Subject on a page overview for English

Cycles 1 and 2 are shown for each mixed-age class. Some unit topics may change in order to link with other curriculum topics being learnt or in response to the needs of particular cohorts, however all age-related writing genres and skills will be covered within the two-year cycle. Grammar skills and knowledge are interwoven throughout applicable topics and writing genres, as well as through the teaching of discrete grammar lessons.

Starling Class (Year 1&2)

Cycle 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Narrative	Traditional tales and fairy	Contemporary fiction reflecting	Traditional tales and fairy
	tales	children's own experiences	tales
Non-fiction	Using labels, lists and	Report	Report
	captions in an explanation		
	text		
	Recount	Instructions	Explanations
Poetry	Rhyming couplets	Calligrams (shape poems)	Poet study

Cycle 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Narrative	Stories with predictable	Stories with recurring literary	Traditional tales and fairy
	phrasing	language	tales
Non-fiction	Using labels, lists and captions in an explanation text	Report	Instructions
	Recount		Explanations
Poetry	Rhyming couplets	Calligrams (shape poems)	Poet study

Kingfisher Class (Year 3&4)

Cycle 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Narrative	Traditional tales – fables	Traditional tales – alternative	Adventure stories and story
	Play scripts	fairy tales	settings
Non-fiction	Non-chronological report	Letters – formal and informal	Explanations
	Instructions	Recount	Persuasive writing
Poetry	Free verse	Free verse	Poet study
	Kennings	Haikus	

Cycle 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Narrative	Traditional tales – myths and	Play scripts	Stories from other cultures
	legends	Story settings	
Non-fiction	Persuasive writing	Report	Non-chronological report
	Instructions		Explanation
Poetry	Free verse	Free verse	Poet study
		Traditional poems	

Sandpiper Class (Year 5&6)

Cycle 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Narrative	Mixed genre (e.g. science- fiction, historical adventure, suspense mystery)	Literary heritage/classic	Traditional tales – myths
Non-fiction	Report	Recount	Non-fiction writing outcomes based on current event
	Discussion Explanation	Persuasive writing	Non-chronological report
Poetry	Free verse Cinquain	Spoken word poetry	Poet study

Cycle 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Narrative	Mixed genre (e.g. science-	Literary heritage/classic	Fiction writing based on
	fiction, historical adventure,		visual literacy
	suspense mystery)		
Non-fiction	Explanation	Persuasive writing	Non-fiction writing
	Recount	Discussion	outcomes based on current
			event
	Report		Instructions

Poetry	Vocabulary building and	Monologues	Poet study
	poetic structure of choice		