Cragside Church of England Primary School "A Love of Learning and a Thirst for Knowledge"



English Curriculum Overview September 2025

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Key texts Owl babies Peace at last In my skin Goodnight world Dear Zoo Pumpkin soup Ssh we have a plan Nonfiction autumn texts Barbara throws a wobbler	Key Texts We're going on a bear hunt We're going on a monster hunt Goldilocks and the three bears Diwali stories Christmas stories including Nativity Dear Santa - Rod Campbell	Key texts Dumpling day The gingerbread man Little red hen Non-fiction texts about winter Holi non-fiction Easter non-fiction Lunar new year texts Key texts for Jan starters see Autumn 1	Key Texts Three billy goats gruff The three little pigs Handa's surprise Non-fiction animal books Farm stories - what the ladybird heard	Key Texts Oliver's vegetables Vivian French Titch The very hungry caterpillar Eric Carle Jaspers beanstalk Sam Godwin The tiny seed 10 seeds Jack and the beanstalk Key texts for April starters see Autumn 1	Key Texts Mad about minibeasts Superworm What the ladybird heard Yucky worms Vivian French Non-fiction text about minibeasts The wild
Vari	Learning nursery rhymes. Listening to stories. Sharing books with adults and talking about the pictures. Learning about the different parts of a book. Recognising familiar logos. Understand that print has meaning Understand that print can have different purposes Exploring a range of large scale sensory play such as making marks with fingers in shallow trays of sand or cornflour, large brushes with paint or water.	Noticing the shape of their name e.g. some are longer with lots of letters, some have tall letters etc. Beginning to recognise their own name. Clap syllables of their name and their friends name. Encouraged to make marks to represent their own name on creations - paying special attention to the correct formation of the initial letter. Using emergent writing to write stories /lists - be able to explain what the marks mean.	Understand we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. Drawing pictures that are beginning to represent people and events. Talk about marks they make or pictures they draw. Forming initial letters in their name using correct direction - large paper whiteboards to practise.	Use non-fiction books to find out about interests - animal, farm texts Beginning to recognise and name some letters from their own names and their friend's Pictures to contain more detail. Faces,	Understand the names of the different parts of a book Understand page sequencing Can hear and identify rhyming words in stories.	Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; writing 'm' for mummy. Write some letters accurately.
Key Vocabula r y (for adults to use)	goodies, google, happily, question, recipes, retell, r brush, roller, chalk, felt pe rectangle, sentence, sylla	ever after, headings, heroes hyme, setting, speech, subb en, crayon, whiteboard, rubb ble, capital letter, lowercase	ook, character, clarify, conten s, how, information, instruction neadings, suddenly, summaris per Letter, word, up, down, ove letter, phoneme, initial sound ren working at age rel	ns, internet, middle, non-ficti se, title, villains, what, when, er, round, start finish, line , d l, beginning, middle, end, sig	on, once upon a time, page, p where, who, why, drawing, pi ot, straight, wavy, curved, dia n, list, card, message, invitat	olot, poem, predict, cture, marks, Pen, paper, gonal, circle, square, ion
Receptio n	Group B Read 25 Set 1 sounds Blend orally	Group C Read 25 Set 1 single letter sounds speedily	Ditty Set 1 Special Friends Read words with Special Friends:	Red Review Set 1 Sounds (reading only)	Green Read Set 2 Sounds and Phonics Green Words	Green Read Set 2 Sounds and Phonics Green Words

RWInc	Learn to blend: Word Time 1.1 to 1.4 Spell using Fred Fingers	Blend independently using Phonics Green Word cards: Word Time 1.1 to 1.4 Spell using Fred Fingers	Word Time 1.5 and 1.6 Read Word Times 1.1 to 1.4 Read 3-sound nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers	Read 4/5 sound words: Word Time 1.6 and 1.7 Read Word Time 1.1 to 1.5 Read 3/4 sound nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers	Read Set 1 Phonics Green Words and build speed Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers	Read Set 1 Phonics Green Words and build speed Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers
	stories and what has been Beginning to join in with sto refrains Singing songs and Word Reading:	to show an understanding of read to the children. bries and repeated nursery rhymes gs, stories, poems, rhyme and s RWInc. Phonics simple CVC words.	Comprehension: Developing understanding of viby retelling and sequencing state Following reading of a range of and rhymes, applying new vocand interactions with adults an Participation in 'Helicopter Stostories which have been share Confidently joining in with storic Word Reading: Familiar with all Set 1 RWInc. Building knowledge and use of sounds including digraphs and Developing sound blending an in line with phonics knowledge Developing recognition of trick Beginning to read aloud simple knowledge and taught sounds Writing: Developing confidence to writing which are correctly formed a Listening for sounds at the begwords and correctly representiletter or letters Developing writ sentences using appropriate gletter, full stop and finger space	ories and narratives of high quality texts, poems, abulary from in discussions d peers ries' and willing to re-create of es and repeated refrains. Phonics sounds of Set 2 RWInc. Phonics of trigraphs of simple word recognition of and taught sounds of sentences using phonics of sentences usi	Comprehension: Demonstrating a solid unders to them by retelling stories an words and recently introduced. Using new vocabulary from a poems, and rhymes in discus adults and peers. Able to reenact and re-create independent play. Showing prediction skills and new texts. Word Reading: Familiar with all Set 1 and Seincluding up to 10 digraphs. Able to read words in line with taught sounds Able to recogn with phonics knowledge and to Showing confidence reading and books that are consiste and teaching, including swords. Writing: Writing: Writing recognisable letters, informed and on the line. Listening for sounds in words the sounds with a letter or lett. Writing simple phrases and set by themselves and others, us and finger spaces.	d vocabulary range of high quality texts, sions and interactions with stories in class teaching and character understanding in t 2 RWInc. Phonics sounds in phonics knowledge and ise and blend sounds in line raught sounds galoud simple sentences int with phonic knowledge ome common exception exception in the correctly and correctly representing ters entences which can be read

Year 1 RWI Phonic s

Year 2 RWI until the end of Spring 1	Blue Teach Set 3 Sounds and corresponding Phonics Green Words Read Set 1, 2 and 3 Phonics Green Words speedily Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers: Set 2 and 3 words	Grey Read Set 1, 2 and 3 Sounds and matched Phonics Green Words Speedily Read multi-syllabic words Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers: multi- syllabic, Set 2 and 3 words	Read Set 1, 2 and 3 Sounds and matched Phonics Green Words Speedily Read multi-syllabic words Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers: multi-syllabic, Set 2 and 3 words English Where the Wild Things Are Crow's Tale	Marvellous Fluffy, Squishy Itty Bitty Poetry Unit	Rapunzel The Dark	The Secret of Black Rock Orangutans (Active Learn) Word detective Week
Year 2 From Spring 2	Full Stops, Question and Exmarks Saying Sentences Introducing Nouns Introducing Verbs Coordinating Sentences Different Sorts of Sentences Introducing Capital Letters Past and Present Tense PoR: Ug Boy Genius of the Stone Age (4weeks) Topic Link PoR: The Iron Man (4 Weeks)	PPoR: Michael Rosen's Big Book of Bad Things Poetry (2 weeks) PoR: Quill Soup (2 weeks) PoR: The Pebble in my Pocket information text (Science link to Rocks) (3 weeks)	Nouns, verbs and adjectives Irregular past tenses Adjectives Using suffixes -ful and -less Compound nouns Coordinating sentences Noun phrases The progressive form of verbs PoR: Pugs of the Frozen North. Illustrated Novel. (4 weeks) Shape Poems 2 weeks (Wordsmith)	PoR: Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx (3 weeks) The Ancient Egypt Sleepover Club (3 weeks)	Apostrophes for Contractions Using suffixes -er and -est Using suffixes -ly Using commas in a list Using suffixes '-ed' and '-ing' Using suffixes 'ment', '-ness', and '-ly' Homophones and nethomephones The /dʒ/ sound PoR: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (4 weeks) Performance poetry Wordsmith (1 week)	Word Detective Week (1 week) Escape from Pompeii (3 weeks) PoR: The Lost Happy Endings (3 weeks)
Year 3 SPA G Focus	Introducing Perfect Form Revising Nouns Revising Singular and Plura Nouns Revising Tense Revising Verbs Introducing Direct Speech Revising Adjectives Adding Prefixes to Nouns Articles Revising Basic Sentence P		Revising Verbs Revising Tense Punctuating Direct Speech Adverbs of Manner Adverbs of Time Revising Adjectives		Conjunctions Different Sorts of Sentences Punctuating Direct Speech Clauses Subordinate clauses Adverbs and conjunctions exp cause Suffixes beginning with The prefixes 'dis-' and 'mis-' Words of French origin The suffix '-ly' Homophones and near homop	a vowel

	Prepositions	
	Word families	

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Year 4	How can we transform a	Did the Shang Dynasty	How do you explain	Libba: The Magnificent	What are the beauties and	Continued Fiction-
	tin forest? (POR 6	really exist? Non-fiction	that? (2 weeks) Write an	Musical Life of Elizabeth	dangers of nature? Mouse	Can a Robot be wild?
	weeks) The Tin Forest. 6	2 weeks Active Learn	explanation for changing	Cotton by Laura Veirs,	Bird Snake Wolf (POR 3	Biodiversity (PoR) The
	weeks.		materials	illustrated by Tatyana	weeks).	Wild Robot.
	Environmentalism.	What's so spooky?		Fazlalizadeh (Chronicle)	Narrative. Issues and	Biodiversity
	Narrative, poetry, diary	Poetry (2 weeks Active		POR – 5 weeks biography	dilemmas	
	entry, descriptive writing	Learn). Spooky	What is the problem with			How can we explore
		podcasts and	the plastic bag? One		Fiction- Can a Robot be	poetic language? Active
	How can we create	performances	Plastic Bag (POR 4 weeks)	What is the poetic form?	wild? Biodiversity (PoR)	Learn (2 weeks)
	images through	·	Recycling- value of	(Active Learn 10 days)	The Wild Robot. Biodiversity	,
	poetry? (Active Learn 2		innovation, perseverance,	Kennings, raps,		
	weeks). Figurative		community initiatives and			
	language, metaphors,		creative problem solving.	Word Detective Week		
	similes, personification,					
	free verse,					
	haiku and performance					
	poetry)					
Year	Adverbials of time – Fronted	d Adverbials	Comparative and		Pronouns	
4	Adverbials of Place and Rev	vising Fronted Adverbials	Superlative		Singular and plural	
SPA	Determiners	ŭ	Multi-clause Sentences		agreement Nouns and	
G	Introducing Possessive		Adverbials of time – Fronted Adverbials		pronouns Apostrophes to	
focus	Pronouns Revising Capital		Adverbials of Place and Revising Fronted		show possession	
	Letters Determiners		Adverbials Using commas with		Punctuating direct speech	
	Revising Conjunctions and		adverbials		Noun phrases	
	Clauses Revising Nouns		Apostrophes to show		Standard and non-standard ve	erbs
	Introducing Direct Speech		possession Plural and			
	Standard and Non-Standard	1	possessive			
	Verbs Introducing Noun		The prefixes 'in-', 'il-' and 'im-'			
	Phrases		Dictionary skills			
	11110363		Words of Latin or Greek origin			
			The prefixes 're-', 'sub-', 'inter-', 'super-', 'anti-' and 'auto-'			
			The /sound	, ,		

Year 5	Darwin's Dragons Fiction: Darwin's Discovery Children will explore the value of kindness and showing empathy to animals/climate change and the world. Beowulf (POR) Fiction: Anglo Saxons.	Survivors-What makes a really good survival story? Non Fiction A Boy, a Bear and a Boat Fiction (POR) Children reflect on their own emotions and take time to empathise with others	Who was the ultimate explorer? Non-Fiction: Ultimate Explorers Why was Shackleton so famous? Shackleton's Journey (PoR) Children will reflect on perilous situations and how they can overcome them Word Detectives Week	Which animal makes the toughest migration? Non-Fiction: Animals on the move (advocates of change) Children will consider what they can do to protect animals and endangered species. They will look at the impact of migration on these animals and the resilience they show. How can imagery be used in poetry? Poetry: Dark Sky Park Poetry (PoR)	Why were the Greeks such good story tellers? Fiction: Greek Myths Children will have the opportunity to look out towards others in the world and consider different cultures around the world Why was Odysseus so brave? Adventures of Odysseus (PoR)	How does the writer and illustrator convey powerful emotions? Fiction: I Talk Like a River(PoR) (Advocates of change) Children will show empathy and consider how they would offer support to someone in this situation Can you sell it? Persuasion: Pitch it
Year 5 SPA G focus	Revision 1 – Common and phrases Revision 2 - Verbs, prepositions Revision 3 – Coordinating a Conjunctions Standard and English Word Classes Relative Clauses	adverbs and adverbs and Subordinating	Standard and non-Standard English Punctuation and Performance Revision 2 - Verbs, adverbs and prepositions Modal Verbs Modal Verbs and Adverbs Relative Clauses		Using prefixes (dis-, de-, mis- Apostrophes for contraction a possession Punctuation Text Cohesion – Adverbials of cohesion Relative clauses Spoken and written language	nd f time providing

	Relative Pronouns Punctuation – Commas, bracket, dashes for parenthesis Punctuation 2 – Punctuation vocabulary		Commas for Clarity Dictionary Skills Homophones Hyphens after prefixes Thesaurus skills Suffixes '-able' / '-ably' and '-ible' / '-ibly'			
Year 6	Pig Heart Boy POR	Letters from the Lighthouse	Love that dog - Sharon Creech – Poetry POR	Novel by significant author Harry Miller's Run	Reading and SPAG revision	The Journey PoR
	ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE Blood - ActiveLearn POR	Emma Carroll POR Charles Dickens - A Chrismas Carol POR	Seven Ghosts Chris Priestly POR	- David Almond POR Town Is by the Sea by Joanne Schwartz POR Reading and SPAG revision	Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick POR Advocates for change	Advocates for change JLV Transition Unit

Year 6 SPA G focus	Chunks of Meaning: Subject, Verb, Object Chunks of Meaning: Subject, Verb, Object and Adverbial Grammar Revision – Modal verbs, relative pronouns, adverbials Chunks of Meaning: the Verb 'to be' and Subject, Verb, Complement Colons, Lists and Bullet Points Boundaries Between Main Clauses Colons, Lists and Bullet Points Active and Passive Homophones The 'ei' after 'c' rule The 'ough' letter string Silent letters Suffixes - '-ant' / '-ance' / '-ancy' and '-ent' / '-ence' / '-ency'	Synonyms and Antonyms Abstract Nouns Building Sentences Informal Speech and Writing Formal and Informal Language The Subjunctive Formal Connections: Conjunctions and Adverbials	Ellipsis 'So' as a Co-ordinating and Subordinating Conjunction Punctuating Direct Speech Active and Passive Using Prefixes (de-, dis-, mis-, over-)
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