

# Suggested Mixed Age Curriculum Map – Year 3/4 Cycle A



### Theme/ **Term**

**Planning** Spelling Seed Text

Length

**Outcomes** 

**Literary Leaf** Text

Length

The Lost Spells Robert MacFarlane

Winter's Child

11 sessions, 2+ weeks

Postcards (recount), dialogue, setting

descriptions as letters, retellings

Fantasy story sequels

Angela McAllister

Persuasive posters, setting descriptions,

Leon and the Place

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Between Angela McAllister

Own version fantasy narratives

thought bubbles/diaries, dialogue



10 sessions, 2 weeks

Magic & mystery - Autumn 1



The Heart and the Bottle Oliver Jeffers

Own version 'dilemma' narratives

Hope & healing - Spring 1

Pompeii

Escape from

Christina Balit

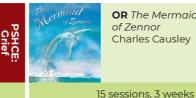
16 sessions, 3+ weeks

Setting descriptions, diaries, letters,

**Newspaper reports** 

thought bubbles

Character descriptions, narrative



of Zennor Charles Causley

Own version legends

Information booklets, retelling from a different perspective, letters, tourist guides updates, dialogue

Arthur and the Golden Rope Joe Todd Stanton

15 sessions, 3 weeks

## **Dreams & desires - Autumn 2**



Roald Dahl

15 sessions, 3 weeks



discussions

Carol Ann Duffy

10 sessions, 2 weeks

Letters of explanation



**OR** FArTHER Grahame Baker Smith

15 sessions, 3 weeks

**Sequel stories** Shared poems, persuasive posters,

Retellings, recounts (postcards), setting descriptions, diary entries, instructions

The RFG Roald Dahl

Own version fantasy narratives

Recount (diary entry), character

chapters, instructions

descriptions, wanted posters, new

New and Collected Poems for Children Carol Ann Duffv

10 sessions, 2 weeks

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The Firework Maker's Daughter Philip Pullman

14 sessions, 2+ weeks



Robin Jacobs



Earth Shattering Events





**OR** The Last Garden

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Rachel Ip

Own version extended narrative

media updates, dialogue

Setting descriptions, advertisement/

poster, retelling, instructional flyer, social

15 sessions, 3 weeks 16 sessions, 3+ weeks

# Overcoming adversity – Spring 2



Monkeys Mal Peet & Elspeth Graham

Letters from the Lighthouse

Jim, A Cautionary Tale

Hilaire Belloc

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Emma Carroll

Non-chronological reports

Descriptions, 'how to' guides

(instructions), letters.

discussions



15 sessions, 3 weeks

**OR** The Lion and the Unicorn **Shirley Hughes** 

18 sessions, 3+ weeks

Own historical narratives

setting descriptions, non-

chronological reports

Letters, diaries, character and



Africa, Amazing

Pride & downfall - Summer 2

**Rob Sanders** 

10 sessions, 2 weeks

Pride: The Story of Harvey

Milk and the Rainbow Flag

Africa

Atinuke

Cinderella of the Nile Beverley Naidoo

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Own version narratives

Descriptive passages, how to

guides, letters, discussions,

non-chronological reports



Jenny Offil

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Own traditional tales

Short news reports, diaries, character descriptions.

How Does a Lighthouse Work? Roman Belyaev

**OR** The Legend of Sally Jones

12 sessions, 2+ weeks

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Jakob Wegelius

**Further adventure narratives** 

16 sessions, 3+ weeks

Birth certificates, letters, books of tricks,

newspapers, adverts, diaries, leaflets,

telegrams, booklets, goodbye notes

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# From mystery to discovery - Summer 1



The Mysteries of Harris Burdick Chris Van Allsberg

15 sessions, 3 weeks

descriptions (atmospheric descriptions).

Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Own version mystery narratives

Alex T. Smith

Diary entries, dialogue, setting

captions and titles



instructions

How to Live Forever Colin Thompson

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Lost posters, letter of warnings,

character and setting descriptions,



I am the Seed that Grew the Tree

**OR** The Story of Tutankhamun Patricia Cleveland-



15 sessions, 3 weeks

**Tutankhamun Biographies** Reports, instructions, character descriptions, diaries, newspaper, posters

Joan Aiken



Two Weeks with the Queen

Morris Gleitzman

A Necklace of Raindrops

10 sessions, 2 weeks

Warning posters, alternative endings,

performance poetry, letter of apology

**Biographies of Harvey Milk** 

Thought bubbles, speech, simple

14 sessions, 2+ weeks 16 sessions, 3+ weeks

12 sessions, 2+ weeks

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# Suggested Mixed Age Curriculum Map – Year 3/4 Cycle B



**OR** The Iron Man

15 sessions, 3 weeks

**OR** The Matchbox Diary

Paul Fleischman

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Dialogue, diary entry, re-telling (oral

dictation), mini-autobiography, fact file

Ted Hughes

Character descriptions, short news

descriptive devices), poetry

reports, letters of advice, menus (using

Mystery narratives

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Own version playscripts

Tar Beach

Faith Ringgold

20 sessions, 4 weeks

Character descriptions, formal letters.

book reviews, dialogue (direct speech),

Undefeated Kwame Alexander

Joseph Coelho

15 sessions, 3 weeks

# Imagination & freedom - Autumn 1



**Explanations** 

Helen Ward

Descriptive comparisons, retellings,

setting descriptions, poetry

16 sessions, 3+ weeks



Mordicai Gerstein

**OR** The First Drawing

10 sessions, 2 weeks

Own historical narratives Character descriptions, diaries, recounts

descriptions

The Story of Flight Jakob Whitfields

Black Dog

Own version 'suspense' narratives

Postcards, dialogue, retellings,

Levi Pinfold

15 sessions, 3 weeks

12 sessions, 2+ weeks

Helen Ward

10 sessions, 2 weeks

Persuasive posters, information leaflets.

Persuasive information leaflets

postcards, diaries, wishes, setting

Invention & transformation – Autumn 2

Roger McGough

and Chris Riddell

10 sessions, 2 weeks

Two explanation texts - formal

Letters, short explanatory paragraphs

Taking courage - Spring 2

Odd and the Frost

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Giants

Neil Gaiman

**Retellings - alternative perspective** 

Narrative recounts, character and

setting descriptions, letters, short

explanations

and informal

The Wild Robot Peter Brown

15 sessions, 3 weeks

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Robert Browning



The Pied Piper of Hamelin

10 sessions, 2 weeks

The Humans: Ancient civilisations

Jashinder Bilan

Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

15 sessions, 3 weeks

# Leaders & followers - Spring 1



15 sessions, 3 weeks

Own version myths/legends

adverts, formal letters

Writing in role, information reports.

The Pied Piper of Hamelin Michael Morpurgo



The Selfish Giant Oscar Wilde

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Own version narratives about kindness

Letters, first person recounts, diaries,

letters, posters, reports



15 sessions, 3 weeks

**OR** Cinnamon Neil Gaiman



16 sessions, 3+ weeks

Own version mythical tales

Diaries, informal letters, dialogue, adverts, limericks and other poetic forms

descriptions

Viking Voyagers Jack Tite

15 sessions, 3 weeks



Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats T. S. Eliot

12 sessions, 2+ weeks

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Jonny Marx

# **Exploration & discovery - Summer 1**



Retelling, character

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Non-chronological reports

description, book review

Weslandia Fleischman



**OR** Jonathan Swift's Gulliver Martin **Jenkins** 

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Imagined land narratives

persuasive leaflets, log book

Character description.

informative posters,



Flotsam David Wiesner

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Sequels (mystery narratives)

Setting descriptions, narrative

Alex Bell

retellings, non-chronological

reports, letters (informal)



**OR** Shackleton's Journey William Grill

15 sessions, 3 weeks

Newspaper reports

Packing lists (justifications). letters (formal and informal). interviews, diaries

The Polar Bear Explorers' Club

17 sessions, 3+ weeks

# Fantasy worlds - Summer 2



The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe C. S. Lewis



Jabberwocky Lewis Carroll

10 sessions, 2 weeks



**OR** The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish Neil Gaiman

20 sessions, 4 weeks

Own version narratives (set in other worlds)

Poems, eyewitness reports, an imaginary conversations, writing in role

Nonsense poems

Performance poetry, explanatory descriptions

Own version narratives

Thought bubbles, missing scenes, diaries

12 sessions, 2+ weeks



The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe C. S. Lewis

20 sessions, 4 weeks



Fortunately, the Milk

12 sessions, 2+ weeks

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