

Long-Term Planning: Reading

2025-26

Year Group	Year 4
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AUTUMN TERM

Date	Shared Reading Text	Genre	Focused Session Objective (Skills and Knowledge)	Extra Notes (Optional)
26.08.25 4Days	Assessments books out			If the children are not able to give a gist, put some recall work in after half term.
01.09.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Phrasing Chapter 2	using full stops and commas to help them read multi clausal sentences. Can they recognise chunks of meaning or stop at random places?
08.09.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Phrasing Chapter 4	using full stops and commas to help them read multi clausal sentences. Can they recognise chunks of meaning or stop at random places?
15.09.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Clarifying word meaning Chapter 6	Stopping at words they don't know Applying mantras – don't just keep reading. Substituting with other words Break down and fixing
22.9.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Clarifying word meaning Chapter 8	Stopping at words they don't know Applying mantras – don't just keep reading. Substituting with other words Break down and fixing
29.9.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Roots words/prefixes/suffixes Chapter 10	Stopping at words they don't know Applying mantras – don't just keep reading. Substituting with other words Word classes
6.10.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Roots words/prefixes/suffixes Chapter 12	Stopping at words they don't know Applying mantras – don't just keep reading. Substituting with other words
13.10.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Retrieval/Scanning Chapter 13	Scanning for particular words – key words in questions Fasting finger. Who can find the word? Then read the whole sentence to find the answer.
Half term				

27.10.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Retrieval/Scanning Chapter 15	Scanning for particular words – key words in questions Fasting finger. Who can find the word? Then read the whole sentence to find the answer.
03.11.25	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Fiction	Retrieval/Scanning Chapter 15	Scanning for particular words – key words in questions Fasting finger. Who can find the word? Then read the whole sentence to find the answer.
10.11.25	The Tempest	Fiction/Playscript	Inference – short paragraph	Sentence by sentence Look at background knowledge Why different people have different inference
17.11.25	The Tempest	Fiction/Playscript	Inference – short paragraph	Sentence by sentence Look at background knowledge Why different people have different inference
24.11.25	The Tempest	Fiction/Playscript	Pronoun tracking	Can the child identify who is talking within a text? Are they able to track the pronoun across the text to follow the plot? How do I know who the text is referring to? What are the clues?
01.12.25	The Tempest	Fiction/Playscript	Pronoun tracking	Can the child identify who is talking within a text? Are they able to track the pronoun across the text to follow the plot? How do I know who the text is referring to? What are the clues?
08.12.25	The Tempest	Fiction/Playscript	Predicting	Can the child identify who is talking within a text? Are they able to track the pronoun across the text to follow the plot? How do I know who the text is referring to? What are the clues?
15.12.25	The Ickabog J.K Rowling	Fiction	Visualising	Literal and inferential How we change our mind as we read on

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Comprehension

- develop positive attitudes to reading, and an understanding of what they read, by:
- listening to and discussing a 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
- using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read
- increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally
- identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books
- preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
- discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]
- understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by:
- checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding, and explaining the meaning of words in context
- asking questions to improve their understanding of a text
- 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
- identifying main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph and summarising these
- identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning
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SPRING TERM

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06.01.26	The Ickabog J.K Rowling	Fiction	Visualising	Literal and inferential How we change our mind as we read on
12.01.26	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Roald Dahl	Fiction	Visualising	Literal and inferential How we change our mind as we read on
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26.01.26	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Roald Dahl	Fiction	Grammar for reading	Choose something based on needs e.g. determiners, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases...
02.02.26	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Roald Dahl	Fiction	Grammar for reading	Choose something based on needs e.g. determiners, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases...
9.02.26	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Roald Dahl	Fiction	Summarising & skimming	Literal Small post its – max. 10 words – what do I know from this paragraph?
Half term				
23.02.26	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Roald Dahl	Fiction	Summarising & skimming	Literal Small post its – max. 10 words – what do I know from this paragraph?
2.03.26	Happy Here – 10 Stories from Black Authors and Illustrators: A House Like no other	Fiction	Inference –short paragraph/Raising questions	Reading short paragraphs. What can we infer from the paragraph? Characters, thoughts, feelings, emotions, actions etc Look at background knowledge Why do different people have different inferences?
9.03.26	Happy Here – 10 Stories from Black Authors and Illustrators:	Fiction	Inference –short paragraph/Raising questions	Reading short paragraphs. What can we infer from the paragraph? Characters, thoughts, feelings, emotions, actions etc Look at background knowledge Why do different people have different inferences?

	Amelia St Clair and the Long-Armed Killer			
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23.03.26	Happy Here – 10 Stories from Black Authors and Illustrators: Wake	Fiction	Inference –short paragraph/Raising questions	Reading short paragraphs. What can we infer from the paragraph? Characters, thoughts, feelings, emotions, actions etc Look at background knowledge Why do different people have different inferences?

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13.4.26	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Fiction	Summarising	What are the key points within the text we have read? If you were to explain this to someone who hasn't read the text, what are the most important points they would need to know?
20.04.26	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Fiction	Summarising	What are the key points within the text we have read? If you were to explain this to someone who hasn't read the text, what are the most important points they would need to know?
27.04.26	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Fiction	Theme	Identifying the main themes within the text: Hope, power, jealousy, greed, love, compassion, kindness etc.
4.05.26 4days	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Fiction	Theme	Identifying the main themes within the text: Hope, power, jealousy, greed, love, compassion, kindness etc.
11.05.26	Little book of hopes	Fiction	Clarifying Vocabulary	Strategies needed to clarify. Root word/Identify word class (noun, adjective, adverb), tense. Replace word with another- does this make sense? Thesaurus or dictionary work.
18.05.26	Little book of hopes	Fiction	Clarifying Vocabulary	Strategies needed to clarify. Root word/Identify word class (noun, adjective, adverb), tense. Replace word with another- does this make sense? Thesaurus or dictionary work.
Half term				
1.06.26	Little book of hopes	Fiction	Clarifying Vocabulary	Strategies needed to clarify. Root word/Identify word class (noun, adjective, adverb), tense. Replace word with another- does this make sense? Thesaurus or dictionary work.
8.06.26 Caspian	The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe C.S.Lewis	Fiction	Inference – short paragraph	Reading short paragraphs. What can we infer from the paragraph? Characters, thoughts, feelings, emotions, actions etc Look at background knowledge Why do different people have different inferences?
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29.06.26	The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe C.S.Lewis	Fiction	Predict	What do you think is going to happen next based on what you have just read? Use the text to make a sensible/educated prediction.

6.7.26	The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe C.S.Lewis	Fiction	Predict	What do you think is going to happen next based on what you have just read? Use the text to make a sensible/educated prediction.
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