: The Complete Cracking Contraptions Manuel by Derek Smith  Until I met Dudley by Roger McGough  Macavity the Cat by T.S Eliot	Fire Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman  First News articles	Pied piper of Hamelin  A range of persuasive adverts	Water Dance by Thomas Locker  Water, Water Everywhere by James Casey	A range of Egyptian information books.	Anansi the Trickster Spider Stories  Tinga Tinga Folk Tales  My Mother saw a dancing bear by Charles Causley  A Poem for Every Day of the Year
	<b>English Units (inc. cross-curricular links)</b>	Narrative Poetry  Explanations	Narrative: Fantasy  Newspapers	Narrative: Fairytales  Adverts – Persuasion	Adverts – Persuasion  Poems with a Structure	Non-chronological Reports	Narrative: Folktales  Poems on a theme
<b>Guided Reading Texts (coloured book band)</b>	Smasher (Brown) Fabulous Flyer (Brown) The Boy and the Globe (grey) Mortimer (dark blue)	Fabulous Flyer (Brown)  Mr Skip (brown)  Uncle Gobb and the Dread Shed (Grey)	The Suitcase Kid  The Boy and the Globe (grey)  The World According to Humphrey (Dark blue)	Non-Fiction TBC	Mr Skip (brown) Uncle Gobb (Grey) The World According to Humphrey (Dark blue)	Hacker (dark blue)  Non-Fiction TBC	

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		<p>The Enormous Crocodile</p> <p>Survival</p> <p>The Navigator: Eye See</p> <p>The Navigator: Believe it or Not</p>					
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>TRIC</b>	<p>Which Way to Anywhere by Cressida Cowell</p> <p>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis</p>		<p>The Touchstone by Andrew Norris</p> <p>The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick</p>		<p>Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson</p> <p>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan</p>	
	<b>Core/Link Texts inc. Poems</b>	<p>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis</p>	<p>Persuasive letters</p> <p>Dragons Den/Junior Dragons den clips</p> <p>Reviews (Tripadvisor e.g.)</p> <p>Poems with figurative language:</p> <p>'Winter Morning' by Sue Cowling.</p> <p>'Winter and Snow' by Vasko Popa.</p>	<p>'Stanley in space' Jeff Brown</p> <p>'Crash course' Tom Bradman</p> <p>'The Story of Astronomy and Space' by Louie Stowell and Peter Allen</p>	<p>Classic narrative poetry:</p> <p>'Jabberwocky' Lewis Carroll</p> <p>'The Highway Man' Alfred Noyes</p> <p>'The owl and the pussy cat' Edward Lea</p> <p>'The lady of shallot' Alfred Lord Tennyson</p> <p>'The Vanishing Rainforest' by Richard Platt</p> <p>'The Shaman's Apprentice' by</p>	<p>'Alice in Wonderland(2010)'</p> <p>'Cloudy with a chance of meatballs (2009)'</p> <p>'Ratatouille (2007)'</p>	<p>'Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters'</p> <p>'Who let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans</p> <p>'The Orchard Book of Greek Myths' by Geraldine Mccaughrean</p> <p>'Zeus on the Loose!' by John Dougherty.</p> <p>'Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece' by Lesley Sims</p>

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					Lynne Cherry and Mark Plotkin.		'Avoid Entering the Ancient Greek Olympics! (Danger Zone)' by Michael Ford
	<b>English Units (inc. cross-curricular links)</b>	Bridging Unit – The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe (8 weeks)	Persuasion (hero and villain)  Poems with figurative language	Information booklets  Science Fiction Stories	Classic Narrative Poetry  Debate	Film and Play Scripts  Poems with a Structure	Myths  Reports
	<b>Guided Reading Texts</b>	<p><b><u>Fiction</u></b> Coraline (expected/dark blue) Monster Slayer (accessible/grey) The Astounding Broccoli Boy (confident/dark red)</p> <p><b><u>Non-Fiction</u></b> The pelican chorus and other poems (accessible/grey)  If and other poems (expected/dark blue) The Secret Garden (expected/dark blue)  The great Space explorers (confident/dark red)</p>		<p><b><u>Fiction</u></b> Wind of the Willows (accessible/grey)  Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (expected/dark blue)  The Road to Ratenburg (confident/dark red)</p> <p><b><u>Non-Fiction</u></b> TBC</p>		<p><b><u>Fiction</u></b> Jungle Book (dark blue)  Charlotte's Web (expected/dark blue)  Treasure Island (confident/dark red)</p> <p><b><u>Non-Fiction</u></b> TBC</p>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>TRIC</b>	<p>The Nowhere Emporium Ross MacKenzie</p> <p>Happy Here (10 stories/poems from black authors and illustrator)</p>		<p>The Wizard of Oz – Frank Baum</p> <p>Happy Here (10 stories/poems from black authors and illustrator)</p>		<p><i>The Name of this Book is Secret-Pseudonymous Bosch</i></p> <p>Happy Here (10 stories/poems from black authors and illustrator)</p>	

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		Book of Hopes (poems and short stories edited by Katherine Rundell)				
	<b>Core/Link Texts inc. Poems</b>	<p>The Elsewhere Emporium/The Otherwhere Emporium – Ross Mackenzie</p> <p>Extracts from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl</p> <p>Extracts from Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone – JK Rowling</p>	<p>First News The Week Junior</p> <p>Selection of online discussions on selected websites</p> <p>Book of Hopes (poems and short stories edited by Katherine Rundell)</p> <p>Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare</p> <p>Shakespeare Stories by Leon Garfield</p> <p>Stories from Shakespeare by Usborne</p>	<p>Ground-breaking Scientists (Black Scientific Icons who changed the World by J.P Miller and Chellie Carroll)</p> <p>Amazing Artists (Black Icons who changed the World by J.P Miller and Chellie Carroll)</p> <p>A selection of book/website biographies</p> <p>The Wizard of Oz - Frank Baum</p> <p>The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling</p> <p>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - Ian Flemming</p>	<p>Whodunit? Detective Stories Chosen by Philip Pullman.</p> <p>Hoakes Island: A Fiendish Puzzle Adventure – Helen Friel</p> <p>The Name of this Book is Secret-Pseudonymous Bosch</p> <p>Pie Corbett – short suspense stories</p> <p>Extracts from The Week Junior</p> <p>A Really Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson</p> <p>CSI Expert!:</p>	<p>The Lion and Albert by Marriott Edgar</p> <p>Albert's Return by Marriott Edgar</p>

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					Forensic Science for Kids by Karen K Schulz	
<b>English Units (inc. cross-curricular)</b>	<p>Borwick Hall: review</p> <p><b>The Nowhere Emporium (novel as a theme)</b> Poetry Narrative Diary entry Descriptive writing</p>	<p><b>Discussion/Debate</b> Links to wider curriculum where appropriate/child led/topical</p> <p><b>Poetry</b></p> <p><b>Older Literature</b> Shakespeare</p>	<p><b>Biographies</b> (Scientists/inspirational famous person)</p> <p><b>Classic fiction</b> (narrative and short writing opportunities)</p>	<p><b>Detective &amp; Crime Fiction</b></p> <p><b>Explanations</b></p>		<p><b>KS2 SATs revision</b></p> <p><b>The Lion and Albert</b> Classic Poetry Narrative 1<sup>st</sup> person (story with flashback/diary entry) Communication (letters) Persuasion (adverts/reviews)</p>
<b>Guided Reading Texts</b>	<p>In at the Deep End (dark blue) The Secret Garden (dark blue) Great Naturalists (dark blue) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (dark blue) The Call of the Wild (dark red) A Message to the Sea (dark red) Mr Baboomski and the Wonder Goat (dark red) For the Fallen and other poems (dark red)</p>		<p>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (dark blue) Great Naturalists (dark blue) Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (dark red) Great Scientists (dark red) Mr Baboomski and the Wonder Goat (dark red) Great Engineers (dark red) The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (black)  Great Pioneers (Dark red/black)</p>		<p>The Jaberwocky and other Poems (dark red) Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (dark red) A Message to the Sea (dark red) The Raven and other Poems (dark red) The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (black) For the Fallen and other poems (dark red/black) The Animals of Farthing Wood (black) Time Runs Out (dark red/black)</p>	

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