The Literary Curriculum Year 1 Thematic Overview

Theme/Term	Journeys & exploration Autumn 1			Heroes & villains Autumn 2	
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Julia Donaldson Emily Gravitt Cave Baby Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett Author link – YR The Magic Paintbrush	ASTRO GIRL ASTRO GIRL Max	Naughty Bus Jan Oke and Jerry Oke	WANT MY HAT BACK JON KLASSEN I Want My Hat Back Jon Klassen	SEND FOR A Superhero Michael Rosen & Katharine McEwan
Length	10+ sessions, 2+weeks	11 sessions, 2+ weeks	16 sessions 1weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Narrative retellings FICTION Labels and captions, informal letters	NON-FICTION	Own adventure stories FICTION Letters, diaries, sequels, non-chronological reports	Story sequels FICTION Questions, speech bubbles, letters, lists	Own version superhero narratives FICTION Wanted posters, letters, speech bubbles, diaries, emails, character descriptions
Theme/Term	Similarities & differences Spring 1			Nature & environment Spring 2	
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	BEEGU Alexis Deacon Author link – YR Henry Finch		Leo and the Octopus Isabelle Marinov	Stanley's Stick John Hegley STANLEY'S Keal Layton	The Sea Saw Tom Percival Tom Percival Tom Percival Tom Percival
Length	10 sessions, 2 weeks 15 sessions, 3 v		veeks	11 sessions, 2+ weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Own version 'alien' narratives FICTION Descriptions, commands, letters, nonsense-word dictionary, poems, non-fiction reports Fact file NON-This is Me! poster logbooks, scripts		ers, letters of advice, factual descriptions,	Own version narratives FICTION Retellings, descriptions	Own version narrative FICTION Writing in role; notes of advice; missing posters; diary entries; letters of thanks
Theme/Term	Friendship & kindness Summer 1		Imagination & creativity Summer 2		
Planning Sequence/ Spelling Seed Text	Lost and Found Oliver Jeffers LOST and FOUND	YETI AND BIRD Yeti and the Bird Nadia Shireen Yadia Shireen Nadia Shireen	How to be a Dog Jo Williamson	Iggy Peck, Architect Andrea Beatty and David Roberts Materials ARCHITECT A	The Magic Bed John Burningham
Length	15 sessions, 2 weeks	15 sessions, 2 weeks	5 sessions, 1 weeks	10 sessions, 2 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	Own version 'losing/finding' narratives Character descriptions, retellings, advice, instructions, non-chronological reports	Own version narratives about unlikely friendships List of rules, letters, postcards, characte descriptions	Character comparisons, fact sheets,	Fact files Labels, captions, character comparisons, thought and speech bubbles	Own version fantasy stories Setting descriptions, additional scenes, description of magical piece of furniture, lists