



English Overview 2025 – 2026

	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
	Poetry		Poetry		Poetry		Poetry		Poetry		Poetry	
Reception	A Bundle of Rhymes Nursery Rhymes by Mother Goose: Jack be Nimble Hey Diddle Diddle Hickory Dickory Dock Little Miss Muffet	Peace at Last by Jill Murphy	Creepy Crawly by Anon & Busy Bugs by James Carter Hey Little Bug by J. Carter Mad about minibeasts by G Andreae and D Wojtowycz	The Three Little Pigs by Mara Alperin	Into the Pond! When Daddy Fell into the Pond by Alfred Noyes. I promise I'll be careful by The Literacy Company	Spring 1 Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek by Jonny Lambert	The Farmyard by A. A. Attwood Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins Wriggle and Roar by Julia Donaldson Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell	The Pirates Are Coming! by John Condon	Behold by Mary Kawena Pukui Look! by Grace Nichols	Gigantosaurus by Jonny Duddle	Eat Your Peas, Louise! by Pegeen Snow & Dinner-time Rhyme by June Crebbin	The Sea Saw by Tom Percival
	Outcome - Recite rhymes and use them to build a narrative	To orally retell the story To draw images and write labels to represent the story	Outcome – Class performance poem	To label a plan and attempt to write a simple caption	Outcome - Caption or simple sentence for a class poem	To create a story map of the journey and write labels/captions/sentences describing the crocodiles	Outcome - Class poem to be performed for an audience	To write a letter from the point of view of Tom to his mother, describing what he has learned about pirate ships	Outcome - A class observation poem	To rewrite the story	Outcome – Class poem	To rewrite the story
Year 1	Sea Songs When I was One-The Pirate Song (Trad.) A Sailor Went to Sea (Trad.) Pirate Pete by James Carter	Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers	There Are No Such Things as Monsters!! by Roger Stevens	Nibbles: The Book Monster by Emma Yarlett	If I Had a Beak by The Literacy Company	The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright	At the Zoo by W. M. Thackeray Off by Heart by R Steven At the Zoo by W. M. Thackeray Other poems included in the unit	The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth by Ellie Hattie, A Great Big Cuddle by Michael Rosen	I Spun a Star by John Foster Night Sky by Zaro Weil	Toys in Space by Mini Grey	Poetry Fruit Salad I Am the Seed that Grew the Tree: A Nature Poem for Every Day of the Year by Fiona Waters: Plum by Tony Mitton Apples by John Siddique If I Were An Apple by Anon	Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson
	Outcome - Action rhyme and list poem	Outcome Fiction: write an adventure story	Outcome - Descriptive poem based on a model	Outcome Recount: write a diary entry based on Nibbles' adventures	Outcome - Descriptive poem using the senses	Outcome Fiction: write a journey story	Outcome - List poem	Outcome Fiction: write an adventure story with a change of character	Outcome - List poem	Outcome Fiction: write a fantasy story changing the characters	Outcome - Senses poem	Outcome Fiction: write a traditional story with a new character
Year 2	Zebra Question by Shel Silverstein Ten Things Found in a Shipwrecked Sailor's Pocket by Ian McMillan A Menagerie of Animals by A. F. Harrold	Troll Swap by Leigh Hodgkinson, Trolls Go Home by Alan MacDonald	The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear	The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark by Jill Tomlinson (picture book and chapter book)	From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson What Can Eye Spy? by The Literacy Company	The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward, How to Train Your Dragon (2010 film), The Dragonsitter Disasters by Josh Lacey	Night Sounds by Berlie Doherty Questions at Night by Louis Untermeyer	Major Glad, Major Dizzy by Jan Oke, Naughty Amelia Jane by Enid Blyton	Father and I in the Woods by David McCord The Intruder by James Reeves	The Last Wolf by Mini Grey	Fox by Kathy Henderson Badgers by Richard Edwards Midnight Visitors by Irene Rawnsley	Grandad's Secret Giant by David Litchfield
	Outcome - Riddles and List Poem	Outcome Fiction: write a story with focus on characters	Outcome - Narrative poem, experimenting with words and patterns	Outcome Non-chronological report: write a fact sheet about owls	Outcome - Rhyming 'Bird's – Eye View' poem	Outcome Fiction: write an adventure story with change of character and machine	Outcome - Senses poem	Outcome Recount: write a diary entry of historical events from Major Glad's point of view	Outcome - Shape poems	Outcome Letter: write a letter in role as the character persuading to save the trees	Outcome - Descriptive poem	Outcome Fiction: write a story with a moral focus

English Year 3	The Shell by John Foster Squishy Words by Alistair Reid Sea Shell by Amy Lowell	Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman	Dance with Me, Autumn by The Literacy Company The Garden year by S Coleridge, Autumn's Begun by A J Roma Frost by V Bloom	Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies	The River's Tale by Rudyard Kipling (extract) The Fossil by Ogden Nash	Winter's Child by Angela McAllister	The Magnificent Bull from the Dinka tribe Leap Like a leopard by John Foster As, as, as by Robert Hull	Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura	I Saw a Peacock by Anonymous Weeping Willow in My Garden by Ian Serrailier Horse of the Sea by Snorri Sturlason in The Barefoot Book of Earth Poems by Judith Nicholls	Journey by Aaron Becker	Apes to Zebras Various animal poems from the above text The Shape I'm In by James Carter	Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr
	Outcome - Senses poem	Recount: letter in role	Outcome - Descriptive poem	Persuasion: informative article persuading for the protection of the blue whale	Outcome - Descriptive poem	Fiction: fantasy story based on a fable	Outcome - Dinka-inspired poem	Fiction: write a story set in the Stone Age	Outcome - Nonsense Poem	Fiction: adventure story based on Journey	Outcome - Shape Poem	Persuasion: tourism leaflet for the Jardin des Plantes in Paris
Year 4	Family Album	Gorilla by Anthony Browne	The Lost Lost-Property Office by Roger McGough	Leon and the Place Between by Graham Baker-Smith, Oz the Great and Powerful (2013 film)	The Roman Centurion's Song by Rudyard Kipling (edited extract)	Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit	Windrush Child by John Agard	Amazing Islands by Sabrina Weiss, Koji's Island by The Literacy Company	Look! by Grace Nichols	Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker, Jungle Explorer by The Literacy Company	Look Closely	Blue John by Berlie Doherty
	Outcome - Free verse narrative poem	Outcome Fiction: write a fantasy story based on <i>Gorilla</i>	Outcome – List poem	Outcome Recount: write a diary from Leon's point of view	Outcome – Cinquain	Outcome Fiction: write a historical narrative from character's point of view	Outcome - Free verse, personal narrative poem	Outcome Fiction: write an adventure story from point of view of the boy	Outcome - A list poem based on a traditional rhyme	Outcome Non-chronological report: write an information board for a rainforest exhibit	Outcome – a series of haiku	Outcome Explanation: write a letter in role as a caving expert, including an explanation
Year 5	The Song of Hiawatha by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (extract)	Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli & Francesca Cavallo	The Moon	The Lost Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy	Viking Kennings & Spells	Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton	Finding Magic by Eric Finney	The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield	The Sun in Me by Moira Andrew	The Paperbag Prince by Colin Thompson	Animals of Africa	Radiant Child by Javaka Steptoe, Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou
	Outcome - Narrative poem	Outcome Recount: write a series of diary entries	Outcome - Free verse with refrains and verses	Outcome Fiction: write a traditional tale with an alternative ending	Outcome - Songs and word play: good luck spells	Outcome Fiction: write a myth, creating characters and settings	Outcome - Free verse	Outcome Recount: write a formal biography of Chris Hadfield	Outcome - Free verse song	Outcome Persuasion/information: write a hybrid leaflet about waste management	Outcome – Poem using puns and wordplay	Outcome Non-fiction: write an information text for a gallery
Year 6	Blitz by Mary Désirée Anderson	Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt, Erika's Story by Ruth Vander Zee	A Tiger in the Zoo by Leslie Norris	Can We Save the Tiger? by Martin Jenkins	Guarding Secrets by the Literacy Company	The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde & Ritva Voutila	The Sea by James Reeves	Island by Jason Chin, Jemmy Button by Alix Barzelay	For Forest by Grace Nichols	Manfish by Jennifer Berne, Great Adventurers by Alastair Humphreys	Sonnet Written at the Close of Spring by Charlotte Smith	Sky Chasers by Emma Carroll
	Outcome – Free verse narrative poem which conveys a viewpoint	Outcome Fiction: write a flashback story & non-chronological report	Outcome – Free verse which conveys a message	Outcome Information/explanation/persuasion: write a hybrid booklet about an amazing animal & Recount: diary	Outcome – Free verse poem	Outcome Fiction: retell a classic narrative from a character's point of view & Explanation	Outcome – Narrative Poem	Outcome Recount: write a journalistic report (hybrid text) about Charles Darwin's discoveries & Discussion	Outcome – Free verse poem	Outcome Recount: write a biography of Jacques Cousteau & Fiction: adventure story	Outcome – Narrative Poem in the style of a sonnet	Outcome Fiction: write an adventure story from two different viewpoints & Recount: autobiography