

Writing overview – Reception

Term	Topic	Science	Genre Writing activity	Text
Autumn 1	Who lives in the nursery rhyme village?	Our body	Using a dominant hand for writing Pencil grip Give meaning to marks made Writing own names Writing initial sounds Squiggle while you wiggle 4 times a week to develop gross motor skills in preparation for writing	Selection of Nursery Rhymes Little Lumpty by Miko Imai Incy Wincy Spider by Kate Toms Little Sunflower Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper Christopher Pumpkin by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra
Autumn 2	What's your favourite colour? What special things do you do to celebrate?	Weather and seasons	Writing initial sounds, writing names, labelling using initial sounds Labelling animals Beginning to write cvc words Letter formation – writing lower case letters correctly Write capital letters when writing own name	Winnie the Witch by Valerie Thomas Elmer by David McKee After the storm by Nick Butterworth The Blue Balloon by Mick Inkpen
Spring 1	Who helps to keep us safe?	Health and safety	Drawing Club 3 times a week Writing cvc words Rhyming words Begin to use Set 1 red words in own writing Write labels using cvc, cvcc, ccvc words Posters for the missing cat Story boards Writing for a purpose in role play Squiggle me into a writer 4 times a week Independent writing once every 3 weeks	The Tiger who came to tea by Judith Kerr The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss Fox in socks by Dr Seuss Burglar Bill by Allan and Janet Ahlberg The Selfish Crocodile by Faustin Charles Topsy and Tim visit the dentist by Jean and Gareth Adamson Funnybones by Allan and Janet Ahlberg
Spring 2	What would we find on the moon?	Space	Drawing Club 3 times a week Creating own story maps, writing captions and labels Write short sentences Labels and captions about Spring Character descriptions about aliens	How to catch a star by Oliver Jefferies Whatever Next! By Jill Murphy Man on the moon by Simon Bartram

			Writing real and alien words Squiggle me into a writer 4 times a week	Aliens love underpants by Claire Freedman Come to tea on Planet Zum-Zee by Tony Mitton
Summer 1	What is a minibeast?	Insects	Drawing Club 3 times a week Describing Superworm character Write about the events in Jack and the Beanstalk Writing labels, captions, short sentences Life cycle recounts Bean diary Forming lower and upper cases Acrostic poem about worms Squiggle me into a writer 4 times a week	Norman the slug with the silly shell by Sue Hendra The very busy spider by Eric Carle What the Ladybird heard by Julia Donaldson The Bad Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle Superworm by Julia Donaldson Jasper's Beanstalk by Mick Inkpen The hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Summer 2	How do we travel?	The beach	Drawing Club 3 times a week Name and label transport Describe story settings, eg forest, seaside, cities Label Mrs Armitage's bike Use vocab to write a sentence/caption about your own bike or scooter Retell stories Instructions for making a jam sandwich Squiggle me into a writer 4 times a week	You can't take an elephant on a bus by Patricia Cleveland-Peck The 100 Decker bus by Jan and Jerry Oke We're going on a bear hunt by Michael Rosen Mrs Armitage on wheels by Quentin Blake The Train Ride by June Crebbin Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by Ronda Armitage

Writing overview – Year 1

term	Topic	Science	Genre – independent write	Text
Autumn 1	What can we find in the woods?	Animals including humans (Animals)	PVPG	Julia Donaldson – Animals (any)
Autumn 2	Is the sky always blue?	Seasonal changes (observed over the year)	Non-chron Arctic and Antarctic creatures	Lost and Found Meerkat Mail Poles apart
			Recount - letters /postcards Polar bear adventures	
			Letter to Santa	
Spring 1	Where can we sail in a galleon?	Animals including humans (all about me)	Character description	Ten little pirates Troll Captain Snappy Beard
			Instructions How to find buried treasures	
			Narrative	
Spring 2	Do all animals have fur?	Exploring everyday materials (identify/describe)	Recount The wolf	Little Red Riding Hood Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion
			Innovative narrative Little Red Riding Hood	
			Recount - Trip	
Summer 1	What can we find in our local are?	Exploring everyday materials (uses/properties)	Narrative Repetitive story	Gingerbread man
			Recount Trip around Shirland	
			Persuasive text Why live in shirland	
Summer 2	Farm to fork?	Plants	Setting description The giants castle	Jack and the Beanstalk
			Poetry	
			Explanation How to look after a sunflower	

Writing overview – Year 2

Term	Topic	Science	Genre – independent write	Text
Autumn 1	Where do minibeasts live?	Living things and their habitats (micro habitats)	PVPG	Snail and the whale Bug collector Hotel for bugs
			Non Chron minibeasts	
Autumn 2	What would you find in space?	Animals including humans (growth)	Recount letters/postcards	Man on the moon Traction man Toys in space
			Narrative Familiar structure	
			Poetry	
Spring 1	What happens in our capital city?	Everyday materials (uses / properties)	Recount / diary Escape the fire	A walk in London Toby and the great fire Great fire of London
			Non chron All about London	
			Poetry	
Spring 2	What happened on the Titanic?	Animals including humans (life cycle)	Persuasive advert Come aboard the Titanic	Non Fiction Titanic text Oceans meet sky
			Narrative	
Summer 1	How would you build a fortress?	Living things and their habitats (world habitats)	Character description Dragon	Tell me a dragon Tad Woolly caterpillar Castles The kiss that missed
			Explanation Butterfly lifecycle	
			Narrative	
Summer 2	Staying healthy	Plants (growth and care)	Setting description Hansel and Gretel	Hansel and Gretel Jim and the Beanstalk Enormous Turnip
			Instructions How to make a healthy	
			Narrative Sequel The enormous turnip	

Writing overview – Year 3

Term	Topic	Science	Genre – independent write	Text
Autumn 1	When was the stone age?	Animals including humans (skeleton/health)	PVPG	Bonesville Help I've lost my body How to wash The First Drawing
			Non Chron Prehistoric creatures	
Autumn 2		Rocks	Recount Letter / stone age boy home Characterising speech Instructions How to wash a woolley mammoth	Stone age boy 24hrs in stone age
Spring 1	Where in the world is the UK?	Forces and magnets	Narrative Portal story into the past	The Tunnel Haiki/Senryu Renga Free verse
			Poetry Magic box	
			Discussion Shiremoor or Newcastle	
Spring 2		Light	Character description Aunt sponge Recount Science experiment	James and the Giant Peach
Summer 1	Why did the Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?	Plants (lifecycles)	Setting description Tomb of wonders	Leon and the place in between Aladdin Cinderella
			Explanation How do plants grow?	
			Poetry	
Summer 2		Scientific enquiry	Narrative – characterising speech Egyptian Cinderella Persuasive advertisement Visit leaflet Narrative	Egyptian Cinderella Marcy and the riddle of the Sphinx

Writing overview – Year 4

Term	Topic	Science	Genre – independent write	Text
Autumn 1	What myths and legends did the Ancient Greeks tell?	Living things and their habitats (conservation)	PVPG	Lost Great Kapok Tree Greta and the giants
			Non-Chronological Report extinct animals	
Autumn 2		States of matter	Recount The Gorgon	Theseus and the Minotaur Leo and the Gorgon's curse
			Instructions How to slay the Minotaur	
			Non chronological report convservation	
Spring 1	Where in the world is Europe?	Living things and their habitats (classifying)	Narrative Legend	Robin Hood
			Persuasive leaflet Visit Sherwood Forest	
			Play script Legend	
Spring 2		Animals including humans (food and digestion)	Poetry	Kennings Tetractys free verse
			Explanation Text The digestive system	
Summer 1	How do we know the Romans were in Britain?	Sound	Narrative – characterising of speech Escaping Pompeii	Escape from Pompeii Queen of darkness
			Recount – letter Livia and Tranario	
Summer 2		Electricity	Narrative Historical Hero	
			Recount	
			Newspaper Roman events	

Writing overview – Year 5

Term	Topic	Science	Genre – independent write	Text
Autumn 1	Why did the Vikings invade?	Earth and space	PVPG Non Chron Planets of the solar system	Am I made of Stardust? Grand Tour of the Solar System Odd and the Frost Giant There's a Viking in my Bed
Autumn 2		Forces	Recount letter Letter from Odd to his mother Narrative There's a Viking in My Bed Formal discussion Were the Vikings really vicious?	
Spring 1		Changes of materials	Poetry – Rap (based on Henry Box Brown) Recount science experiment – materials Instructions How to terrorise your prisoners – a wardens guide	Holes Henry Box Brown
Spring 2			Narrative Characterising speech Romeo and Juliet Persuasive leaflet Visit California	
Summer 1	Who are the ancient Mayans?	Living things and their habitats	Setting description Cottage in the woods Recount – diary Hansel's last days	Hansel and Gretel
Summer 2		Animals including humans (Human life cycle)	Setting description / narrative Lost jungle city poetry Newspaper report Mayans (football match – Pok a Tok)	Oh Maya Gods Poetry Haiku/Senryus Renga free verse

Writing overview – Year 6

Term	Topic	Science	Genre – independent write	Text
Autumn 1	How do you investigate a crime scene?	Living things and their habitats	PVPG	Highway Man Dracula Room 13
			Non Chron Famous Outlaws	
Autumn 2		Light	Poetry Diwali Dreams	Roads End – Literacy Shed
			Recount letter Harker's Letter	
			Setting description Horror	
Spring 1	Why do we remember the Battle of Britain?	Electricity	Recount Science instructions – electricity	Carrie's War Letters from the Lighthouse
			Character description Carrie's War	
Spring 2		Looking after the environment	Characterising speech Surviving the air raid	
			Persuasive advert Join the Women's Land Army	
Summer 1	SATS Do All Rivers Lead to the Sea?	Animals including humans (heart and circulation)	SATS	Boy at the back of the class On the move Refugee week (Arrival)
			Explanation The circulatory system	
Summer 2		Evolution and inheritance	Persuasive letter / discussion Cancel SATS	The Boy in the Tower
			Recount The Boy from Floor 17	
			Poetry	Ottava rime Lambic pentameter Free verse