



Literacy curriculum Year 5 and 6 Cycle A

Topic	Vikings and Anglo Saxons		The American Dream		Evolution and Inheritance	
Key poet	Philip Gross		John Agard		James Berry	
Key author	Michael Morpurgo		Vashti Harrison		William Shakespeare	
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Unit 1 Fiction	Secret of Kells	Beowulf	The Undeclared by Kwame Alexander	Somali story: A lesson of Tit for Tat www.worldstories.org.uk	Skellig by David Almond	Macbeth by William Shakespeare
Unit 2 Non fiction	Instructions - Viking helmet and boats	Explanation - light Shadow puppet theatre	Biography - Little Leaders in Black History	Discussion - Healthy lifestyle choices	SATs revision	Non-chronological report - Ice Matters
Unit 3 Poetry	kennings	Dark Sky Park by Philip Gross				What do we do with a variation? by James Berry

Literacy curriculum Year 5 and 6 Cycle B

Topic	Ancient China		Cycles		Benin	
Key poet	Michael Rosen		Charles Causley		Rachel Rooney	
Key author	Shaun Tan		Malorie Blackman		SF Said	
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Unit 1 Fiction	The Emperor and the Nightingale	The Firework Makers Daughter by Phillip Pullman	Cloudbusting by Malorie Blackman	Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick	Children of the Benin Kingdom	Phoenix by SF Said
Unit 2 Non fiction	Explanation Teacher Pleaser Machine	Discussion - The Rabbits by Shaun Tan	Non-chronological report - The Amazon River	Recount - Newspaper reports - climate change	SATs revision	Instructions - How to trap a dragon
Unit 3 Poetry	The Magic Box by Kit Wright	Everyone Comes from Somewhere by Michael Rosen				Russian Doll by Rachel Rooney