

English Long Term Plan
Nightingale 2025-2026

Nightingale	Autumn 1 Dreams & Ambitions	Autumn 2 Britain through the ages	Spring 1 Extreme Earth	Spring 2 Investigating Places	Summer 1 A Journey Through Time	Summer 2 Around the World
Topic Focus	Harriet Tubman and the Atlantic Slave Trade	Anglo-Saxons & Vikings	Natural Disasters	Biodiversity	Leisure and Entertainment	South America
Suggested Texts	Rock, Paper, Scissors (Literacy Shed animated film) Who Was Harriet Tubman?	Anglo-Saxon Boy Tony Bradman	Flood by Alvaro Villa Tsunami by Kimiko Kajikawa	Tiger Tiger by William Blake Running Wild by Micheal Morpurgo	The Lego Story (Literacy Shed animated film) Shakespeare – A Midsummer Night’s Dream	Ada’s Violin
Writing Outcomes	Story with a detailed setting and strong character Biographies and Autobiographies	Historical Story Newspaper reports	Compare and contrast essay Picture books	Narrative poems Persuasive leaflets	Alternative ending to a story. Playscripts	Chronological Reports Persuasive texts

Writing – composition

- plan their writing by:
 - identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own
 - noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary
 - in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed
- draft and write by:
 - selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
 - in narratives describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action
 - precisising longer passages
 - using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
 - using further organisational and presentational devices and to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]
- evaluate and edit by:
 - assessing the effectiveness of their own and others’ writing
 - proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
 - ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
 - ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors • perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume and movement so that meaning is clear 		
Reading – Word reading	Writing – transcription (spelling)	Writing – vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them • spell some words with ‘silent’ letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn] • continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused • use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English Appendix 1 • use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words • use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary • use a thesaurus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms ○ using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence ○ using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause ○ using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely ○ using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility ○ using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun ○ learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in English Appendix 2 • indicate grammatical and other features by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing ○ using hyphens to avoid ambiguity ○ using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis ○ using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses ○ using a colon to introduce a list ○ punctuating bullet points consistently • use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading.
Reading – comprehension	Writing – transcription (handwriting)	English Appendix 2: Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters 	<p>Word:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes [for example, –ate; –ise; –ify]

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<p>plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes ○ increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions ○ recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices ○ identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing ○ making comparisons within and across books ○ learning a wider range of poetry by heart ○ preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● understand what they read by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context ○ asking questions to improve their understanding ○ drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence ○ predicting what might happen from details stated and implied ○ summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verb prefixes [for example, dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re-] <p>Sentence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun ○ Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs [for example, perhaps, surely] or modal verbs [for example, might, should, will, must] Text <p>Text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example, then, after that, this, firstly] ● Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example, later], place [for example, nearby] and number [for example, secondly] or tense choices [for example, he had seen her before] <p>Punctuation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis ● Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning • discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader • distinguish between statements of fact and opinion • retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction • participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously • explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary • provide reasoned justifications for their views. 				
Spoken Language				
<p>Listen carefully and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how to answer questions that require more than a yes/no or single sentence response. • Recognise and explain some idioms. • Understand irony (when it is obvious). 	<p>Develop a wide and interesting vocabulary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use adventurous and sophisticated vocabulary. • Explain the meaning of words, offering alternatives. • Use a wide range of phrases that include determiners, modifiers and other techniques to add extra interest and clarity. 	<p>Speak with clarity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vary the length and structure of sentences. • Ask questions and make suggestions to take an active part in discussions. • Comment on the grammatical structure of a range of spoken and written accounts. 	<p>Tell stories with structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrate detailed and exciting stories. • Use the conventions and structure appropriate to the type of story being told. • Interweave action, character descriptions, settings and dialogue. 	<p>Hold conversations and debates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiate and compromise by offering alternatives. • Debate, using relevant details to support points. • Offer alternative explanations when others don't understand.