

Whole School Curriculum Map by Subject: English

Year 3

Oracy

- ✓ Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- ✓ Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
- ✓ Use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- ✓ Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- ✓ Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- ✓ Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- ✓ Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- ✓ Speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
- ✓ Participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates
- ✓ Gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- ✓ Consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
- ✓ Select and use appropriate registers for effective communication

Spelling

- ✓ Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable
- ✓ The sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words
- ✓ More prefixes in-, dis-, re-, sub-, super-, anti-
- ✓ The suffix –ation
- ✓ The suffix –ly
- ✓ Words ending in ure sounding like /zhuh/ (-ture)
- ✓ The suffix –ous
- ✓ The suffix –ion
- ✓ The suffix –ian
- ✓ Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch
- ✓ Words with the /sh / sound spelt ch –
- ✓ Homophones or near homophones
- ✓ Common exception word list Year 3/4

Handwriting

- ✓ Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters
- ✓ Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting [ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch]

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- ✓ Use a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel
- ✓ Understand word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning (solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble]
- ✓ Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs (then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [before, after, during, in, because of]
- ✓ Use paragraphs as a way to group related material
- ✓ Use headings and sub-headings to aid presentation
- ✓ Use the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past ['He has gone out to play' contrasted with 'He went out to play']
- ✓ Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

Terminology

preposition, conjunction word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, vowel, inverted commas

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Word Reading

- ✓ Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words
- ✓ Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

Reading Comprehension

- ✓ Develop positive attitudes to reading, and an understanding of what they read
- ✓ Listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks
- ✓ Read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes
- ✓ Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read
- ✓ Increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retell some of these orally
- ✓ Identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books
- ✓ Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
- ✓ Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- ✓ Recognise some different forms of poetry e.g. free verse, narrative poetry

In books read independently:

- ✓ Check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context
- \checkmark Ask questions to improve their understanding of a text
- ✓ Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence
- ✓ Predict what might happen from details stated and implied
- ✓ Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these
- ✓ Identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning
- ✓ Retrieve and record information from non-fiction
- ✓ Participate in discussions about both books that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say

Texts to lead learning

Autumn Term (Who are you calling weird?)
Who are you calling weird? – Marilyn Singer
Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett
The Animal Awards – Martin Jenkins & Tor Freeman
Beetle Boy – M.G. Leonard
World's Weirdest Animals – Matt Roper
The Hunter – Paul Geraghty
How to live like a Stone Age Hunter – Anita Ganeri
King Coo – Adam Stower
Stone Age Boy – Satoshi Kitamura
How to wash a woolly mammoth – Michelle Robinson
Stig of the Dump – Clive King
Pebble In My Pocket – Meredith Hooper
Fossils and my brother (poetry) - Michael Rosen

Spring Term (Myths and Legends)
Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece – Jane Chisholm & Lesley Sims
Ancient Greece - DK eyewitness
Myth Atlas – Thiago de Moraes
The Atlas of Monsters – Sandra Lawrence
Falling Out of the Sky: Poems about Myths and Legends – Emma Wright
The Monster Diaries – Luciano Sarachino
The Ancient Greek Mysteries – Saviour Pirotta
Here Comes Hercules – Stella Tarakson

Egg Drop – Mimi Grey

Summer Term (Voyages of the Imagination)
The Journey – Aaron Becker
Where My Wellies Take Me – Clare Morpurgo &
Michael Morpurgo
The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett
Great Explorers – Robin Hanbury-Tenison
Wings Poem - Pie Corbett
The Promise – Nicola Davies
The Train to Impossible Places – P.G. Bell
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – C.S Lewis
The Lost Words – Robert Macfarlane
The Kew Gardens Children's Cookbook: Plant, Cook,
Eat! – Caroline Craig & Joe Archer

Suggested texts for class reads (as well as above)

Charlotte's Web – E.B White
Ottoline and the Yellow Cat – Chris Riddell
Fortunately, the milk – Neil Gaiman
The Boy Who Biked the World – Alastair Humphreys
The 13 Storey Treehouse – Andy Griffiths

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Writing Transcription

- ✓ Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them
- ✓ Spell further homophones
- ✓ Spell words from the common exception word list for this year group and the previous year groups
- ✓ Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary
- ✓ Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far

Writing Composition

Plan their writing:

- ✓ Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar
- ✓ Discuss and record ideas

Draft and write:

- ✓ Compose and rehearse sentences orally, progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures
- ✓ Organise paragraphs around a theme
- ✓ In narratives, create settings, characters and plot
- ✓ In non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings]

Evaluate and edit:

- ✓ Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements
- ✓ Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
- ✓ Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- ✓ Read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear