

Millbrook Primary School – English 2023/ 2024 – English Unit Overview

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Year 5/6

Unit	Purpose for Writing	Focus or Text
Autumn Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book: Wisp</i> by Zana Fraillon & Grahame Baker-Smith
2	Writing to Inform (Link with Black History Month)	<i>Book: Coming to England</i> – Floella Benjamin
3	Writing to Inform (Link with Science)	<i>Book: Planetarium</i> by Chris Wormell & Raman Prinja
4	Writing to Entertain	<i>Book: Night of the Gargoyles</i> by Eve Bunting
Spring Term		
1	Writing to Entertain	<i>Book: Tuesday</i> by David Wiesner
2	Poetry	<i>Poem: The Jabberwocky</i> by Lewis Carroll (See Progression in Poetry)
3	Writing to Entertain	Visual Literacy: <i>El Caminante</i>
4	Writing to Inform	<i>Arthur Spiderwick’s Field Guide</i> by Tony Di Terlizzi and Holly Black
Summer Term		
1	Writing to Discuss (Link with History) (Link with class reader)	<i>Book: The Children of the King</i> by Sonya Hartnett
2	Writing to Inform (Link with History)	<i>Book: Skyward: The Story of Female Pilots in WW2</i> by Sally Deng
3	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book: The London Eye Mystery</i> by Siobhan Dowd
4	Poetry	<i>Play: Macbeth</i> by William Shakespeare (See Progression in Poetry)

Year 4/ 5

Unit	Purpose for Writing	Focus or Text
Autumn Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book: Wild Way Home</i> by Sophie Kirtley
2	Writing to Inform (Link with Science)	<i>Book: Eyewitness The Human Body</i> – Dorling Kindersley
3	Writing to Inform (Link with Science)	<i>Book: Look Inside: Space</i> by Rob Lloyd Jones
4	Poetry	<i>Poetry: Cinquain Poems</i> by John Foster (See Progression in Poetry)
Spring Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book: Cloud Tea Monkeys</i> by Mal Peet & Elspeth Graham
2	Writing to Inform (Link with History)	<i>Book: Dragons Hoard: Stories from the Viking Sagas</i> by Lori Don
3	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book: Frogspell</i> by CJ Busby
4	Narrative Poetry	<i>Poem: The Highwayman</i> by Alfred Noyes (See Progression in Poetry)
Summer Term		
1	Writing to Inform (Link with History)	<i>Book: Street Child</i> by Berlie Doherty
2	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book: Kensuke’s Kingdom</i> by Michael Morpurgo
3	Writing to Persuade (link with Geography)	<i>Focus: Fair Trade Leaflets</i>
4	Poetry	<i>Poem: The Listeners</i> by Walter de la Mare (See Progression in Poetry)

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Year 3

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Autumn Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> The Paper Bag Princess by Robert N Munsch
2	Poetry	<i>Poems:</i> Alliteration Autumn Poems (See Progression in Poetry)
3	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
4	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson
Spring Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Dr Xargle’s Book of Earth Hounds by Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross
2	Writing to Inform (Link with History)	<i>Book:</i> Stone Girl, Bone Girl: The Story of Mary Anning Laurence Anholt
3	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Mini Rabbit Not Lost by John Bond
4	Poetry	Poem: The Sound Collector by Roger McGough (from All the Best) (See Progression in Poetry)
Summer Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> The Finger Eater by Dick King Smith
2	Writing to Inform (Link with History)	<i>Book:</i> The Story of Tutankhamun by Patricia Cleveland-Peck
3	Writing to Persuade	<i>Focus:</i> Water Aid Leaflets
4	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> The Twits by Roald Dahl

Year 2

Unit	Purpose for Writing	Focus or Text
Autumn Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Traditional Tales Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin
2	Writing to Inform (Link with History)	<i>Book:</i> A Walk in London by Salvatore Rubbinio
3	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Last Stop on Market Street by Matt La Pena
4	Writing to Inform (Link with Geography)	<i>Book:</i> Meet the Oceans by Carole Hart
Spring Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend by Melanie Watt
2	Writing to Inform (Link with History)	<i>Book:</i> Short Histories: The Baker’s Boy and the Great Fire of London by Tom Bradman & Tony Bradman
3	Poetry	<i>Poems:</i> Acrostic Poems (See Progression in Poetry)
4	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Into the Forest by Anthony Browne (P/G)
Summer Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Geronimo – The Dog who thinks he’s a Cat – Jessie Wall
2	Poetry	<i>Poems:</i> Quatrain Poems (See Progression in Poetry)
3	Writing to Inform (Link with Geography)	<i>Focus:</i> we plan a trip to Kenya?
4	Writing to Entertain	Julian’s Glorious Summer by Ann Cameron

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Year 1

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Autumn Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Little Red Hen by Mary Finch
2	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Eric Carle
3	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Rosie's Walk Paperback by Pat Hutchins
4	Writing to Entertain	<i>Book:</i> Augustus and His Smile by Catherine Rayner
5	Writing to Inform	<i>Book:</i> Gruffulo Crumble And Other Recipes By Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
Spring Term		
1	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Farmer Duck By Martin Waddell
2	Writing to Inform	<i>Book:</i> Mad About Minibeasts! Paperback by Giles Andreae
3	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Mr Big by Ed Vere
4	Poetry	<i>Poems:</i> Variety of Nursery Rhymes and rhyming poems (See Progression in Poetry)
Summer Term		
1	Writing to Inform (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley
2	Writing to Entertain (Link with class reader)	<i>Book:</i> Voices in the Park – By Anthony Browne
3	Poetry	Poems: Purple is... (by HfL) (See Progression in Poetry)
4	Writing to Entertain	<i>Book:</i> The Enormous Crocodile By Roald Dahl