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Reception

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Reception	Marvellous Me	Celebrations and Festivals	Journeys	Down on the Farm	Under the Sea	Growing and Life Cycles
Cultural Capital	Local Walk Library	Church	Transportation	Farm	Sea Life Centre	Grow your own butterfly
Texts Talk 4 Writing	Dear Zoo We're Going on a Bear Hunt **Toolkit:** *Description Action*	Gingerbread Man The Nativity **Toolkit:** *Action*	Whatever Next! Nursery Rhyme **Toolkit:** *Setting Description*	Nursery Rhyme The Little Red Hen **Toolkit:** Action *Opening and endings*	Recount of Trip to Sea Centre **Toolkit:** *Recount*	The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Innovation) **Toolkit:** *Characterisation*
	8 weeks	**7 weeks**	**6 weeks**	**5 weeks**	**7 weeks**	**7 weeks**

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Year 1

	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
Year 1	Houses and towns (Linked to History of our local area) Science- Animal Kingdom Seasonal Changes Summer to Autumn → Music: My Musical Heartbeat Computing: Digital Painting Art: **Mark-making: using drawing tools and techniques**		Our Local Area To identify key human features Science- Human Body Seasonal Changes Changes in Winter Music: Dance, Sing and Play Computing: Moving a Robot DT Frame Structure - Bridges		Toys through the ages Science- Everyday Materials Music: Exploring Sounds → Computing: Technology Around Us Art: Reflections on water		United Kingdom And Europe Can name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. Science- Plants Music: Learning to Listen Art **Create a flower garden: introducing the 7 elements of art** Computing: Technology Around Us		Significant Individuals Comparing Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale Seasonal Changes (Changes in Spring) Music: Having Fun with Improvisation **DT Rotary mechanisms: windmills** Computing: Programming Animations		Wonderful Weather Science: Weather Growing and cooking Seasonal Changes Spring to summer. Music: Let's Perform Together! DT **Templates in textiles: hand puppets** Computing: Programming Animations	
Cultural Capital	Heritage walk around Madeley				Blists Hill/ Weston Park Sudbury Museum of Childhood				Exotic Zoo / Rodbaston/Wrekin View Forest School			
Texts Talk 4 Writing	Monkey Puzzle	Tiger who came for tea.	Monkey See Monkey Do	3 Billy Goats Gruff	Harry and bucket full of dinosaurs.	Bucket of dinosaurs.	Magic porridge pot	How to make porridge.	The Lucky Dip (Film)	Trip to the beach?	Lighthouse keeper's lunch	Should seagulls be allowed to eat

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	Losing tale Toolkit: character Innovation Substitution	Traditional Tale Toolkit: description Innovation: Substitution	Tricking Tale Toolkit: Suspense Innovation: Substitution	Traditional tale Toolkit: Openings Innovation: Substitution		Information	Quest Story Toolkit: Settings Innovation: Sub-stitution	Instructions	Character Description Setting Description	(Recount)	Defeating the monster Toolkit: Characterisation Innovation: Substitution	sandwiches ? Discussion
Supplementary reading texts	The Koala who could- Rachel Bright The Bear and the Piano- David Litchfield		5 Minutes Peace- Jill Murphy On the way home-- Jill Murphy		Mog the forgetful cat Judith Kerr The Owl who was afraid of the dark Jill Thomlinson Non- Fiction Where does our food come from? Anabelle Karmer		Where the wild things are -Maurice Sendak Non -Fiction Coming to England Baroness Floella Benjamin & Diane Ewen		After the fall- Dan Santat Non- fiction What do you see when you look at the tree? Lifecycles- From seed to sunflower		Non Fiction Little Brown Nut Mary Auld Dawn Cooper	

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Year 2

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 2	KIng Charles & Boscobel House Uses of everyday materials Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch Art I am beautiful: drawing and mixed media Computing: Digital Music Local Area Geography Local Area Geography Madeley Simple key Traffic survey How busy is our high street?	Map where King Charles went in Shropshire Living things Playing in an Orchestra DT: Levers and sliders. Moving cards Computing: Robot Algorithms **I am beautiful: drawing and mixed media**	Great fire of London - Great Fire of Newport. Revisit UK Geography London Landmarks Contrast landmark Animals and their needs Inventing a Musical Story Art: Our spaces: drawing and printing Computing: IT Around Us	Local Habitats Recognising Different Sounds DT: Freestanding structures - Playgrounds Computing: IT Around Us Madeley / London London then / now	Wright Brothers – History of flight Plants Exploring Improvisation Art: Paradise island - drawing and sculpture Computing Programming Quizzes Continents & Oceans Equator Northern /Southern hemispheres	Contrast hot country to cold country Contrasting Australia & UK Compass directions – positional Geography. Habitats Recap Materials – plastic in the ocean Our Big Concert DT: Wheels and axles. Vehicles Computing Programming Quizzes

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Cultural Capital	Charles II day in school. Dress up, immersive day				Great Fire of London Day Workshop Shrewsbury Museum				Cosford air museum.			
Texts Talk 4 Writing	Pirate Tom Finding Tale Description Toolkit 4 week	How do pirates find treasure? Explanation Cross curricular – How did King Charles escape? 3 weeks	The Papaya that spoke Quest Tale Toolkit: Setting 4 weeks	Buy my Papaya! Per-suasion (nativity)	Innovation: Substitution + addition Rumple-stiltskin Traditional Tale Toolkit: Openings Innovation: Substitution + addition 3 weeks	How to spin straw into gold Instructions Cross curricular link – how to bake bread 3 weeks	The Magic Brush Tricking Tale Toolkit Character-isation Innovation: Substitution + addition 4 weeks + asses	Dear Diary (Linked from my magic brush) Recount (Letter) No teach - No time	Kasim and the Greedy Dragon Warning story Toolkit:: Suspense Setting Ending 4 weeks	The Rainbow Dragon NC report Cross curricular link Report about continent / animal 3 weeks	The Enormous Crocodile Toolkit: Characterisation or actionk Type: Defeating the monster Innovation: Substitution + addition 3 weeks	Should the Enormous Crocodile be banished? Discussion 3 weeks
Supplementary reading texts	The Nigh Pirates – Peter Harris		**The Big Bad Story** **The true story of the Three Little Pigs**		The Baker Boy by the sea. Paul White Toby and the GFoL		The Tunnel – Anthony Browne The Twits – Roald Dahl		Tell me a dragon – Jackie Morris Zog – Julia Donaldson		Michael Rosen book of very silly poems Clem and the crab – Fiona Lumbers	

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	Pirates love underpants – Claire friedman Little Red – Lynn Roberts The Stone Giant - Anna Hoglund **The Big Book of the Blue** Yuval Zommer	**Inside the Villains** **Jim and the Beanstalk – Raymond Briggs** **Trust me. Jack's beanstalk stinks! Eric Braun** **On the way home – Jill Murphy** **The River that Flows Beside Me** Charlotte Guillain & Jo Empson	Baker Boy and Great Fire of London. Tom Bradman Katie in London – James Mayhew Counting on Katherine – Helaine Becker The Great Fire of London Please Mrs Butler – Allen Ahlberg	The bear, the piano, the dog and the fiddle – David Litchfield Meet the microbes Dr Emily Grossman & Maggie Li I heard it in the playground - Allen Ahlberg	Gorilla – Anthony Browne Eggbox Dragon – Richard Adams The flower – John Light Taking Flight – Adam Hanchen The story of flying – Lesley Sims Amelia Earhart **Counting on Katherine** Helaine Becker	The Something – Rebecca Cobb George's marvellous medicine. Planet full of plastic – Neal Layton Why I love Australia – Bronwyn Bancroft **Wheels: The Big Fun Book of Vehicles** Tom Schamp

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Language Class

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Language Class (Cycle B)	Seasons- Autumn/Harvest All about Me/Emotions	Seasons- Christmas Diwali Festivals	Seasons- Winter Chinese New Year Mother's Day	Seasons- Spring Easter Farms	Seasons Growing and Life cycles	Seasons- Summer Seaside Father's Day Emotions/Transitions
Cultural Capital	Library visit – Madeley	Library visit – Madeley Christmas Party Parents shared session (Christmas)	Library visit – Madeley	Library visit – Madeley Parents shared session (Easter)	Library visit – Madeley Growing from seed Caterpillars/ Butterflies	Library visit – Madeley Beach day in school End of Year party Parents shared session (Activities inside and out)
Talk 4 Writing Texts	Dear Zoo Nursery Rhymes Gingerbread Man **Toolkit:** *Description Characterisation*	Gruffalo 3 Little Pigs Nativity **Toolkit:** *Description Action*	Jack and the Beanstalk Going on a bear hunt **Toolkit:** *Description Setting*	Little Red Hen Owl babies **Toolkit:** *Openings and endings*	Enormous Turnip Olivers Vegetables **Toolkit:** *setting*	Little Red Riding Hood Recount of Beach day **Toolkit:** *Recount*

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Year 3

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
3	**History: Stone Age** Changing state Specialist Music Art: Perfect patterns: drawing and design Computing – desktop publishing Living in harmony (stories to show that we care)	**Local History: Ironbridge** **Sound** Specialist Music DT: Creature construction: sculpture Computing – sequencing sounds Divali: How and why is the festival celebrated and what does it mean? – November 8th	**Geography Mountains and Valleys in the Uk (Local Geography)** Digestion Specialist Music Art: Rainforest – drawing and painting Computing: Connecting computers Leaders and followers in family – Jewish and Christian	**Geography: Uk -Physical features/climate/time zones/longitude and latitude/impact of tourism** Specialist Music DT: Recycled robots: drawing and sculpture Computing: Connecting computers Salvation – why do Christians call the day that Jesus died Good Friday?	**History: Ancient Egypt** Electricity Specialist Music Art: Insects: drawing and printmaking Computing: Events and actions in programmes Kingdom of God – When Jesus left what is the impact of Pentecost?	**Geography: Natural disasters (Volcanoes/Earthquakes/Tsunamis** Classification Specialist Music DT: Monsters: sculpture and digit design Computing: Events and actions in programmes Is life a journey? What is a soul? (Focus on Christianity and Hinduism) – Hindu mandir
Cultural Capital	Stone Age **trip – Bishops Wood**	Diwali Wow day	Interactive maps/videos Pantomine	Think tank museum	Egyptian Workshop	Interactive videos/VR headset

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Genres and writing outcomes	Lila and the secret of Rain Quest tale Toolkit: Characterisation Innovation:Substitution +addition Innovation: Alteration 4 weeks	Lila's Diary Recount 3 weeks	Jack and the Beanstalk Defeating the monster/ Traditional Tale Toolkit: Openings Innovation: Substitution addition Innovation: Change of viewpoint 4 weeks	Should Jack be jailed? Discussion 3 weeks	Nail Soup Tricking Tale Toolkit: Dialogue Innovation: Substitution / addition Innovation: Alteration (ending) 5 weeks + 3 days *(Grammar focus)*	Zelda Claw 25 day plan Meeting tale Toolkit: Suspense Innovation: Substitution Innovation: Addition - Embellishment	Elf Road Portal story Toolkit: Settings Innovation:Substitution +addition Innovation: Alteration 4 weeks	Come to a Magical world Persuasion 3 weeks Innovation: Substitution +addition	Lost (picture book) 20 day plan Losing/finding tale Toolkit: Endings Innovation:Substitution +addition Innovation: addition (embellish)	Polar Bears Information text 15 day plan Innovation: Reordering and substitution
Supplementary reading texts	Mulan The BFG		The pebble in my pocket The Iron man		The journey – the diary Poet focus – Werewolf club rules – Joseph Coehlo	Swallow's kiss - poetry Rushing rivers – non fiction text	Oral stories – Goldilocks and the three bears Marci and the riddle of the sphinx		Anasi and the antelope baby The day the crayons quit	

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Year 4

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 4	**Local History: Mining history; Nine Men of Madeley** Digestion Specialist Music Art: Local landscape: painting Computing: Audio production Creation/Fall – what do Christians learn from the creation story?	**Mapping and exploring local area (former mines)** Changing States Specialist Music DT: Dream portraits: drawing and digital design Computing: Repetition in shapes John Wesley Unit	**The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.** **Sound** Specialist Music Art: Hidden worlds: Collage and mixed media Computing: The internet – completion and application unit Computing: Repetition and games Incarnation/God – what is the trinity?	**Location knowledge of the United Kingdom** Specialist Music DT: Architecture: drawing and 3d design. Computing: The internet – completion and application unit Why do some people think that Jesus is inspiring?	**Ancient Greeks and their legacy** Classification Specialist Music DT: Clothes and culture: wearable art Computing: Repetition and games Keeping the five pillars of Islam	**Tropics** Electricity Specialist Music Art: Recording, noticing and caring: responding to nature and the planet : Computing: Repetition and games What can we learn about visiting sacred places. (Mosque and Church)
Cultural Capital	Visit St. Michael's Churchyard – lots of evidence of child labour, families working in mining,	**Fieldwork: Old mines in the locality** Review old maps of Madeley and the changes made.	Roman Workshop WOW Day -	Neighbouring countries (Europe); VR / AR tours (hire / borrow headsets?)	Democracy in action: city states and types of government – Local councillor/MP to visit	Fieldwork – look at atlases and climates Use compasses to locate different countries/areas.

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	iron foundry, tileworks		Visit to the Black Country Museum Ask Jo to visit from the methodist church to support in R.E.						Visit to a Mosque	
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Supplementary reading texts	Rupunzel – fairy tale The lion, the witch and the wardrobe Curious features of extraordinary creatures: The amazing true stories of the world's weirdest animals El Deafo	Walter Tull's scrapbook A Christmas carol The Wild robot	Into the forest A journey through Greek myths	**Arthur and the golden rope** **The happy prince**	Greenling Poetry inspired by weather	Danny Chung does not do maths The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane Poet focus – Overheard in a tower block -Joseph Coelho

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Year 5

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 5	Cinderloo Forces Melody and Harmony in Music Art: Graphic Design Computing: Creating Media - Vector Graphics	Our Changing Country – Land Use (bring in Industrial Revolution and Madeley) Space Sing and Play in Different Styles DT: Pulleys and gears Enginuity (DT Day) Linked to Science) – Power Buggies workshop – electric car design based on Thomas Parker Computing: Programming Selection in Physical Computing	Anglo Saxons Properties of Materials Composing and Choosing Chords Art: Make a mask Computing: Computer Systems and Networks - Systems and Searching	Trade and Resources (look at trade over the last 200 years – markets, shops, online) Animals including Humans and Life Cycles Enjoying Musical Styles DT: CAD architecture Computing: Computer Systems and Networks - Systems and Searching	Vikings Ir/reversible Changes Freedom to Improvise Art: Facial expressions in portraiture Computing: Programming - Selection in Quizes	Rivers – topographical features) Reproduction / RSE human development Battle of the Bands! DT: combining fabrics (accessible textiles) Computing: Programming Selection in Quizes
Cultural Capital	Heritage Walk Green Screen	Shrewsbury Prison visit – Victorians / Enginuity – electric cars?		Tamworth Castle & Staffordshire Hoard.		Cardingmill Valley Field Studies Council – Preston Montford

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Genres and writing outcomes	The Awangal-eema Tree Quest Tale Toolkit: Openings Innovation: Substitution	How to keep an Awangal-eema Tree happy Instructions	Dobber and the Silver Ring Losing/finding tale Toolkit: Suspense Innovation: Substitution / addition	Bully Proof mobile phone Per-suasion	Alien Landing Portal story Toolkit: Decription Innovation: Addition – what happens on spaceship Alteration – ending	Should Daleks be allowed to live on Earth? Discussion Innovation: reordering	Icarus – (25 days) Myth Toolkit: Characterisation Innovation: Addtion – internal thought patterns	Kid-napped Meeting tale Toolkit: Action Innovation: Substitution	Have a go Hero Recount (News-paper report)	The Canal Warning Story Toolkit: setting Innovation: Substitution + reorder	A Dangerous Place to be – The Canal NC report	The Awangal-eema Tree Quest Tale Toolkit: Openings Innovation: Substitution
Supplementary reading texts	Oliver Twist Charles Dickens		Cogheart Peter Bunzl		You wouldn't want to be an Anglo-Saxon peasant. Jacqueline Morley		How to Train Your Dragon. Cressida Cowell		Poetry – Valerie Bloom Mirror		Successful speeches	

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Year 6

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Year 6	World War 2 – A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupil's chronological knowledge beyond 1066. Light Music and Technology DT: Mechanisms – CAMS Automata Computing: 3D Modelling	Geography - compare UK to South America – Brazil (Why are rainforests important to us?) Electricity Developing Ensemble Skills Art: War and conflict in art – textiles. Computing: Variables in Games	History – local area - Madeley – Ironbridge Evolution and inheritance Creative Composition DT: Systems and controls – sensor alarms Computing: Communication and Collaboration	Geography – Ironbridge (Biomes) Evolution and inheritance Musical Styles Connect Us Art: Pop art – sculpture and mixed media . Computing: Communication and Collaboration	History – The Maya The Maya Habitats and living things Improvising with Confidence DT: Products and people – inspirational design. Computing: Sensing Movement	Farewell Tour – What have we learnt about our world. Animals including humans Farewell Tour Art: Charting self: exploring portrait and identity Computing: Sensing Movement
Cultural Capital	Residential trip to Arthog	Cosford?	South America Prime VR workshop (+Space	The Darwin Trail in Shrewsbury	Maya archaeologist visit – Dr Diane	West Midlands Safari Park

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Talk 4 Writing</td><td>The King of the Fishes

Wishing tale

Toolkit: Dialogue

Innovation: Substitution (setting)</td><td>Magical creatures

Non-chronological</td><td>Harry Potter The Chess Game

Defeating the monster

Toolkit: Suspense

Innovation: substitution + addition</td><td>How the Magical Wand Making Machine Works

Explan-ation</td><td>The Caravan

Warning Tale

Toolkit: Setting

Innovation: substitution + addition +reorder</td><td>A Lucky escape

Recount (News-paper report</td><td colspan="4">Reread and retell texts from Y5 and Y6 to support independent boxing up as planning tool.

<u>Fiction</u>
Revisit:
Stories with suspense – Caravan, Canal
Traditional tales

Non-Fiction
Writing linked to topic
NC report
Newspaper
Persuasion-
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