

Our Lady of the Assumption English Curriculum Overview 2023

Classic Texts

Contemporary Texts

Picture Books (KS2)

Traditional Tales/Myths and Legends

Non-Fiction

Topic Link ◊

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year One	School Days	Castles and Crowns	Beside the Sea
	<p>Whatever Next! (Jill Murphy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List for space Postcard from Baby Bear to Mummy Bear Label own rocket <p>Little Red Riding Hood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of character (e.g. wolf) Letter from wolf to LRRH apologising <p>How to Catch a Star (Oliver Jeffers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of space Instructions for how to catch a star <p>Zoom In! (Ben Hubbard inFact series)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School fact file Information text <p>Poetry - Contemporary Festival Poems (Brian Moses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poem about Bonfire Night/Fireworks <p>The Enormous Turnip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer narrative 'The Enormous...' 	<p>◊Rapunzel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character and setting description Notes between Rapunzel and the Prince Letter asking to be rescued <p>◊Inside Castles (Usborne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information page about castles <p>◊Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and the Really Big Adventure (Kristina Stephenson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character descriptions Instructions 'How to be a Knight' Diary entry for Charlie <p>Poetry - Contemporary ◊The Dragon with a Big Nose (Kathy Henderson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Own dragon poem <p>◊Rumpelstiltskin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character and setting description Recount (imagined) <p>◊The Paper Bag Princess (Robert Munsch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character descriptions Longer narrative retold from dragon's point of view 	<p>◊Sharing a Shell (Julia Donaldson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of under the sea Invent own creature that lives under the sea Retell the story from the crab's point of view <p>◊The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch (David Armitage and Ronda Armitage)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructions 'How to make a sandwich' Thank you letter for the lunch <p>Big Book of the Blue (Yuval Zommer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information text about a sea creature <p>The Hare and the Tortoise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer narrative – retell the story <p>◊Lucy and Tom Go to the Seaside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recount Postcards Instructions 'How to build a Sandcastle' Menu for a seaside cafe <p>Poetry - Classic What is Pink? (Christina Rosetti)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Own What is (colour)? poem

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Year Two	Amazing Africa	Hop On, Hop Off (Great Fire of London)	Flying High
	<p>Fiction</p> <p>◊Meerkat Mail (Emily Gravett)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter for Sunny from his family • A postcard from Sunny in a different/unusual place <p>◊Lila and the Secret of Rain (David Conway)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of setting • Character description • Retell story <p>◊Ananisi the Spider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character description • Retell the story <p>◊Grace and Family (Mary Hoffman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer narrative <p>African Animal Alphabet (National Geographic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information fact file about an African animal <p>Poetry – Contemporary Zim Zam Zoom (James Carter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orally perform a poem off by heart • Own poem based on class choices 	<p>Fiction</p> <p>◊Paddington at the Palace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postcard or letter from Paddington • Description of the Palace • Persuasive leaflet to visit London/Buckingham Palace <p>The Elves and the Shoemaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diary entry from a character's point of view • Narrative e.g. The Elves and the Breadmaker <p>Poetry – Contemporary A Great Big Cuddle (Michael Rosen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poem of choice <p>The Twits (Roald Dahl)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character descriptions • Instructions for own recipe • Persuasive letter to Mr/Mrs Twit to change their behaviour • Longer narrative – invent own trick for Mr or Mrs Twit to play 	<p>Fiction</p> <p>◊The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark (Jill Tomlinson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character and setting descriptions • Letter to persuade Plop that he should not be afraid of the dark • Longer narrative e.g. The Snake who was afraid of sand • Fact file about a type of owl <p>◊Amelie Earhart (Little People, Big Dreams)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact file • Biography <p>Poetry - Classic The Owl and the Pussycat (Edward Lear)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewrite as a short narrative • Own poem based on two contrasting animals

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Year Three	Shake, Rattle and Roll	Walk like and Egyptian	Food, Glorious Food
	<p>Volcanoes (National Geographic Kids)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation – earthquakes – cause and effects <p>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs (Jon Scieszka)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character description • Persuasive – Who is in the right? <p>The Pebble in my Pocket (Meredith Hooper)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive writing about a volcano erupting • Short narrative – The Journey of a Pebble <p>Claude in the City (Alex T Smith)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer narrative (own adventure for Claude) 	<p>Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs (Marcia Williams)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact file for a God or Pharaoh • Description of own God or Pharaoh • Instructions for the mummification process and journey to the underworld • A short narrative <p>Poetry – Contemporary Hot Like Fire (Valerie Bloom)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poem of choice <p>The Iron Man (Ted Hughes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diary entry of Hogarth • Longer narrative based on the plot and structure 	<p>Are you what you eat? (DK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation text • Journalistic article for healthier life style <p>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive adverts and writing • Longer narrative – retell a key part of the story from your point of view • Letter from Charlie to Mr Wonka <p>Poetry - Classic The Adventures of Isabel (Ogden Nash)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write own 'The Adventures of x' • Character description

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Year Four	The Romans are Coming	It's a Hard Nut Life (Victorians)	Splash!
	<p>◇Roman Army (Usborne Discovery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report about Roman army <p>Firebird (Saviour Pirotta)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer narrative - write own version of traditional tale <p>◇The Romans on the Rampage (Jeremy Strong)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recount a day in the life of a Roman soldier <p>Poetry – Classic Overheard on a Saltmarsh (Harold Monro)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write own poem using imagery 	<p>◇Fair's Fair (Leon Garfield)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character and setting descriptions Diary entry from Jackson's point of view Report about the work of Doctor Barnardo <p>The Firework Maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character description Letter to her father from Lila – persuading him to let her become a firework maker Longer narrative <p>Poetry – Contemporary A Kid in my Class (Rachel Rooney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poem of choice 	<p>◇Book of Rivers (Where on Earth? Series)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report about a chosen river Explanation about the journey of a river <p>◇Flood! (Alvaro F Villa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> choose favourite illustration and write a description research a flood and write a journalistic report write the story of the picture book (short narrative) diary entry <p>The World's Worst Children (David Walliams)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design own worst child and write a description Longer narrative – for own character Write a letter for apology to the museum as though you are Dribbling Drew Newspaper article telling the astonishing story of a Dribbling Drew visit

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Year Five	The Seven Kingdoms (Anglo-Saxons)	Extreme Survival	It's All Greek to Me
	<p>◇The Anglo-Saxons (Britain in the Past Series)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report about life in Anglo-Saxon times <p>◇Beowulf (Usborne) /Beowulf (Michael Morpurgo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe own mythical character Write own hero myth <p>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (J K Rowling)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character/setting description Persuasion – Which house is best? Longer narrative <p>Poetry - Contemporary Moon Juice (Kate Wakeling)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> own poem 	<p>Shackleton's Journey (William Grill)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persuasive advert to recruit a crew and ship Diary entry/letter Survival guide How to build an igloo instruction <p>Farther (Grahame Baker-Smith)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journalistic – news report about flying Short narrative – use the pictures to write the story <p>How to Train Your Dragon (Cressida Cowell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character and setting descriptions Persuasive speech from Hiccup to why dragons are needed Instructions for caring for a dragon Longer narrative 	<p>◇The Orchard Book of Greek Myths (Geraldine McCaughrean)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retell favourite Greek myth Write own Greek myth <p>◇Who let the Gods out? (Maz Evans)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a conversation between a misbehaving pupil and a headteacher in the style of Elliot and Mr Boyle Write an advertisement for a job opening in the Zodiac Council Write a balanced argument about whether Virgo should have left or not. Write the 'really scary' letter that Elliot received Chapter 11 – journalistic report of events <p>Poetry – Classic Jabberwocky (Lewis Carroll)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create own nonsense poem

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Year Six	Blitz!	Climb Every Mountain	Dive into the Rainforest
	<p>My Secret War Diary, by Flossie Albright (Marcia Williams)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own scrapbook diary entry • Imagined recount <p>◇The Lion and the Unicorn (Shirley Hughes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter writing • Character profile <p>◇Goodnight Mr Tom (Michelle Magorian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion text • Longer narrative • Character description <p>Poetry – Contemporary Talking Turkeys, Football Mad etc (Benjamin Zephaniah)</p>	<p>Playscript Macbeth (William Shakespeare)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the witches' prophecies to write a letter to Lady Macbeth (in role as Macbeth) • Explore Act 1, Scene 5. Write a diary entry as Lady Macbeth • Write an extended discussion text, exploring the dilemma facing Macbeth and Lady Macbeth in role as Speaker of the House. • Newspaper article discussing the death of the King. • Write own scene <p>Poetry – Classic The Listeners (Walter de la Mare)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poem of choice <p>Storm breaker – Alex Rider (Anthony Horowitz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character description • Write your own application as new recruit to M16 • Write an article about Harold Sayle 	<p>Post SATs writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Writing to a stimulus - Persuasive letters - Edit and review a piece of work - Change of perspective/point of view - Explanation text – Amazon Rainforest - Scientific report <p>Rainforests (Where on Earth series)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report about a chosen fact file • Persuasion – against deforestation <p>The Explorer (Kathrine Rundell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting/character descriptions • Diary entry • Extended narrative <p>◇The Hero Twins (Dan Jolley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorter narrative – graphic novel style