

English Long Term Plan
Goldcrest 2026-2027

Goldcrest	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	Victorian Era	Battles and Wars	Coasts & Manmade disasters	Coastal & Ocean Animals & Migration	The History of British Government & Politics	The Dynamic Earth
Suggested Texts	Non-fiction: Biographies: Marcus Rashford Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Antoni Gaudi Fiction: Rivet Boy by Barbara Henderson Poetry: The Land of Counterpane by Robert Lewis Stevenson, Dreams and Ambitions have I inspired by No Word of a Lie by Jackie Kay	Fiction: Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll Non-fiction: Stories about real people for Remembrance Poetry: Charge of the Light Brigade By Alfred, Lord Tennyson Shakespeare: Macbeth	Poetry: Nation's Ode to the Coast by John Cooper-Clark for the National Trust, Fiction: Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick, Non-fiction: The life and works of William Blake, The history of Ely Cathedral	Fiction: The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold Non-fiction: Various explanation texts on ocean animals. Poetry: Inspired by the Poetry Society together with various animal poetry: Snake by Emily Dickinson and Snake by D.H. Lawrence, The Eagle by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, The Snail by James Reeves, Goldfish by Harold Monro	Fiction: Vote for Effie by Laura Wood Non-fiction: Various texts on The Suffragettes Poetry by Suffragettes	Fiction: Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. The Tale of Truthwater Lake by Emma Carroll Fiction: End of year performance Poetic non-fiction: End of year memories for yearbook and leaver's service
Writing Outcomes	Formal Letter Biography Poetry Short Creative Character description Summary - Precis	Postcard Explanation text Informal letter Diary entry Setting description Poetry	Poetry Backstory Extra Chapter Information text Short story Instructions	Non-chron Report Newspaper Report Summary - Precis Poetry Recount	Persuasive campaign materials Persuasive argument Discursive essay Debate Speech	Setting description Character description Short story Comparison stories by- different authors and same authors Persuasive advert Play Script

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Poetry and Prayers

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
- 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

- 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

Writing – transcription (spelling)

- 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

Writing – vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by:
 - 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

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	• use a thesaurus.	○ 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: ○ 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
• maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by: ○ continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks ○ 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	• write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by: ○ choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters ○ choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task.	Word: ○ The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, find out – discover; ask for – request; go in – enter] ○ How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms [for example, big, large, little]. Sentence: ○ Use of the passive to affect the presentation of information in a sentence [for example, I broke the window in the greenhouse versus The window in the greenhouse was broken (by me)]. ○ The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, the use of question tags: He's your friend, isn't he?, or the use of subjunctive forms such as If I were or Were they to come in some very formal writing and speech]

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○ 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 ● understand what they read by: ○ 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 ○ 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		Text: ○ Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: repetition of a word or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of adverbials such as on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence], and ellipsis ○ Layout devices [for example, headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, or tables, to structure text] Punctuation: ○ Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses [for example, It's raining; I'm fed up] ○ Use of the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists ○ Punctuation of bullet points to list information ○ How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example, man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover]
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• 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				
Listen carefully and understand: • 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).	Develop a wide and interesting vocabulary: • 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.	Speak with clarity: • 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.	Tell stories with structure: • 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.	Hold conversations and debates: • Negotiate and compromise by offering alternatives. • Debate, using relevant details to support points. • Offer alternative explanations when others don't understand.