The Literary Curriculum Year 3 Thematic Overview

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Theme/Term	Magic & wonder Autumn 1		Dreams & curiosity Autumn 2	
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Leon and the Place Between Angela McAllister	OR The First Drawing Mordical Gerstein Stone Age	The BFG Roald Dahl	The Tin Forest Helen Ward Author link – Y2 The Dragon Machine Recycling
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	10 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 4 weeks	10 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Own version fantasy narratives FICTION Persuasive posters, setting descriptions, thought bubbles/diaries, dialogue	Own historical narratives FICTION Character descriptions, diaries, recounts	Own version fantasy narratives FICTION Recount (diary entry), character descriptions, wanted posters, new chapters, instructions	Persuasive information leaflets NON-FICTION Persuasive posters, information leaflets, postcards, diaries, wishes, setting descriptions
Literary Leaf Text	The Lost Spells Robert MacFarlane FICTIONPoetry	Arthur and the Golden Rope Joe Todd Stanton FICTION	The BFG Roald Dahl FICTION	New and Collected Poems for Children Carol Ann Duffy FICTIONPoetry
Length	10 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 Sessions, 4 weeks	10 Sessions, 3 weeks
Theme/Term	Disaster, hope & healing Spring 1		Overcoming adversity Spring 2	
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	The Pied Piper of Hamelin Michael Morpurgo HAMELIN	Escape from Pompeii Christina Balit Rome POMPEII Christina Balit	Cloud Tea Monkeys Mal Peet CLOUD TEA MONKEYS RANWINGARD	Sparky Jenny Offil Sparky!
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	16 sessions, 3+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Own version myths/legends FICTION Writing in role, information reports, adverts, formal letters	Newspaper reports NON-FICTION Setting descriptions, diaries, letters, thought bubbles	Non-chronological reports NON-FICTION Descriptions, 'how to' guides (instructions), letters, discussions	Own traditional tales FICTION Short news reports, diaries, character descriptions, adverts
Literary Leaf Text	The Pied Piper of Hamelin Robert Browning FICTIONPoetry	Earth Shattering Events Robin Jacobs NON-FICTION	Africa, Amazing Africa Atinuke NON-FICTION Author link – Y2 Too Small Tola	
Length	10 sessions, 2 weeks	15 Sessions – 3 weeks	15 Sessions, 3 weeks	
Theme/Term	From mystery to discovery Summer 1		Confidence & caution Summer 2	
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	The Mysteries of Harris Burdick Chris Van Allsberg	How to Live Forever Colin Thompson	The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish Neil Gaiman The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish Neil Gaiman	The Legend of Sally Jones Jakob Wegelius
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	12 sessions, 3 weeks	16 sessions, 3+ weeks
Outcomes	Own version mystery narratives FICTION Diary entries, dialogue, setting descriptions (atmospheric descriptions), captions and titles	Prequels FICTION Lost posters, letter of warnings, character and setting descriptions, instructions	Own version narratives FICTION Thought bubbles, missing scenes, diaries	Further adventure narratives FICTION Birth certificates, letters, books of tricks, newspapers, adverts, diaries, leaflets, telegrams, booklets, goodbye notes
	Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure Alex T. Smith FICTION		Fortunately, the Milk Neil Gaiman	A Necklace of Raindrops Joan Aiken
Literary Leaf Text			FICTION	FICTION