

Gainford C of E Primary School

English Curriculum

Cycle 1: 2024-2025

Cycle 2: 2025-2026

(updated February 2025)



EYFS	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Rhymes and Songs Pre-School	Rhymes containing short sentences and/ or slower paced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humpty Dumpty • Baba Black Sheep • Twinkle Twinkle Little Star • Row, Row Row Your Boat • Rain, Rain Go Away • Pat A Cake • Little Miss Muffet • Star Light Star Bright • Jack And Jill • Polly Put The Kettle On 		Action Songs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush Your Teeth • Heads Shoulders Knees And Toes • If You're Happy And You Know It • Sleeping Bunnies • Dingle Dangle Scarecrow • Wind The Bobbin Up • The Farmer's In His Den 	Rhymes containing longer sentences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grand Old Duke Of York • This Little Piggy Went To Market • The Bear Went Over The Mountain • Down In The Jungle • Incy Wincy Spider • I'm A Little Teapot • The Wheels On The Bus • Old Mcdonald Had A Farm • Miss Molly Had A Dolly • Mary Had A Little Lamb 		Counting Songs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Little Speckled Frogs • 5 Little Ducks • 5 Little Men In A Flying Saucer • 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive • Two Little Dickie Birds • Three Blind Mice • 5 Current Buns • 5 Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed • One Finger One Thumb
Rhymes and Songs Reception	Recap Nursery Rhymes from Nursery Spring/Summer	Variation of songs from Nursery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinkle, Twinkle Chocolate Bar • Incy, Wincy Spider Climbed Up A Tree • Baa Baa Blue Sheep • 5 Little Monkeys Swinging From A Tree 	Counting Songs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,2, Buckle My Shoe • Ten Green Bottles • Ten In A Bed • 10 Fat Sausages • This Old Man • One Potato, Two Potato • Hickory Dickory Dock • One Finger, One Thumb 	Complex Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Mary, Quite Contrary • Goosy Goosy Gander • The Big Ship Sails • Dr Foster Went To Gloucester • I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly • Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush 	Cultural Songs and Rhymes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frere Jacques • Ring A Ring Of Roses • Hot Cross Buns • Are You Sleeping? • Oranges And Lemons • London Bridge Is Falling Down • The Animals Went In Two By Two • Jambo • Bobby Shaftoe's Gone To Sea 	

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<p>Story Time Texts Pre-School Linked to EYFS topics</p>	<p><u>People Who Help Us/ Autumn</u> We're Going on a Leaf Hunt, Fletcher's Leaves, Autumn, The Leaf Man, Books about Harvest, Nursery Rhymes</p>	<p><u>Winter Wonderland</u> Lost and Found, Little Penguin Lost, The Not So Brave Penguin, Be Brave Little Penguin, The Snowman,</p>	<p><u>Our World and Beyond</u> Aliens Love Underpants Seven ways to Catch A Moon The Smeds and Snoods Goodnight Spaceman Zoom Rocket Zoom, How to Catch a Star The Way Back Home On the Moon Whatever Next Chinese New Year</p>	<p><u>All the Colours of the Rainbow</u> The Rainbow Fish The Colour Monster, Elmer Little Red Riding Hood, Mouse Paint Matisse's Magical Snail Noah's Ark Bears Love Colour</p>	<p><u>Once Upon a Time</u> Billy Goats Gruff Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Beware of the Bears), The Magic Porridge Pot (The Magic Pasta Pot), The Little Red Hen, Jack and the Beanstalk</p>	<p><u>The Garden of Life</u> The Tiny Seed Oliver's Vegetables Kipper's Beanstalk Peter Rabbit Superworm My Garden Harry's Garden Yucky Worms The Very Hungry Caterpillar Jack and the Beanstalk</p>
<p>Story Time Texts Reception Linked to EYFS topics</p>	<p><u>People Who Help Us/ Autumn</u> Funny Bones The Mega Magic Hair Swap Only One You All Kinds of People Happy in Our Skin The Name Jar Whoever you are What happened to you? Super Duper You! Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go Pumpkin Soup Autumn / Ourselves / People Who Help Us – Topic Box including non-fiction DLR</p>	<p><u>Winter Wonderland</u> Polar Express Christmas Jolly Postman Stick Man The Great Explorer Papa Penguin The Snowflake Time to Move South for Winter I Definitely Don't Like Winter Winter / Christmas– Topic Box including non-fiction DLR</p>	<p><u>Our World and Beyond</u> Whatever Next! Q Pootle5 How to Catch a Star The Way Back Home Rain Before Rainbows Astro Girl Look Up Beegu Neil Armstrong Mae Jemison Counting on Katherine Here We Are One Giant Leap Man on the Moon Space – Topic Box including non-fiction DLR</p>	<p><u>All the Colours of the Rainbow</u> The Colour Monster The Day the Crayons Quit (series) The Crayons' Book of Colours Brown Bear Brown Bear Mixed Elmer and the Rainbow How to Catch a Rainbow How Do You Make a Rainbow? The World Made a Rainbow Colours, Colours Everywhere Colour / Chinese New Year / Spring –Topic Box including non-fiction DLR</p>	<p><u>Once Upon a Time</u> On the Way Home You Choose Fairy Tales Traditional Tales – Goldilocks / The 3 Little Pigs / The 3 Billy Goats Gruff / The Gingerbread Man / The Little Red Hen / Chicken Licken / The Princess and the Pea etc. The Tiger Who Came to Tea The Great Fairy tale Disaster Mixed Up Fairy Tales Traditional Tales / Rhymes - Topic Box DLR</p>	<p><u>The Garden of Life</u> Jack and the Beanstalk Jim and the Beanstalk The Enormous Turnip Oliver's Vegetables / Fruit Salad Grandpa's Garden Eco Girl The Secret Sky Garden I am the Seed that Grew the Tree The Tiny Seed The Very Hungry Caterpillar Growing Frogs Plants / Minibeasts / Lifecycles / Summer – Topic Box including non-fiction DLR</p>

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Reception & Year 1 Texts / Writing Units	The Way Back Home Narrative - Story	Firework Night Poetry	Malala’s Magic Pencil Non-fiction Biography	Handa’s Surprise Narrative – Story	Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk Traditional tale with a twist	How to Catch a Star Narrative - Story
	Binny’s Diwali Narrative - Celebrations	Last Stop on Market Street Narrative - Story	Pinocchio Narrative – Traditional Tale	Perfectly Norman Narrative – Story	Lost and Found Narrative – Story	On Sudden Hill Narrative – Story
Guided Reading Texts (Y1 &Y2)	Toby and the Great Fire of London	Rooster Wore Skinny Jeans	The Storm Whale	Hansel and Gretel	The Secret Sky Garden	Prince Cinders
Story Time Texts	The Giraffe and The Pelly and Me	The Wind in the Willows	Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet	Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure	The Big Book of the Blue	The Bad Guys
	Stars with Flaming Tails	All the Best (Poetry)			The Boy Who Grew Dragons	Michael Rosen's Book of Very Silly Poems

Cycle 2 2025-2026	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Yr 1 & Y2 Texts / Writing Units	<p>Stardust Narrative - Story</p> <p>Our Trip to the Woods Non-fiction - Recount</p>	<p>Strange Comic Poetry</p> <p>The Bear and the Piano Narrative-Adventure</p>	<p>Seasons Non-fiction Information text</p> <p>The Crow's Tale Narrative – Fable</p>	<p>Neil Armstrong or Grace Darling Non-Fiction – Biography</p> <p>Little Red Reading Hood Traditional tale with a twist</p>	<p>Plants Non-fiction</p> <p>'If I were in charge of the World' Poetry</p> <p>The Day the Crayons Quit Non-fiction – Persuasive Letter</p>	<p>George and the Dragon Narrative - Legend</p> <p>In My Heart Non-fiction – Lyrical Explanation</p> <p>Habitats Non-fiction – Non-chronological report</p>
Guided Reading Texts (Y1 &Y2)	Ruby's Worries	A Squash and a Squeeze	Ada Twist, Scientist	Meerkat Mail	Claude in the City	Flat Stanley
Story Time Texts	<p>Amazing Grace</p> <p>Boys Dance</p> <p>Coming to England</p>	<p>The Snowman (Michael Morpurgo)</p>	<p>Einstein the Penguin</p> <p>The Invisible</p>	<p>Gregory Cool</p> <p>Island Born</p> <p>Poems Aloud</p>	<p>An Alien in the Jam Factory</p> <p>There's a Bear in my Chair & There's a Mouse in my House</p>	<p>Clean Up!</p> <p>If All the World Were</p> <p>Greta and the Giants</p> <p>Dear Greenpeace</p>

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Y2, Y3 & Y4 Texts / Writing Units	The Last Bear Narrative – Adventure The Wizards of Once Non-Fiction- Explanation	Feast Narrative – Story An Alternative to Plastic Straws Non-Fiction Persuasive Advert Literacy Shed – Christmas Unit	Wolves in the Walls Narrative – Suspense The Street Beneath my Feet Non- Fiction – Explanation	The Magic Paintbrush Narrative – Traditional Tale Grace Darling Non-Fiction – Biography	Theseus & the Minotaur Narrative – Myth The Colour Collector Poetry	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Narrative – Adventure Earthquakes Non-Fiction – Non- Chronological Report
Guided Reading Texts (Y3 &Y4)	Jim and the Beanstalk	The Velveteen Rabbit Literacy Shed – Christmas VIPERS	Arthur and the Golden Rope	Comprehension Ninja – Non-fiction texts	Comprehension Ninja – Variety of Text Types	Glog
Story Time Texts (Y3 &Y4)	Fortunately the Milk	The Puffin Keeper	The Nothing to See Here Hotel	Oscar’s Lion	Charlotte’s Web	

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Y3 & Y4 Texts / Writing Units	The Secret of Black Rock Narrative – Adventure	Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp Narrative – Traditional Tale	The Blue Umbrella Narrative – Romance	The Great Chocoplot Narrative – Mystery	Stone Age Boy Narrative – Story	The Princess and the Pea Narrative – Traditional tale
	Nikola Tesla Non-Fiction – Biography	Christmas Dessert Social Media Post Non-Fiction – Persuasive Post Literacy Shed – Christmas Unit	Skeletons and Muscles Non-Fiction – Non-Chronological Report	The Creature Non-Fiction – Newspaper Report	Still, I Rise Poetry	Should we feed animals at National Parks? Non-Fiction – Non-Balanced Argument
Guided Reading Texts (Y3 &Y4)	A Bear Called Paddington	Comprehension Ninja Non-Fiction Focus	How to Train Your Dragon	The Proudest Blue	Comprehension Ninja – Variety of Text Types	My Name is Not Refugee
Story Time Texts (Key Stage 2)	The Night We Got Stuck in a Story		Shadow Fox	Fairy Tales Gone Bad	The Girl Who Stole an Elephant	

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Y5 & Y6 Texts / Writing Units	Gorilla <i>Narrative - Story</i> David Attenborough <i>Non-Fiction – Biography</i>	The Graveyard Book <i>Narrative – Mystery</i> Letter to Scrooge <i>Non-Fiction – Persuasive Letter</i>	The Explorer <i>Narrative – Adventure</i> Moth <i>Poetry</i>	Goldilocks <i>Non-Fiction – Newspaper Report</i> The Nowhere Emporium <i>Narrative – Mystery</i>	The Highway Man <i>Poetry</i> Everest <i>Non-Fiction – Non- Chronological</i>	I Believe in Unicorns <i>Narrative - Story</i> Letters from the Lighthouse <i>Non-Fiction – Recount</i>
Guided Reading Texts (Y5 &Y6)	Floodland	Macbeth	Comprehension Ninja / CGP – Variety of Text Types		Holes	
Story Time Texts (Key Stage 2)	The Puffin Keeper	A Christmas Carol	A Pinch of Magic		There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom	

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<p>Y5 & Y6 Texts / Writing Units</p>	<p>Zoo Narrative - Fantasy</p> <p>Refugees Non-Fiction – Speech</p> <p>One Small Step Narrative - Adventure</p>	<p>Mars Transmission Non-Fiction – Journal</p> <p>The Snowman Narrative – Story</p> <p>Literacy Shed – Christmas Unit</p>	<p>The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore Narrative – Fantasy</p> <p>Hatesphut Egypt Non-Fiction - Biography</p>	<p>A Monster Calls Narrative – Horror</p> <p>Alma – Literacy Shed Unit Narrative</p>	<p>Emperor Penguins Non-Fiction – Non- Chronological Report</p> <p>Hope-o-potamus Poetry</p> <p>Hansel and Gretel Narrative – Traditional Tales</p>	<p>The Extraordinary Life of Rosa Parks Non-Fiction – Biography</p> <p>The Journey Narrative - Story</p>
<p>Guided Reading Texts (Y5 &Y6)</p>	<p>Cool</p>	<p>A Series of Unfortunate Events</p>	<p>Comprehension Ninja / CGP – Variety of Text Types</p>		<p>Boy at the Back of the Class</p>	
<p>Story Time Texts (Key Stage 2)</p>	<p>Woof</p>	<p>Cloud Busting</p>	<p>When Life Gives You Mangoes</p>		<p>Mystery of the Night Watchers</p>	