

## **Grafton Primary - 2025 - 2026 Whole School Literacy Overview**

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|            | Autumn 1  | Autumn 2  | Spring 1   | Spring 2  | Summer 1   | Summer 2  |
| Core Texts | My Mom and Dad make me Laugh  Article 20: Every child has the right to be looked after by people who care.  My Five senses by Aliki | Article 30: Every child has the right to practise their own religion  There's an Elf in your Book  TOM FLETCHER  Mouse Paints  Mouse Paint  Ellen Stoll Walsh | Polar Bear, Polar Bear  Polar Bear, Polar Bear, Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?  WE ARE  One Snowy Night  Snowy: Night | Clean Up  Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health.  Speak Up  Article 12: Every child has the right to give their own opinions. My Exciting Eid | Nature's Tiny Miracle Bee  Lulu Loves Flowers  Honey Biscuits  MARKETTER  MAR | My Dad  My Dad  Anthony Browne  Growing Vegetable Soup (Non Fiction)  Crowing Vegetables  Oliver's Vegetables  Olivers Vegetables |

|                                |   |  |   | Article 30: Every child has the right to practise their own religion Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer  |   |  |
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| Poetry/<br>Nursery<br>rhymes   | Axel Scheftler Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes  Children read a selection of  | nursery rhymes, some   | e of which they learn o   | ff by heart through rec  | petition.   |  |
| Cross-<br>curricular<br>topics | Introducing feelings/settling in Learning our colours — Colour Fridays Introduction of colourful semantics Pass the parcel — learning sharing and turn taking | Road safety — crossing the road Visit from Freshwater Theatre Making music to nursery rhymes Role play going on a train ride Building tracks (large and small scale) | Food tasting and cooking Parents coming in to cook/sharing home cooked food Writing recipes/shopping lists Café role play Visiting the shops/café | Growing and planting Garden shop role play Painting pictures of what children would like to see at the top of the beanstalk Visit to the Hive Garden | Visit to Barleylands Farm Visit from a Bee keeper Live caterpillars Visit from Snakes Alive | Pets in school<br>Transition<br>Learning about<br>local and wild<br>animals<br>Tea party |

|  | Maps and places – | Growing food – | Build and       |  |
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|  | walk to the park  | cress/beans    | measuring their |  |
|  | and shops         |                | own beanstalks  |  |

| Core Texts  Owl Babies  So Much Three Bears  Three Bears  Three Bears  Three Toy's Party  Included the Corden  The Gigantic Turnip  Caterpillar  Caterpillar  The Toy's Party  Included the Carden   | Summer 2<br>Monkey Puzzle                                    |
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| Three Bears  Turnip  Caterpillar  Gigantic Turnip  The Toy's Party  Lock and the   | Annkov Buzzla  |
| Baby goes to Market  We're Going on a Bear Hunt Wire Going on a Bear Hunt Wire Going on a Bear Hunt Goats Gruff  Beanstalk  Article 24: Every child has the right  Tadpole's Promise  and J  Article 2: All Children have the  Came rights | Frog (Kes Gray and Jim Field)  The Journey Home  The Journey |



|                                      | YEAR 1  |  |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
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|                                      | Autumn 1  | Autumn 2   | Spring 1   | Spring 2  | Summer 1   | Summer 2  |  |  |  |
| Writing<br>Core Texts                | Title: We're Going to Find the Monster Author: Malorie Blackman  WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE CONSTER! | Title: The Magic Porridge Pot Author: Jacob Grimm Porridge Pot   | Title: Beegu Author: Alexis Deacon  BEEGU  Article 22: Children who are refugees have the same rights. | Title: Look Up Author: Nathan Bryon  LOOK Upl  LOOK Upl  Article 29: Every child's education must develop their talents and abilities.  | Title: Bog baby Author: Jeanie Willis  Bog Baby  Article 20: Every child has the right to be looked after by people who care       | Title: Flotsam Author: David Wiesner DAVID WIESNER  |  |  |  |
| Genres<br>Audience<br>and<br>Purpose | Entertain - setting description Shared with peers  Entertain - Prediction                         | Entertain - Character description of Greedy Boy Shared with peers. Inform - Set of instructions. Children make a bowl of porridge. | Entertain - Post card Shared with peers.  Inform - Leaflet: Guide to Earth. Class display.             | Entertain - Letter to Rocket to not lose hope. Perform letters to class. Inform - Space information book Shared with Reception classes. | Entertain - Woodland poem Perform to peers. Entertain - Woodland setting description Trip to park. Photocopy sent home to parents. | Entertain - Description of fantasy setting. Shared with peers. Entertain - Story writing Write their own stories. |  |  |  |
| Poetry                               | <ul> <li>We're going on a bear hunt</li> <li>Commotion in the ocean</li> </ul>                    |  |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| Cross-<br>curricular<br>topics       | Marvellous Me   | Once upon a time   | Zoom to the Moon   | Sky Explorers   | If you go down to the woods today  | Oh I do like to be<br>beside the seaside  |  |  |  |

|   |   |   | YEAR 2   |   |  |   |
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|   | Autumn 1  | Autumn 2  | Spring 1   | Spring 2  | Summer 1   | Summer 2  |
| Writing<br>Core Texts                       | Title: Handa's Surprise Author: Eileen Browne  HANDAS SURPRISE  Title: Meerkat Mail Author: Emily Gravette  Article 22: Children who are refugees have the same rights. | Title: Grandad's Island Author: Benji Davies  | Title: Prince Cinders Author: Babette Cole  Prince Cinders  by Babette Cole  | Title: The Dragon Machine Author: Helen Ward  Dragon Machine  | Title: The Great Fire of London Author: Emma Adams .  Article 19: Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt.   | Title: Samson's Titanic Journey Author: Lauren Graham  Samson's Titanic Journey Article 19: Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt.                        |
| <b>Genres</b><br>Audience<br>and<br>Purpose | Entertain - Story Alternative story version. Shared with other Y2 class. Inform - African animal Fact File School display   | Entertain - Story Beginning and middle for school display. To advise - Letter Informing Grandad of the proposed changes to the shack to improve it. Performed in class. | Entertain - Setting description shared with peers. Entertain - Story Children are then asked to copy out their edited story in best handwriting in order to make a book of alternative Prince Cinder's story | Inform - A guide to<br>spotting dragons<br>around the school<br>Audience - Mr<br>Nicholson and the<br>governors visiting<br>our school. Class<br>book.<br>Entertain - Story<br>Resolution and | Inform - Recount of<br>the trip to the Tower<br>of London.<br>Class display<br>Published to take<br>home as Year 2<br>memory/record.<br>Entertain - Samuel<br>Pepys diary entry. | Entertain - Titanic<br>acrostic and<br>calligram poems<br>Performance in class.<br>Recorded on Ipads.<br>Inform - Non<br>chronological report<br>- Titanic.<br>Class display. |

|                                |   |  | endings. Share with<br>Year 3 and receive<br>audience feedback. | ending for school<br>display.          | Performed in class<br>and assembly.<br>History link. |                          |
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| Poetry                         | <ul> <li>Nut Tree by Julia Donaldson</li> <li>Pirate Pete by James Carter</li> <li>Instructions for Growing Poetry by Tony Mitton</li> </ul>              |  |   |  |  |                          |
|                                | <ul> <li>Instructions for Growing Poetry by Tony Mitton</li> <li>Hamster Man by Kate Wakeling</li> <li>The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear</li> </ul> |  |   |  |  |                          |
| Cross-<br>curricular<br>topics | Amazing Africa  | Bright Lights,Big City<br>Local History -<br>Valance House | The Royal Family –<br>Your Majesty                              | Knights and Castles<br>Tower of London | The Great Fire of<br>London                          | Let's Set Sail - Titanic |

|                                      |   |   | YEAR 3  |   |  |   |
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|                                      | Autumn 1  | Autumn 2  | Spring 1  | Spring 2  | Summer 1   | Summer 2  |
| Writing<br>Core Texts                | Title: The Tin Forest Author: Helen Ward  Tin Forest  Wydra Avdrago  Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health.                             | Title: The Day the Crayons Quit Author: Oliver Jeffers  Article 20: Every child has the right to be looked after by people who care | Title: The Egyptian Cinderella Author: Shirley Climo  THE EGYPTIAN CINDERELLA by Shirley Climo • Burusale by Ruth Heller  Article 2: All children have the same rights. | Title: Malala's Magic Pencil Author: Malala Yousafzai  MALALA YOUSAFZAI  Magic Pencil  Malala's  Malala's | Title: The Journey Author: Aaron Becker  JOURNEY Aaron Becker  | Title: Stop the Clock Author: Pippa Goodhart  Title: Zoo Author: Anthony Browne  Poetry collection  |
| Genres<br>Audience<br>and<br>Purpose | Inform - Rainforest<br>animal Fact File<br>Shared with peers and<br>collated to class book.<br>Entertain - Narrative<br>Writing a story ending -<br>School display. | Persuade - Letter Stay not leave - for school display Entertain - Diamante winter poems Performance in class and assembly           | Entertain - Alternative details Narrative Performed in class and assembly  Inform - Report Mummification process (science link)   | Inform - Diary Share with peers. Inform - Biography School display  | Entertain - Narrative - Sequel Class book, story Persuade - Advert Information leaflet following our visit to Colchester Zoo | Inform - recount Parents - Celebration evening Entertain - Free Verse poetry - FRUIT ETC Class book |

| Reading<br>text                | Guided Reading Carousel  | Title: The Whales<br>Song<br>Author: Dyan<br>Sheldon | Title: The Day the<br>Crayons Came Home<br>Author: Oliver Jeffers | Title: Ancient Egypt - Gods and Pharaohs Author: Marcia Williams | Title: Killer Cat Author: Anne Fine | Title: Leon and the Place Between Author:                          |
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| Poetry                         | <ul> <li>Maggie and Milly and Molly and May' by E.E. Cummings</li> <li>What is Pink? By Christina Rossetti</li> <li>Granny Is by Valerie Bloom</li> <li>Imagine the World by Moira Andrew</li> </ul> |  |   |  |                                     |  |
| Cross-<br>curricular<br>topics | Rainforest/<br>Deforestation<br>Plants (1)   | USA<br>Forces  | Egypt and the<br>Egyptians<br>Light                               | Egypt and the<br>Egyptians<br>Plants (2)                         | Stone Age to Iron<br>Age<br>Rocks   | Amazing Bodies -<br>Skeletons<br>Where does our food<br>come from? |

|   |   |  | YEAR 4   |  |   |   |
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|   | Autumn 1  | Autumn 2   | Spring 1   | Spring 2   | Summer 1  | Summer 2  |
| Writing<br>Core Text                        | Title: The adventures of the Dish and the Spoon Author: Mini Grey.  Article 29: Every child's education must develop their talents and abilities. | Title: Escape from Pompeii Author:  Article 19: Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt. | Title: Tell Me a Dragon Author: Jackie Morris  Jackie Morris Tell Mea Dragon                           | Title: One Plastic Bag Author: Isatou Cessay  ONE PLASTIC BAG  TARGET CALLS  ONE PLASTIC BAG  TARGET CALLS  Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. | Title: Mouse Bird Snake Wolf Author: David Almond David Almond Article 19: Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt. | Title: Tuesday Author: David Wiesner  Poetry Title: The Magic Box Author: Kit Wright      |
| <b>Genres</b><br>Audience<br>and<br>Purpose | Entertain - Sequel Change problem, resolution and ending Published in a book for the school library.  Entertain - Play script Perform to peers.   | Entertain - Story - Resolution for school display. Inform - Instructions Making emotion masks for Y1.      | Entertain - Poems Share poems with peers. Inform - Reports Dragonology book for school reception area. | Inform - Diary Shared with peers Persuade - Speech Deliver to SLT and record some for the school website.  | Entertain - Story sequel School display Inform - Explanation - New Machine - Dragons Den style pitch to explain.                      | Inform - Witness<br>statement - Role play<br>Entertain - Poetry<br>Magic Box<br>Take home |

| Reading              | MICHAEL MORPURGO  ACSODS  Fables  Fine Overhand thook of the Overh | Collins  My First Book of Earthquakes  Volcanoes  Title: My First Book of Earthquakes and Volcanoes  Author: Collins  Title: I Survived the Japanese Tsunami 2011 (Selected parts)  Author: Lauren Tarshis | Rhythm Rain  Title: The Rhythm of the Rain  Author: Grahame Baker-Smith  Poetry Title: The River  Author: Valerie Bloom | Title: Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters  Title: Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters  Author: John Steptoe | Ted Hughes the Iron Title: The Iron Man - Ted Hughes Author: Ted Hughes | New Text TBC   |
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| Poetry               | <ul> <li>The River by Val</li> </ul>   | v? by Christina Rossetti<br>erie Bloom<br>ople by Benjamin Zephania  | ah  |  |   |  |
| Cross-               | What impact did the  | Natural Disasters - How  | What can Archaeology  | tell us about the  | How has Dagenham  | Comparing London                                     |
| curricular<br>topics | Roman Empire have<br>on Britain  | Natural are they?<br>Sound   | Anglo-Saxons<br>States of Matter  |  | changed in the last<br>150 years?<br>Electricity                        | and a European city<br>Animals and their<br>habitats |

|                                      |  |  | YEAR 5   |  |  |  |
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|                                      | Autumn 1   | Autumn 2   | Spring 1   | Spring 2   | Summer 1   | Summer 2   |
| Writing<br>Core Texts                | Title: The Lost Thing Author: Shaun Tan  | Title: Wolves in the Wall Author: Neil Gaiman                                | Title: Romeo & Juliet Author: Andrew Matthes   | Title: The Promise Author: Nicola Davies   | Title: The Orchard Book of Greek Myths Author: Geraldine McCaughrean GREEK MYTHS   | Title: Baboon on the Moon  Video  Baboon on THE MOON   |
|                                      | Article 22: Children who are refugees have the same rights.  | Article 19: Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt.       | Article 12: Every child has the right to give their own opinions.  | Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health.   | THE PARTY OF THE P |  |
| Genres<br>Audience<br>and<br>Purpose | Entertain - Narrative with own Lost Thing Published in a book for the school reception area. Entertain - Letter from the Lost Thing Read to peers. | Inform - Diary Y5 display Inform - Non-chronological report Share with peers | Entertain - Playscript Act out. Entertain - Narrative - alternative ending in the style of the author. Published for school display. | Persuade - Debate Linked to a current /personal issue Persuade - Letter Letter sent to local MP or similar (2025 - condition of the local park). | Entertain -<br>Narrative - Myth<br>Read to another Y5<br>class/daily love of<br>reading.   | Inform - Survival Guide Survival Guide for Year 5 given to Year 4s. Entertain - Poem Write own inspirational poem after learning Mother to Son. Take home. |

| Reading                        | Flower Libb Halloring Gregory Rogers  Title: Way Home Author: Gregory Rogers   | Title: The Giant's Necklace Author: Michael Morpurgo | Title: Hidden Figures Author: Margot Lee Shetterly | Moon Juice Noon Juice Title: Moon Juice - Selected Poems Author: Kate Wakeling and Elina Braslina  Title: The Orchard Book of Greek Myths Author: Geraldine McCaughrean | PHILIP PULLMAN Clockwork of the Clockwork Author: Philip Pullman | New Text TBC   |  |  |
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| Poetry                         | <ul> <li>Mother to Son by Langston Hughes</li> <li>The Malfeasance by Alan Bold</li> <li>Haircut Rap by Valerie Bloom</li> </ul> |  |  |   |  |                |  |  |
| Cross-<br>curricular<br>topics | Raging Rivers<br>Living Things and Their<br>Habitats   | Crime and<br>Punishment<br>Forces                    | United Kingdom<br>and Brazil<br>Space              | United Kingdom<br>and Brazil<br>Materials and their<br>Properties   | Ancient Greece<br>Materials and their<br>Properties              | Ancient Greece |  |  |

| YEAR 6                               |   |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
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|                                      | Autumn Term   |   | Spring Term  |   | Summer Term  |  |  |  |
| Writing<br>Core Texts                | Title: Macbeth Author: Shakespeare  Song of the Witches by William Shakespeare                    | Title: Rose Blanche Author: Roberto Innocenti & Ian McEwan  Article 12: Every child has the right to give their own opinions.  Article 30: Every child has the right to practise their own religion | Title: Ice Trap (Alongside Shackleton's Journey) Author: Meredith Hooper  Article 19: Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt. | Title: Fantastic Beasts (Film by David Yeats)                                   | Title: Alma (Video) Author: Rodrigo Blaas  Article 19: Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt.  | Title: The Land of Neverbelieve Author: Norman Messenger  Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. |  |  |
| Genres<br>Audience<br>and<br>Purpose | Entertain - Suspense Description Build up to King Duncan's murder. Display.  Persuade - Macbeth's | Entertain - Diary Entry School Display  Entertain - Flashback narrative Share with peers  | Inform - Journalistic Report - recent discovery of Endurance Newsround style  Persuade - Debate about whether to go on the expedition            | Inform -<br>Non-Chronological<br>Report<br>My fantastic beast<br>Year 6 Display | Persuade -Letter to persuade the Shopkeeper to let Alma go. Read to another class to decide which argument is stronger. Entertain - narrative sequel from another character's perspective. | Persuade - Promotional Leaflet Entertain - Letter home Reporting on the islands. Letters read by Y4 pupils.                  |  |  |

|                      | defence  |  | Discuss - Balanced                                     |                             |   |                  |                                    |  |
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|                      | speech.  |  | Argument   |                             |   |                  |                                    |  |
| Reading text         | Skills Focus   | Title: The Viewer Author: Gary Crew  Poem: I Lost Cultures by Ijeoma Umebinyuo | Title: Friend or Foe Author: Michael Murpurgo          |                             | Poetry from around the world The Sea - James Reeves Everyone Comes from Somewhere - Michael Rosen |                  | R. J. Palacie'  YOU CAN T SLEND  N |  |
| Poetry               | <ul> <li>Song of the Witches William Shakespeare</li> <li>The Tyger by William Blake</li> <li>I Lost Cultures by Ijeoma Umebinyuo</li> <li>The Sea James Reeves</li> <li>Everyone Comes from Somewhere by Michael Rosen</li> </ul> |  |  |                             |   |                  |                                    |  |
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| Cross-               | ,  | d War II   | Polar Regions Polar Regions Continued The Ancient Maya |                             |   |                  |                                    |  |
| curricular<br>topics | vvolta vval ti   |  | r oldr neglolis  | / Evolution and inheritance |   | The Analene Waya |                                    |  |