



# Year 5 & 6 Curriculum Map 2025-2026



Theme/Term	Autumn 1		Autumn 2	
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	 <i>Windrush Child</i> Benjamin Zephaniah <b>History: Britain</b>	 <i>Grimm Tales for Young and Old</i> Phillip Pullman	 <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> William Shakespeare	 <i>Anne Frank</i> Josephine Poole <b>History: WW2</b>
Length	15 sessions, 4 weeks	15 sessions, 4 weeks (3weeks, Adv 1, 1weeks Adv2)	15+ sessions, 4 weeks	10 sessions, 3 weeks
Outcomes	<b>Persuasive pitch to the local council</b> Thought bubble, <b>informal letter</b> , poem, diary entry, advice, informal letter	<b>Own version traditional tales</b> <b>Retellings, character studies</b> , monologues	<b>Playscripts</b> Diaries, letters, character descriptions, balanced arguments	<b>Newspaper articles</b> Letters, short descriptions, <b>extended diary entries</b> , obituaries, opinion pieces
Literary Leaf Text	 <i>Grimm Tales for Young and Old</i> Phillip Pullman	 <i>Overheard in a Tower Block</i> Joseph Coelho	 <i>Cogheart</i> Peter Bunzl	 <i>The Wonderling</i> Mira Bartok
Length	15 sessions, 4 weeks	10 sessions, 3 weeks (2week Adv 1, 1 weeks Adv 2)	16 sessions, 4 weeks	15 sessions, 4 weeks
Theme/Term	Spring 1		Spring 2	
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	 <i>The Three Little Pigs Project</i> The Guardian		 <i>Boy in the Tower</i> Polly Ho-Yen	
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks		15 sessions, 4 weeks	
Outcomes	<b>Collection of letters</b> Headlines, news reports, persuasive speeches, narrative from particular viewpoint, newspaper comments, diaries, debate		<b>Own version narratives (past and present tense)</b> Journalistic writing, formal letters, non-chronological reports	
Literary Leaf Text	 <i>Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow</i> Benjamin Dean		 <i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i> Michael Morpurgo	
Length	15 sessions, 4 weeks		15 sessions, 4 weeks	
Theme/Term	Summer 1		Summer 2	
Writing Root/ Spelling Seed Text	 <i>Night Mail</i> W H Auden  Poem in planning – no book	 <i>Children of the Benin Kingdom</i> Dina Orji  <b>History: Benin</b>	 <i>High Rise Mystery</i> Sharna Jackson	
Length	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 4 weeks	15 sessions, 4 weeks	
Outcomes	<b>Poetry</b> Letters, diaries, information leaflets, instructions	<b>Non-chronological reports</b> Informal letters, diaries, survival guides, eyewitness reports, story summaries	<b>Extended stories</b> Character & setting descriptions, police & newspaper report, dialogue, persuasive letters	
Literary Leaf Text	 <i>After the War: From Auschwitz to Ambleside</i> Tom Palmer  <b>History: WW2</b>	 <i>Malala</i> Malala Yousafzai	 <i>Real-life Mysteries</i> Susan Martineau and Vicky Barker	
Length	15 sessions, 4 weeks	15 sessions, 3 weeks	15 sessions, 4 weeks	