**English – Year 3 Curriculum Map 2025-26**

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|  | **Autumn 1**  **7 weeks and 3 days** | **Autumn 2**  **7 weeks** | **Spring 1**  **6 weeks** | **Spring 2**  **5 weeks** | **Summer 1**  **6 weeks** | **Summer 2**  **7 weeks** |
| **Unit heading** | **Bridging Unit**  **A Bear Called Paddington** | **The Green Children Unit** | **The Iron Man** | **Romans – Non-fiction Unit** | **Romans – Narrative Unit** | **The Spider and the Fly Unit** |
| **Text types** | Story as a theme  Information text: leaflet/guide | Folk Tales  Instructions  Recount: letters | Novel as a theme Recount: diaries | Information texts: booklets | Story as a theme | Integrated unit including reports, menus, persuasive letters, story openings and narrative based on the classic poem |
| **Skill focus** | * Subordination for time * Commas to demarcate clauses * Complex sentences using a range of conjunctions * Noun phrases * Vocabulary banks * Inverted commas * Statements, questions, exclamations * Main and subordinate clauses * Compound words * Determiners a and an | * Commas to demarcate clauses * Complex sentences using a range of conjunctions, e.g., *when, if, because, although, while, since, until, before, after, so, as* * Inverted commas * Determiners a and an | * Use the determiner ‘a’ or ‘an’ correctly. * Select and use adverbs eg, *suddenly, silently, soon.* * Commas to demarcate clauses | * Complex sentences using a range of conjunctions, e.g., *when, if, because, although, while, since, until, before, after, so, as* * Main and subordinate clauses * Commas to demarcate clauses | * Select, generate and effectively use adverbs e.g., *soon, suddenly, silently.* * Create sentences with fronted adverbials for when and where (Y4). * Identify, select, generate and effectively use prepositions for where e.g., *above, beneath, within, outside, beyond.* | * Inverted commas * Adverbs |
| **Talk Programme Strategies** | Talk strategies detailed in the Bridging Unit planning document | Book talk  Vocabulary  Role-play  Oral retell of a story  Role-play (first lines drama) | Book Talk  Vocabulary  Role-play  Oral retell of story | Whoosh overview  Vocabulary  Talk Like an Expert  VAK Timeline  Read. Turn. Learn.  Stop. Swap. Repeat. | Artefact session  Sentence Mapping  Close reading  Human sentences  Word and phrase pull  Whoosh story | Role-play and first lines drama  Poetry mapping and performance |
| **Modelled and independent short writing opportunities** | Character descriptions  Diary entries  Predictions  Alternative endings to chapters  Letters/postcards  Descriptions of objects  Paragraphs including dialogue | Diary entries  Role on the wall/ character profiles  Menus | Diary entries including those written from own character and in role as a character.  Story based on a plot structure from a focus text. | Job application  Blackout poem  Top Trumps card  Talk Like an Expert documentary/script | Artefact Session  True? Say why  Impressions of leaders/ characters  Boudicca's Speech  Character profiles  Top Trumps cards  Celtic Warrior poem/ song/ speech  Magazine interview  Prepositions song | CSI report  Menus  Dream/daydream |
| **Modelled and independent extended writing outcome(s)** | Innovated narrative based on a model  Information leaflet/guide | Innovated outcome of a folk tale based on a model  Recount: Letter in role  Instructions | Diary entry.  Story. | Tri-fold information leaflets about Roman Britain | Narrative historical stories | Narrative stories inspired by poetry  Persuasive letters |

**Talk Three Text Overview**

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| **Bridging Unit title**  **A Bear Called Paddington** | **The Green Children Unit** | **Romans – Non-fiction Unit** | **Romans – Narrative Unit** | **The Spider and the Fly Unit** |
| **Focus text**  A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond | **Focus texts**  Greenling by Levi Pinfold  The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers  The Green Children of Wolf Pit – website and film examples  The Green Children by Kevin Crossley-Holland  A story written by Nicola Martin (English Consultant) based on the folk tale | **Focus texts**  Horrible Histories: Rotten Romans by Terry Deary  Ancient Rome by DK Eyewitness  So You Think You’ve Got it Bad? A kid’s Life in Ancient Rome by Chae Strathie  1066 and Before That – History Poems by Brian Moses and Roger Stevens | **Focus text:**  Queen Boudicca’s Revenge: A Historical Story written by Steven Kenyon (English Consultant)  **OR**   * The Golden Eagle: A Stone Age Story written by Steven Kenyon * Khufu’s Jealous Brother: An Ancient Egyptian Story written by Steven Kenyon * Persephone and Hades Persephone: An Ancient Greek Story written by Steven Kenyon | **Focus text**  The Spider and The Fly by Tony DiTerrlizi |
| **Link texts**  Best-Loved Paddington Stories by Michael Bond  The Complete Adventures of Paddington by Michael Bond Paddington – A Treasury for the Very Young by Michael Bond Paddington film (PG) 2014 Paddington 2 film (PG) 2017 Paddington 2: Story of the Movie by Anna Wilson  **Non-fiction:**  Look Inside London by Jonathan Melmoth (Usborne)  Kids’ Travel Guide London (Flying Kids)  I-spy London: What Can You Spot? (Collins Michelin i-SPY Guides)  50 Things to Spot in London (Usborne Spotter’s Cards)  Top Trumps London cards: 30 Things to See  Pop-Up London by Jennie Maizels  See Inside London by Rob Lloyd Jones (Usborne)  London City Trails (Lonely Planet Kids)  My First Book of London by Charlotte Guillain  Paddington stories that link specifically to London landmarks, e.g.   * Paddington at the Palace by Michael Bond * Paddington at St Paul’s by Michael Bond * Paddington at the Tower by Michael Bond * Paddington and the Grand Tour by Michael Bond. * Paddington Pop-Up London: Movie tie-in * Paddington’s Guide to London by Michael Bond | **Link Texts**  The Weed by Quentin Blake  The Green Ship by Quentin Blake  A House That Once Was by Julie Fogliano and Lane Smith  Grandpa Green by Lane Smith | **Link Texts**  Land of the Gods by Sally Prue  Queen of Darkness by Tony Bradman  Revolt Against the Romans by Tony Bradman  Vita The Gladiator -by Ally Sherrick  **OR**  Secret of the Stones by Tony Bradman  Stig of the Dump by Clive King  The First Drawing by Mordicai Gerstein  The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley  Song Hunter by Sally Prue  Stone Age Tales (various) by Terry Deary  Savage Stone Age: Horrible Histories by Terry Deary  DK Find Out! Stone Age  The Stone Age and Skara Brae by Ben Hubbard  Stone Age to Iron Age by Clare Hibbert  The Secrets of Stonehenge by Mick Manning  The Stone Age: Hunters, gatherers, and Woolly Mammoths by Marcia Williams  24 hours in the Stone Age by Lan Cook  **OR**  Egyptian Tales (various) by Terry Deary  The Sacred Scarab by Gill Harvey  The Crocodile Tomb by Michelle Paver  The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo  Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll  Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphynx by Joe Todd Stanton  Ancient Egypt: DK Eyewitness  So, You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Egypt by Chae Strathie and Marisa Morea  Awful Egyptians: Horrible Histories by Terry Deary  Awesome Egyptians: Horrible Histories by Terry Deary  A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Egypt by Lesley Sims  **OR**  Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper by Lucy Coats  Greek Tales (various) by Terry Deary  Greek Myths by Marcia Williams  The Orchard Book of Greek Myths by Geraldine McCaughrean  Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans  Fleeced! An Aries Adventure by Julia Wills  Ancient Greece: DK Eyewitness  So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Greece by Chae Strathie and Marisa Morea  Mythologica: An Encyclopedia of Gods, Monsters and Mortals from ancient Greek by Dr. Stephen P. Kershaw  Groovy Greeks: Horrible Histories by Terry Deary  A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece by Lesley Sims | | **Link Texts**  Aesop’s Fables by Malorie Blackman  A Collection of Favourite Aesop’s Fables by Randall and Gardner  Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White  James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl  Spinderella by Julia Donaldson  Anansi the Clever Spider by Susie Linn and Barbara Cantini  The Complete Bible Story Book for Kids by Karen Jones |