

Year 4 English Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reading						
Texts/Spine	<i>Modern author</i> The Diary of a Killer Cat (Anne Fine) Cliffhanger (Jacqueline Wilson)	<i>Historical text from other culture</i> <i>Extracts from</i> Empire's End – A Roman Story (Leila Rashid)	<i>Classic Literature (modern)</i> Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Roald Dahl)	<i>Modern author raising issues</i> Mr. Stink (David Walliams)	<i>Classic Literature (modern)</i> How to Train Your Dragon (Cressida Cowell)	<i>Classic Poetry</i> The Jabberwocky (Lewis Carroll)
Non-Fiction texts for Reciprocal Read (examples may include)	Biography - Thomas Edison Ancient Rome Extract Ancient Folk Song about Boudicca	Why do people wear poppies? <i>(Remembrance Day)</i>	Tooth by Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks and Chompers Process of Digestion Biography – Rosa Parks	Unusual Adaptations to Habitats	What Is Money? How to be a Viking Everything Vikings (traders and raiders)	Where to Settle?
Spine Reading Objective	Modern author	Modern author Historical – based literature	Classic author	Modern author/ dealing with issues	Modern author - fantasy	Classic Poetry
Offer Books	Return of the Killer Cat (Anne Fine) Edie and the Box of Flits (Kate Wilkinson and Joe Berger) Women in Science (Rachel Ignotofsky) The Last Castaways (Harry Horse) Julius Zebra (Gary Northfield) You're a Bad Man Mr. Gumm (Andy Stanton)		The Year of Billy Miller (Kevin Henkes) The Way to Sattin Shore (Philippa Pearce) The Girl Who Stole an Elephant (Nizrana Farook) Emil and the Detectives (Erich Kastner) The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Brian Selznick) Varjak Paw (S. F. Said)		The Saga of Erik the Viking (Terry Jones) Kasper, Prince of Cats (Michael Morpurgo) The Borrowers (Mary Norton) Alice in Wonderland (Lewis Carroll) Bill's New Frock (Anne Fine) Secrets of the Sun King (Emma Carroll)	
Writing						
Skills: Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation	Direct speech Adverbs to express time Expanded noun phrases Conjunctions Paragraphs	Possessive pronouns Past tense Conjunctions Adverbials of time Commas Rhetorical questions Personification	Conjunctions Pronouns and Possessive pronouns Subordinate clauses Paragraphs Fronted adverbials	Direct speech Subordinate clauses Apostrophe for possession Noun phrases	Tenses Conjunctions Rhetorical questions Commas Subheadings questions	Subordinate clauses Adverbials of time Apostrophes Speech Personification Metaphors

Writing Outcomes	Narrative Diary entry Character description Letter	Persuasion Letter Different viewpoints Recounts Diary entries	Explanation Letter writing Descriptive writing Recipe	Discussion (debate) Balanced arguments	Non-chronological report Instructional writing Descriptive writing	Recite poem Narrative Setting descriptions Character descriptions
Spelling (incorporates words from Y3/Y4 list)	aw spelt augh and au prefixes in-, im-, il- and i-r homophones and near homophones "shun" endings spelt -sion	"shuhn" spelt -sion, -ssion, -tion and -cian ough making long o, oo and or sound	Homophones and near homophones nouns ending in suffix -ation prefixes super- and sub-plural possessive apostrophe in plural words	s spelt sc "soft c" spelt ce and ci word families	prefixes inter-, anti-, auto-, ex-, non- words ending er and ar	adding suffix -ous adverbials of frequency, possibility and manner
Other Topics						
Science	Electricity	Sound	Animals including humans	Living things and their habitats	States of matter	
History/ Geography	Romans	What are Rivers and what are they used for?	Anglo-Saxons	Vikings	Are all Settlements the Same?	Where does our food come from?
Art/D.T	Battery operated lights	European art/Spanish artists	Juggling balls	bodies	The great bread bake off	Insects
R.E	What values do you consider to be important?	Christmas: Why is Jesus described as the light of the world?	Jesus: Why do Christians believe Jesus us the Son of God?	Easter: A story of betrayal or trust?	Are all churches the same?	What is prayer?