

Archbishop of York's C.E. Junior School

Y4 Literacy Curriculum Overview



	AUTUMN TERM		SPRING TERM		SUMMER TERM	
TOPIC:	SCIENCE 'Elements'	CULTURE 'Four Corners of the World'	PEOPLE 'Influential People'	HISTORY 'In The Past'	GEOGRAPHY 'Landscapes'	ARTS 'That's Entertainment'
Year 4	Earth	East	Heroes and heroines	Invaders	Oceans	Art and Sculpture
Text Level (Writing Composition)	Recounts (descriptive) Note-taking Information texts Creation stories	Fantasy stories Similes, alliteration, onomatopoeia Haiku poems Letter writing Cultural story	Short story Biography and autobiography Respond to and offer viewpoints	Non-chronological report Letter Diary account	Recount Newspaper article Adventure stories Imagery poems Stories of the sea	Reports Discussion/Persuasion Instructions
Sentence Level (Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation)	Fronted adverbials and correct use of commas after them (<i>Later that</i> <i>day</i> , I heard) <i>ADVERBIAL</i> Commas for clauses Sentence types	Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns & preposition phrases. Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme. DETERMINER	The grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s. Apostrophe to mark singular and plural possession POSSESSIVE PRONOUN	Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local forms (<i>we</i> <i>were/we was</i>)	Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech (<i>The</i> <i>conductor shouted, "Sit</i> <i>down!")</i>	Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition PRONOUN
Word Level (Spelling)	50 word list Prefixes in, il, im Suffixes –ing, -en, -er, -ed Homophones:peace/piece, main/mane, affect/effect Words ending –sure (measure, pressure) <i>Spelling buddies</i>	ei, eigh, ey (eight, neighbour, they, obey, vein) ou (young, touch, double, country) ch (chef, chalet, machine) Possessive apostrophe for plurals (girls' boys' babies')	-ture (creature, furniture) -tion (competition, explanation) -sion (comprehension) -ssion (profession) -cian (magician)	Possessive apostrophe for singular proper nouns (Cyprus's, Sally's) Prefixes ir, inter, anti Suffixes –ation (sensation, preparation) Homophones scene.seen, male/mail, bawl/ball Using dictionaries	Revise Y3 prefixes un, dis, mis, re, pre, sub, tele, super, auto Suffix –ly (exceptions y-i, le- ly, ic-ally) Suffix –ous (poisonous, outrageous) Homophones: fair/fare, weather/whether,medal/me ddle Check writing for mis-spelt words on Y3/4 list	Revise plural apostrophe rules Sc (science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent) Words ending —sion (division, confusion)



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Reading (Word reading and Comprehension)	Creation stories (Christian, Hindu) Information Texts- regions of the world (habitats) Information Texts- dinosaurs and fossils	Fantasy story extracts Story and Poem- the Chinese Willow Pattern	Range of biography texts (Martin Luther King Jr, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela) Autobiography Text Superhero	Letter Home from a Soldier- Rigby Navigator Information texts: Roman army, Roman towns, Roman Gods Information Text- the digestive system	Story of the Titanic - various texts Information texts - world's oceans facts, deep sea creatures	Biography texts- variety of artists inc. Frida Kahlo Instructions- relief printing			
Guided Reading	The Wild Robot- Peter Brown	The Wild Robot- Peter Brown	Why the Whales Came- Michael Morpurgo	Why the Whales Came- Michael Morpurgo	Letters from the Lighthouse- Emma Carroll	Letters from the Lighthouse- Emma Carroll			
Spoken Language	Pupils should be taught to listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers; ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge; use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary; articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions; give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings; maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments; use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas; speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English; participate in discussions, performances, role-play, improvisations and debates; gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s); consider and evaluate different viewpoints attending to and building on the contributions of others; select and use appropriate registers for effective communication								