

Gainford C of E Primary School

English Curriculum

Year 1 – Year 6

Cycle 1: 2026-2027

Cycle 2: 2025-2026

(updated January 2026)



Cycle 1 2026-2027	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Yr 1 & Y2 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
		Ice-Planet Adventure Park Non-Fiction – Persuasive Leaflet			The Rainbow Fish Narrative – Story	If Sharks Disappeared Non-fiction – Report
Guided Reading Texts (Y1 &Y2)	Toby and the Great Fire of London	From Our Family to Yours (Animation) Disney Christmas 2020	The Great Race – Story of the Chinese Zodiac	The Storm Whale	The Day the Crayons Quit	I’ll Take you to Mrs Cole
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	Grandad’s Island Narrative - Story	Jo Jo and Gran Gran Narrative	The Crow’s Tale Narrative – Fable	Neil Armstrong or Grace Darling Non-Fiction – Biography	Plants Non-fiction	George and the Dragon Narrative - Legend
	Our Trip to the Woods Non-fiction - Recount	The Bear and the Piano Narrative- Adventure	Seasons Non-fiction Information text	Little Red Reading Hood Traditional tale with a twist	‘If I were in charge of the World’ Poetry	In My Heart Non-fiction – Lyrical Explanation
		Christmas Poetry			The Day the Crayons Quit Non-fiction – Persuasive Letter	Habitats Non-fiction – Non- chronological report
Guided Reading Texts (Y1 &Y2)	Ruby’s Worries	A Squash and a Squeeze	Beegu	Meerkat Mail	Lila and the Secret of Rain	Flat Stanley
Story Time Texts	Amazing Grace Boys Dance Coming to England	The Snowman (Michael Morpurgo)	Einstein the Penguin The Invisible	Gregory Cool Island Born Poems Aloud	An Alien in the Jam Factory There’s a Bear in my Chair & There’s a Mouse in my House	Clean Up! If All the World Were Greta and the Giants Dear Greenpeace

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Y3 & Y4 Texts / Writing Units	<p>The Last Bear Narrative – Adventure</p> <p>The Wizards of Once Non-Fiction- Explanation</p>	<p>Feast Narrative – Story</p> <p>An Alternative to Plastic Straws Non-Fiction Persuasive Advert</p> <p>Literacy Shed – Christmas Unit</p>	<p>Wolves in the Walls Narrative – Suspense</p> <p>The Street Beneath my Feet Non- Fiction – Explanation</p>	<p>Theseus and the Minotaur Narrative – Myth</p> <p>Grace Darling Non-Fiction – Biography</p>	<p>The Magic Paintbrush Narrative – Traditional Tale</p> <p>The Colour Collector Poetry</p>	<p>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Narrative – Adventure</p> <p>Earthquakes Non-Fiction – Non- Chronological Report</p>
Guided Reading Texts (Y3 &Y4)	<p>Jim and the Beanstalk</p>	<p>The Velveteen Rabbit</p> <p>Literacy Shed – Christmas VIPERS</p>	<p>The Firework Maker’s Daughter</p>	<p>Comprehension Ninja – Non-fiction texts</p>	<p>Comprehension Ninja – Variety of Text Types</p>	<p>Glog</p>

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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 Journey Narrative - Adventure	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	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	Flat Stanley – Great Egyptian Grave Robbery	The Hodgeheg	Comprehension Ninja – Variety of Text Types	Leon and the Place Between

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Y5 & Y6 Texts / Writing Units	Gorilla Narrative - Story David Attenborough Non-Fiction – Biography	The Graveyard Book Narrative – Mystery Letter to Scrooge Non-Fiction – Persuasive Letter	The Explorer Narrative – Adventure Moth Poetry	Everest Non-Fiction – Non- Chronological The Nowhere Emporium Narrative – Mystery	Goldilocks Non-Fiction – Newspaper Report	I Believe in Unicorns Narrative - Story Letters from the Lighthouse Non-Fiction – Recount
Guided Reading Texts (Y5 &Y6)	Floodland	Macbeth	Comprehension Ninja / CGP – Variety of Text Types		Holes	

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Y5 & Y6 Texts / Writing Units	Zoo Narrative - Fantasy Refugees Non-Fiction – Speech One Small Step Narrative - Adventure	Mars Transmission Non-Fiction – Journal The Snowman Narrative – Story Literacy Shed – Christmas Unit	The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore Narrative – Fantasy Hatesphut Egypt Non-Fiction - Biography	A Monster Calls Narrative – Horror Alma – Literacy Shed Unit Narrative	Emperor Penguins Non-Fiction – Non- Chronological Report The Highway Man Poetry Hansel and Gretel Narrative – Traditional Tales	The Extraordinary Life of Rosa Parks Non-Fiction – Biography The Journey Narrative - Story
Guided Reading Texts (Y5 &Y6)	Shadow or Cool	Viking Boy or A Series of Unfortunate Events	Comprehension Ninja / CGP – Variety of Text Types		Boy at the Back of the Class	

Story Time Texts (Key Stage 2)	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Cycle A 2025-2026	The Night Bus Hero	North and the Only One	Mystery of the Night Watchers
Cycle B 2026-2027	The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe	A Pinch of Magic	Wonder
Cycle C 2027-2028	Oliver Twist	The Nothing to See Here Hotel & Fairytale Gone Bad	Rumaysa
Cycle D 2028-2029	The Puffin Keeper & Fortunately the Milk	No Ballet Shoes in Syria	The Night I Got Stuck in a Story