

Year 3 Writing Overview 2025-26



Cross curricular links	Autumn 1 8 weeks Achievements of the earliest civilizations- Ancient Egypt	Autumn 2 7 weeks UK – Settlements Geography – Climate change	Spring 1 6 weeks Overview study of Ancient Civilisations	Spring 2 6 weeks Geography – Climate change	Summer 1 5 weeks Changes in Britain from Stone age- Iron age	Summer 2 7 weeks Climate Zones RE/Art- Spirited Arts week
	RE- Multi faith week	PHSE- Valuing differences				
Class Novel/Fiction	The Egyptian Cinderella Shirley Climo Egyptian Story THE EGYPTIAN CINDERELLA by Shifly Climo • Bustrated by Ruth Helter	Flood Alvaro F. Villa Tragedy	The Sound Collector Roger McGough Poetry The bree felicies - In the felicies of the felicies		Stone Age Boy Satoshi Kitamura	Pixar Romance
Class Novel/Non- Fiction	An Anthology of Intriguing Animals Ben Hoare Non-chronological	My Strong Mind Niels Van Hove Instructions NY STRONG MIND A STON ABUT DEFENSE METAL STREAM A STON ABUT DEFENSE METAL STREAM A STON ABUT DEFENSE METAL STREAM		The Gardener Sarah Stewart Letter		

	Report			Climate Action Georgina Stevens Magazine Article CLIMATE ACTION		
Unit & skills	The Egyptian Cinderella Traditional Tales 3-4 Weeks Outcome: To write a traditional tale based on The Egyptian Cinderella, retelling the story from another character's point of view.	Flood Tragedy Narrative 3–4 Weeks Outcome: To write a tragedy narrative inspired by Flood, exploring the emotional journey of a family affected by a natural disaster.	The Sound Collector Poetry 2–3 Weeks Outcome: To write a poem inspired by The Sound Collector, using sound-based imagery to create atmosphere and mood.	Assessment Week The Gardener Letter Writing 2–3 Weeks Outcome: To write an informal letter inspired by The Gardener, expressing feelings and recounting events in a personal voice.	Narrative Writing 3-4 Weeks Outcome: To write a narrative inspired by Stone Age Boy, using a clear structure, imaginative detail, and a strong sense of character and setting.	Assessment Week The Blue Umbrella Narrative Writing / Storytelling 3 -4 Weeks Outcome: To write a story inspired by The Blue Umbrella, focusing on character, emotion, and descriptive settings.
	Skills: To develop ideas through experience-days that build imaginative engagement (e.g., handling a red-rose slipper as a hook).	Skills: To explore and collect emotive and atmospheric vocabulary to convey mood (e.g. fear, tension, loss, hope). To use expanded noun phrases and	Skills: To listen to, read, and respond to the poem, identifying its structure, rhythm, and rhyme. To collect and use onomatopoeia,	Skills: To identify the features of a letter: address, date, greeting, paragraphs, closing/sign-off. To write in the first person and use	Skills: To plan their story by talking about what will happen in each part. To experiment with different words and phrases when describing characters,	Skills: To talk through their story ideas before starting to write. To plan the sequence of events and decide what happens at the beginning, middle, and end.

To identify and use key traditional-tale features such as magic, setting, good and bad characters, and a happy ending. To explore and reuse vocabularyrich language from the text especially expanded noun phrases. prepositional phrases, and similes—to enhance description. To plan writing using narrative structure tools (e.g. story maps or plot points): clear setting, characters, problem, and solution To express time, place, and cause using conjunctions, adverbs, and prepositions in structured sentences. To punctuate direct speech accurately with

prepositional phrases to describe setting and weather effects. To create tension through sentence variety – short, dramatic sentences alonaside longer descriptive ones. To use fronted adverbials to signal time, place and cause. To write in the **past** tense, maintaining consistency throughout. To punctuate direct and reported speech accurately to show reactions and dialogue. To organise ideas into clear paragraphs: buildup, event, aftermath, resolution/reflectio n. To use conjunctions to express cause and effect (because,

alliteration, and repetition to create sound effects. To use **expanded noun phrases** and adjectives to add vivid detail. To experiment with line breaks. stanzas, and white **space** for effect. To use **similes and personification** to enhance imagery. To sequence ideas in a logical or thematic order (e.g., sounds of home, school, or nature). To read poetry aloud with appropriate intonation, tone, and volume for performance. To draft, edit, and refine poems for rhythm and impact.

past tense to recount events. To include **emotive** language to express feelings and opinions. To use **fronted** adverbials (with commas) to organise time and place. To expand noun phrases to add detail and description. To use conjunctions to extend ideas and show cause and effect (because, so, therefore). To punctuate sentences accurately with commas in lists and apostrophes for possession. To organise writing into paragraphs that follow a logical sequence (introduction, main message, closing). To proofread for grammar, spelling, and punctuation accuracy before sendina.

places, and actions. To write sentences in order to build a story that makes sense from beginning to end. To use simple dialogue to show how characters feel or react. To add details about what characters see, hear, or do to make the story vivid. To read back their writing and check that it makes sense and sounds interesting. To share ideas with a partner or teacher to improve the story before writing more. To make changes to their writing, adding words or sentences to make it clearer. To read their finished story aloud with confidence.

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To describe characters' feelings and actions using precise and imaginative words. To write sentences in order, building a story that flows logically and engages the reader. To experiment with short dialogue or thoughts to show what characters are thinking. To include details about the setting, using what they see, hear, or imagine to create mood. To read back their writing to check it makes sense and captures the story's emotion.

To read their finished story aloud with expression, making the characters and events come alive.

inverted commas in context and dialogue writing.	so, therefore, as a result). To edit writing for impact – focusing on vocabulary and sentence rhythm to enhance tragedy.		expression and clarity.	
An Anthology of Intriguing Animals Non-chronological Report 3–4 Weeks Outcome: To write an informative non-chronological report about a chosen animal, inspired by An Anthology of Intriguing Animals.	My Strong Mind Instructions 2–3 Weeks Outcome: To write a clear and engaging set of instructions inspired by My Strong Mind, helping others develop positive habits for a resilient mind-set.	Climate Action Magazine Article 2–3 Weeks Outcome: To write a magazine article inspired by Climate Action, presenting information persuasively and engaging readers with facts, opinions, and solutions.		
Skills: To explore and collect rich, subject-specific vocabulary from the text to describe appearance, habitat, diet, and behaviour. To identify the key features of a non-	Skills: To identify and use the key features of instructions: title, introduction, numbered steps, bullet points, imperative (bossy) verbs, and clear layout.	Skills: To identify and analyse the key features of a magazine article: headline, introduction, subheadings, paragraphs, images/captions, conclusion, and call to action.		

chronological report: headings, subheadinas, paragraphs, fact boxes, and diagrams. To use organisational devices to structure information effectively. To use a range of sentence types including statements, auestions, and exclamations for engagement. To write in the present tense and third person, maintainina a formal and informative tone. To use fronted adverbials to sequence and organise information. To expand noun phrases to add precision and detail. To use possessive apostrophes accurately.

To collect and use subject-specific vocabulary linked to mindfulness and positive habits. To write in the **present tense** and second person (you) to address the reader directly. To use time adverbials (first, next, after that, finally) to sequence steps. To use conjunctions for clarity (and, but, so, because). To include adverbs to show how actions should be carried out (carefully, slowly, calmly). To use **commas in** a list correctly. To organise writing with **clear sections** and appropriate layout devices (subheadings, bullet points, diagrams if needed). To proofread and

edit for clarity,

To write in a formal yet engaging voice, appropriate for a magazine audience, balancina facts and opinions. To summarise and paraphrase information from a source text while maintainina accuracy. To use persuasive techniques such as rhetorical questions, emotive language, and direct address to engage the reader. To organise ideas logically using paragraphs that move from general information to specific examples and solutions. To use fronted adverbials and cohesive devices to link ideas and quide the reader through the article. To expand noun phrases and use precise subjectspecific

	To proofread and edit writing for clarity, accuracy, and audience appeal.	accuracy, and ease of following the instructions.		vocabulary (e.g., climate change, carbon footprint, renewable energy) to add clarity and impact.		
Writing opportunities	Scaffolded Diary Entry: Write as an Egyptian child describing daily life along the Nile, including chores, festivals, or schooling. Independent Information Text: Research a pharaoh, god, or animal sacred in Ancient Egypt and present facts for a classroom magazine.	Scaffolded DT: Instructions how to make Pneumatic toys. Independent Trip Recount Christmas poems Nativity story	Scaffolded Music: Tap, Clap, Click Independent Group work: Group poem to present in front of the class.	Scaffolded Persuasvie Poster Write short, punchy sentences to persuade people to save energy, reduce waste, or plant trees. Independent Recycled Material Art	Scaffolded Iron Age Assembly Story: Imagine being a villager in an Iron Age settlement—describe daily life, tools, or festivals. Independent Tatton Park trip recount Brochure for Tatton park	Scaffolded Features of a city. Mystery stories Newspaper reports Independent Fact file for my new teacher
Enrichments	Bolton Museum - Ancient Egyptian Jewish Museum	Create an Egyptian mask (Instructions) Book Fair	Children's Mental Health Week Comedy Workshops	World Book Day Y3 Community clean-up stall		Spirited Arts Week Book Fair