

Gainford C of E Primary School English Curriculum



Reception (one-year cycle) and **Key Stage 1** (two-year cycle)

Cycle 1: 2024-2025

Cycle 2: 2025-2026



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Cycle 1 2024-2025 Texts / Writing Units (Following plans from Literacy Shed)	Time For School	Funnybones	The Way Back Home	The Proudest Blue	Jack and the Beanstalk	Rosie’s Walk
	The Gruffalo	Binny’s Diwali	The Dinosaur that Pooped the Planet	Brown Bear	The Three Little Pigs	Dear Zoo
	Oi Frog	Lost and Found	The Circles All Around	Elmer in the Wind	There’s a Dragon in your Book	Supertato
Cycle 2 2025-2026 Texts / Writing Units (Following plans from Literacy Shed)	Where’s My Teddy?	Room on a Broom	How to Catch a Star	Elmer (1w)	Goldilocks	Handa’s Surprise
	Tiddler	Owl Babies	The Marvellous Moon Map	The Rainbow Fish	Little Red Riding Hood	The Hungry Caterpillar
	Humpty Dumpty	Stickman	Whatever Next	Beginning with Blue (1w)	The Last Wolf	Jasper’s Beanstalk (1w)
				Hot Cross Bun (1w)		Once upon a Raindrop
				Easter Story (1w)		
Story Time Texts (Reception) Linked to EYFS topics	<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	<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	<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	<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	<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	<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

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Rhymes and Songs Age 3-4	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 Muffett • 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 your 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 • Baba 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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Yr 1 & Y2 Texts / Writing Units	The Way Back Home Narrative - Story	Firework Night Poetry	Malala's Magic Pencil Non-fiction Biography	Big Cats Non-Fiction – Non-chronological report	The Train Ride Narrative - Story	The Flower Narrative - Story
	Binny's Diwali Narrative - Celebrations	Last Stop on Market Street Narrative - Story	Pinocchio Narrative – Traditional Tale	JoJo and GranGran Narrative Adventure Story	When I am by Myself Rhyming Poetry	Song of the Sea Narrative - Myth
		Ice-Planet Adventure Park Non-Fiction – Persuasive Leaflet			Toys from the Past Non-fiction - Report	Grandma Bird Non-fiction – Letter
Guided Reading Texts (Y1 &Y2)	A Squash and a Squeeze	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 Stars with Flaming Tails	The Wind in the Willows All the Best (Poetry)	Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet	Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure	The Big Book of the Blue The Boy Who Grew Dragons	The Bad Guys 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	Stardust <i>Narrative - Story</i> Our Trip to the Woods <i>Non-fiction - Recount</i>	Strange <i>Comic Poetry</i> The Bear and the Piano <i>Narrative-Adventure</i>	Seasons <i>Non-fiction Information text</i> The Crow's Tale <i>Narrative – Fable</i>	Neil Armstrong or Grace Darling <i>Non-Fiction – Biography</i> Little Red Reading Hood <i>Traditional tale with a twist</i>	Plants <i>Non-fiction</i> 'If I were in charge of the World' <i>Poetry</i> The Day the Crayons Quit <i>Non-fiction – Persuasive Letter</i>	George and the Dragon <i>Narrative - Legend</i> In My Heart <i>Non-fiction – Lyrical Explanation</i> Habitats <i>Non-fiction – Non-chronological report</i>
Guided Reading Texts (Y1 &Y2)	Toby and the Great Fire of London	Eliot – Midnight Superhero or Badger's Parting Gift	Ruby's Worries or I'll Take You to Mrs Cole	Flat Stanley	Meerkat Mail or How to Hide a Lion	Ada Twist, Scientist
Story Time Texts	Amazing Grace Boys Dance Coming to England	The Snowman (Michael Morpurgo)	An Alien in the Jam Factory The Invisible	Gregory Cool Island Born Poems Aloud	Charlotte's Web Revolting Rhymes	Clean Up! If All the World Were Greta and the Giants Dear Greenpeace