

THE FOXTON CURRICULUM





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At Foxton Primary School, we are writers.

Our English Curriculum: Writing

At Foxton Primary School, we want all children to have a love for writing. We want every child to genuinely feel like an author and leave primary school being able to:

• write with fluency and with an author's voice;

- think about the impact they want their writing to have on the reader and know how they will achieve this;
- have a sophisticated bank of vocabulary and an excellent knowledge of writing techniques to extend details or description;
- structure and organise their writing to suit the genre they are writing and include a variety of sentence structures;
- ensure their writing is well presented, punctuated, spelled correctly and neat;
- re-read, edit and improve their writing so every piece of writing they produce is to the best of their ability and better than the last.

The overview below details how we structure our English curriculum and the key skills and knowledge we expect children to learn during their time at Foxton. We provide separate curriculum information for Reading and Phonics, which is available on our website. More information about how we teach spelling can be found in Appendix 2.

Writing Overview

Fox Cubs

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Dominant hand, tripod	Little Red Riding	The penguin who	The Smeds and the	The very hungry	From a railway carriage
grip, mark making,	Hood/Goldilocks.	wanted to know.	Smoos.	caterpillar.	
giving meaning to					Using familiar texts as a
marks and labelling.	Speech bubbles.	Non-fiction books to	Recount – trip to the	Writing captions and	model for writing own
		find out about	theatre.	labels – life cycles.	stories.
Writing initial sounds.	Name writing, labelling	penguins.			
Use initial sounds to	using initial sounds.		Character descriptions.	Caterpillar diary.	
label		Writing simple captions	Write two sentences.		
characters/images.	Retelling stories.	and labelling pictures.		Writing for purpose in	
			Whatever next.	role play using	
Name labels.	Instructions for porridge.			phonetically plausible	
	Sequence the story.		Creating own story	attempts at words.	
			maps.		
	Write a sentence.			Form lower case and	
			Writing short sentences	capital letters correctly.	
	Create 'Lost' poster to		to accompany story		
	find Stickman.		maps.		

Class 1 Cycle A

Year 1 non-negotiables	Year 2 non-negotiables
 Sequence sentences to form short narratives 	Spell many common exception words
Conjunctions: and, or, but, so	 Use capital letters and full stops in most sentences
Fred talk	• Write capital letters and digits correctly, making sure they are taller than
Finger spaces	other letters
Capital letters to start sentences	• Fred talk words, choosing the correct special friends so that an adult
Capital I for personal pronoun	can read them
Capital letters for names and places	Use correct size finger spaces between words
Bullet points, question marks and exclamation marks where appropriate	Use past and present tense correctly: they were, she was
	 Use contracted words: I'm, can't, don't, I've
	Use coordinating conjunctions: and, but, so, or
	Use some subordination: if, that, because, when

	Context	Stimulus	M Tidd	National Curriculum
	Narrative Stories with familiar settings	The Three Little Pigs	Entertain	be encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences become very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics say out loud what they are going to write about, composing a sentence orally before writing it leave spaces between words use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'l'
	Information	Instructions – how to complete a piece of artwork	Inform	draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher discuss the significance of the title and events discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop. using a capital letter for names of people, places etc.
	Poetry	Pick a Poet	Entertain	listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
Autumn	Narrative	The Red Hen	Entertain	recognise and join in with predictable phrases draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher compose a sentence orally before writing it sequence sentences to form short narratives use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'

	Poetry	Structures -	Entertain	recognise and join in with predictable phrases
	· ·	couplets		learn to appreciate rhymes and poems, and recite some by heart
	Take One Book		Entertain	participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what
				others say
				explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them
	Narrative	My Naughty Little	Entertain	discuss the significance of the title and events
		Sister		make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done
				predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far saying out loud
				what they are going to write about
				composing a sentence orally before writing it
				using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the
				personal pronoun 'l'
				beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark
				or exclamation mark
	Persuasion		Inform	explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them
				re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense
				use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the
				personal pronoun 'l' -leaving spaces between words
	Poetry	Rhymes	Entertain	recognise and join in with predictable phrases
	1			learn to appreciate rhymes and poems, and recite some by heart
	Instructions		Inform	be encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences checking
				that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading
				saying out loud what they are going to write about discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils
	Narrative -	The Twits	Entertain	become increasingly familiar with retelling a wider range of fairy tales and traditional
	characters		Emendin	tales
	Characters			use the present and past tense correctly and consistently
	Poetry	Whole School	Entertain	listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond
ຉ	roeny	Focus	LITERUIT	that at which they can read independently
Spring	Take One Book	10005	Entertain	participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what
Sp			Enformant	others say explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them.
	Recounts		Inform	draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary
				provided by the teacher
				discuss the significance of the title and events
٩ ٩				say out loud what they are going to write about
Summer				compose a sentence orally before writing it
E L				use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the
S				personal pronoun 'l'

Poetry	Calligrams	Entertain	Listen to, discuss and express views about a range of contemporary and classical poetry answer and ask question about a text
Narrative	Film narrative	Entertain	make inferences based on what is being said and done begin to use apostrophes for contractions plan or say out loud what they are going to write about
Narrative	Creation stories	Entertain	read aloud what they have written with intonation begin to use apostrophes for contractions use expanded noun phrases use the present and past tense correctly and consistently
Poetry	Pick a Poet	Entertain	listen to, discuss and express views about a range of contemporary and classical poetry
Non-fiction	Labels, lists and captions	Inform	discuss word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known say out loud what they are going to write about leave spaces between words
Take One Book		Entertain	listen to, discuss and express views about a range of contemporary and classical poetry

Class 1 Cycle B

	Context	Focus	M Tidd	National Curriculum
	Whole School Rec	ading Focus – Wk 1		
	Narrative Wk 2-3	The Gruffalo	Entertain	become very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics saying out loud what they are going to write about compose a sentence orally before writing it sequence sentences to form short narratives use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'
	Instructions Wk 4-5	A Cloudy Lesson	Inform	be introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related use sentences with different forms: statement, command, exclamation
	Poetry Wk 6-7		Entertain	listen to, discuss and express views about a range of contemporary and classical poetry answer and ask questions about a text
	Narrative Wk 8-10	Beegu	Entertain	use full stops accurately use capital letters at the start of a sentence and for names of people and places
	Recounts Wk 11-13		Inform	encapsulate what they want to say in a sentence evaluate their writing with the teacher and other pupils use the past tense correctly
c	Poetry Wk 14-15	Pick a Poet	Entertain	listen to, discuss and express views about a range of contemporary and classical poetry
Autumn	Take One Book Wk 16	The Big Night	Entertain	participate in discussions about books and poems that are read to them and that they read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other materials
	Poetry	Shape poems	Entertain	write poetry make inferences re-read books and poems to build up fluency and confidence in word reading
	Reports		Inform	write about real events. write narratives about personal experiences and those of others use the present and past tense correctly
D	Narrative	Creation stories	Entertain	use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify plan or say out loud what they are going to write about use the present and past tense correctly and consistently use capital letters at the start of a sentence and for names of people and places
Spring	Poetry	Whole School Focus	Entertain	listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently

	Persuasion		Inform	begin to use exclamation marks and question marks write for different purposes use subordination (when, if that or because)
	Narrative	Traditional Tales	Entertain	independently compose a sentence orally before writing it sequence sentences to form short narratives be encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'l'
	Take One Book		Entertain	listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently compose a sentence orally before writing it
	Narrative	Stories by the same author	Entertain	plan or say out loud what they are going to write about use subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but) use the present and past tense correctly and consistently use capital letters at the start of a sentence and for names of people and places
	Poetry	Pick a Poet	Entertain	listen to, discuss and express views about a range of contemporary and classical poetry
	Explanation		Inform	be introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways write sentences with different forms: statement, command, exclamation
	Report		Inform	discuss the significance of the title and events draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
	Narrative	Settings	Entertain	make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far compose a sentence orally before writing it sequence sentences to form short narratives use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'
ē	Poetry	List poems	Entertain	recognise simple recurring language discuss and clarify the meanings of new words, linking meanings to known vocabulary participate in discussions about poems that are read to them and that they read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say
Summer	Take One Book		Entertain	participate in discussions about books that are read to them and that they read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say explain and discuss their understanding of books

Class 2 Cycle A

Year 3 non-negotiables	Year 4 non-negotiables
 Begin to create settings, characters and plots Use organisation devices Demonstrate an understanding of audience and purpose Maintain correct tense throughout a piece of writing Begin to use paragraphs around a theme Use subordinate clauses Use punctuation from previous year groups ?!', Use conjunctions, prepositions and adjectives Use a or an appropriately Begin to join our handwriting in a neat style Spell some words correctly from the Y3/4 list Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors Use commas in a list Edit work to make improvements Make deliberate ambitious word choices to add detail 	 Use fronted adverbials followed by a comma Use prepositions to express time, place and cause Use subordinate clauses in different positions within a sentence Use punctuation from previous year groups ?!,.' Join our handwriting in a neat style with increasing speed Make deliberate ambitious word choices to add detail

Context	Focus	M Tidd	National Curriculum
Narrative	Stories in Imaginary Worlds	Entertain	compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors using commas after fronted adverbials
Narrative	Traditional Tales	Entertain	listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks/reading books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes, identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say increase familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these organise paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot
Poetry	Limericks	Entertain	recognising some different forms of poetry

	Reports		Inform	discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar discuss and record ideas proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear compose and rehearse sentences orally progressively build a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures retrieve and record information from non-fiction
	Poetry	Vocabulary Building	Entertain	discuss and record ideas read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and control the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning
	Take One Book			check that the text makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explain the meaning of words in context ask questions to improve their understanding of a text predict what might happen from details stated and implied
	Report		Inform	discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar proof-read for spelling and punctuation compose and rehears sentences orally progressively build a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures retrieve and record information from non-fiction
	Narrative	Adventure Stories	Entertain	increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence organise paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot
Spring	Film Narrative		Entertain	organise paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences

	Instructions		Inform	in non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors extend the range of sentences with more than one clause, using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although
	Poetry	Pick a Poet	Entertain	perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
	Take One Book		Entertain	read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes increase familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retell some of these orally identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books ask questions to improve understanding of a text predicting what might happen from details stated and implied identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these
	Discussion		Inform	assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements extend the range of sentences with more than one clause, using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although
	Fairy tales		Entertain	proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading increase familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retell some of these orally use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these organising paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot
	Poetry	Vocabulary Building	Entertain	propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning
Summer	Quest stories		Entertain	in narratives, create settings, characters and plot propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition

Take One Book	Entertain	read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes
		increase familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and
		legends, and retell some of these orally
		identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books
		check that the text makes sense to them, discuss understanding and explain the
		meaning of words in context
		participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can
		read for themselves

Class 2 Cycle B

	Context	Focus	M Tidd	National Curriculum
	Whole School Rea			
	Poetry Wk 2-4	Structures – Haiku, Tanka, Kenning	Entertain	prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action recognise some different forms of poetry
	Narrative Wk 5-7	Diaries	Inform	assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition retrieve and record information from non-fiction
	Biography Wk 8-9	Black History Month Link	Inform	compose and rehearse sentences orally progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause
	Narrative Wk 10-12	Timeslip stories	Entertain	discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar discuss and record ideas
	Report Wk 13-15		Inform	discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar discuss and record ideas proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors compose and rehearse sentences orally progressively build a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures retrieve and record information from non-fiction
Autumn	Take One Book Wk 16	The Big Night	Entertain	use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read check that the text makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context predict what might happen from details stated and implied ask questions to improve their understanding of a text
bu	Narrative	Stories from other cultures	Entertain	in narratives, create settings, characters and plot assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition
Spring	Poetry	Pick a Poet	Entertain	prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action

	Persuasion	Letters	Persuade	assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements,
	1 0130031011	Lonois	1 01300000	proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the
				accurate use of pronouns in sentences
				use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause
				retrieve and record information from non-fiction
				compose and rehearse sentences orally
				progressively build a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence
				structures
	Poetry	Structures -	Entertain	proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
		Narrative		read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate
				intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear
				recognise some different forms of poetry
	Take One Book			use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read
				check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and
				explaining the meaning of words in context
				ask questions to improve their understanding of a text
				predict what might happen from details stated and implied
	Dilemma stories		Entertain	discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
	Diemina stolies		Emonain	draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their
				actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
				identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these
				organise paragraphs around a theme
	Democratica		Daversala	in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot
	Persuasion		Persuade	organise paragraphs around a theme
				extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of
				conjunctions, including when, if, because, although
	Instructions		Inform	in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices extending the range of
				sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions,
				including when, if, because, although
	Narrative	Playscripts	Entertain	prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding
				through intonation, tone, volume and action
				compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue),
	Poetry	Structures –	Entertain	assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting
		Riddles		improvements
				listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference
				books or textbooks
۲.	Take One Book		Entertain	increase familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and
Summer				legends, and retelling some of these orally
_۳				identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books identify how language,
SL				structure, and presentation contribute to meaning
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Class 3 Cycle A

Year 5 non-negotiables	Year 6 non-negotiables
Use carefully chosen expanded noun phrases to add detail	Working at the expended standard criteria of the Teacher Assessment
Consistent and correct use of tense	Framework
Use the perfect form of verbs	
Use conjunctions, adverbials and pronouns to build cohesion	
 Vary sentence structure – openers and length 	
Use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility	
Use relative clauses	
Use brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis	
Organise work properly – paragraphs, headings, bullet points, underlining	
Use imaginative and ambitious vocabulary	

	Context	Focus	M Tidd	National Curriculum
	Balanced Argument	Local building project	Discuss	identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning use further organisational devices to structure text and guide the reader ensure the consistent and correct tense throughout a piece of writing use semi-colons and colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses
	Suspense Stories	Titanium	Entertain	checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context - proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action
	Take One Book	The Railway Children	Entertain	
	Biography	Local personality	Inform	continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of non-fiction and reference books or textbooks note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun
Autumn	Portal Stories		Entertain	checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context - proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action

	Narrative Poetry	The Tale of the	Entertain	select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understand how such choices can
	Suspense and Mystery stories	Three Brothers Alma	Entertain	 change and enhance meaning in writing narratives consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen.
	Report	British wildlife	Inform	retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining] use passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence
Ð	Adventure stories	Jotun	Entertain	in writing narratives consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen.
Spring	Poetry	Pick a Poet: Grace Nicholls	Entertain	learn a wider range of poetry by heart assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing
	Persuasion Little Freak		Persuade	in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action identify the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing
	Recount		Inform	retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction, proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely use semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses use hyphens to avoid ambiguity
er –	Report		Inform	read texts that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining] using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility
Summer	Poetry	Monologues	Entertain	learn a wider range of poetry by heart prepare poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience

Class 3 Cycle B

	Context	Focus	M Tidd	National Curriculum
	Whole School Read	ling Focus – Wk 1	-	
	Narrative Wk 2-4	The Most Beautiful place in the World	Entertain	participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously check that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context ensure correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguish between the language of speech and writing, choosing the appropriate register note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary
	Balanced Argument Wk 5-6	Panama Canal	Discuss	read texts that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary précis longer passages use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
	Poetry Wk 7	Harvest	Entertain	learn a wider range of poetry by heart prepare poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience
	Poetry Wk 8-9	Pick a Poet – Black History Month	Entertain	continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non- fiction and reference books or textbooks propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
	Adventure stories Wk 10-12	Hero Twins	Entertain	increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
Autumn	Report Wk 13-15	Mayan life	Inform	read texts that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning use further organisation and presentation devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining] use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility
Autu	Take One Book Wk 16	The Big Night	Entertain	

	Myths	Greek Myths – reading and comparing	Entertain	continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non - fiction and reference books or textbooks draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what number road literand to a resear patterned
Spring	Myths	Greek Myths - writing	Entertain	what pupils have read, listened to or seen performedincrease their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions read books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action
	Report	Comparing Ancient Greek and Mayan life	Discuss	distinguish between statements of fact and opinion identify the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing
	Take One Book	Farther	Entertain	participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously
SI	Poetry	Pick a Poet	Entertain	ask questions to improve understanding
	Persuasion	Save the Planet	Persuade	distinguish between statements of fact and opinion explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
	Explanation	Natural phenomena	Inform	identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning use further organisation and presentation devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining] ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing use semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses
Summer	Poetry	Haikus about nature	Entertain	select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
Su	Take One Book	Window	Entertain	

Poetry	Vocabulary building	participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views
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Knowing more and remembering more

In order to accurately assess whether each child is working at the expected standard, we use the Alison Philipson Writing Assessment grids. We expect teachers to assess writing in this way at least six times a year for each child, covering a range of different text types. The assessment materials clearly identify gaps in skills and knowledge, allowing teachers to provide additional support to the whole class, small groups and/or individuals as required.

Every English lesson starts with retrieval practice which, alongside our curriculum design, takes into account interleaving in order to combat the forgetfulness curve. Through our responsive teaching, staff continuously monitor pupils' progress against expected attainment for their age, making formative assessment notes where appropriate and using these to inform teaching and intervention.

A Global Curriculum

We firmly believe that fostering a deep love for reading and writing not only facilitates the access to knowledge but also empowers students to become active agents of transformation. This conviction resonates profoundly with various United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), each guiding our educational voyage.

The cultivation of passionate readers and writers aligns harmoniously with Goal 4: Quality Education. By nurturing literacy skills, we empower students to engage critically with a world saturated with information, ultimately equipping them to be informed global citizens capable of making meaningful contributions.

Fluency in English serves as a potent tool for igniting change, echoing Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals. Proficiency in communication, encompassing writing, speaking, and listening, enables students to craft and execute impactful awareness campaigns, conduct insightful case studies, and actively partake in desktop research.

The same proficiencies underpin the development of partnerships and connections, resonating with Goals 8 and 17: Decent Work and Economic Growth, and Partnerships for the Goals. By fostering effective communication, our curriculum equips students to bridge divides, collaborate, and catalyse progress within their local and global communities.

Our celebration of World Book Day echoes Goal 4: Quality Education. By commemorating the power of literature to inspire change, we ignite a passion for reading that extends beyond the classroom, fostering a lifelong love for learning and engagement. Inviting a diverse range of speakers further enriches our English curriculum and aligns with Goals 4 and 10: Quality Education and Reduced Inequalities. These speakers infuse real-world relevance into the curriculum, deepening students' understanding of global issues and providing them with insights to become change agents themselves.

Above all, our ambitious English curriculum serves as a vehicle for narrowing the gap of inequality and disadvantage, aligning with the overarching mission of the SDGs. By nurturing articulate, empathetic, and globally-minded communicators, we provide each child with a transformative platform, empowering them to contribute positively to their own lives and to the broader global community.

Appendix 1

National Curriculum

You can access the full English Programmes of Study here.

Appendix 2

Spelling Policy

At Foxton Primary School, we follow the teaching of SSP with the Spelling Shed Scheme. By adopting a consistent approach to teaching spelling, we aim for all children to develop confidence and accuracy when spelling across the curriculum. In doing so we aim to:

- Teach the children to use a range of effective spelling strategies
- Encourage creativity and the use of ambitious vocabulary in writing
- Enable the children to write independently
- Enhance proof reading and editing skills
- Encourage children to identify patterns in words and spellings
- Promote positive and confident attitudes to spelling
- Provide equal opportunities for all children to achieve success in spelling.

The Teaching of Spelling at Foxton

- Children in Year 1, and those in Year 2 yet to pass the Phonics Screening, will continue daily SSP using Read, Write Inc. until they are secure to the end of Set Three sounds alongside spelling lessons.
- Teachers will follow the structure set out in Spelling Shed planning; splitting the lessons into 20-minute sessions following the structure shown below.
- It is assumed that children will access the spelling stage for their relevant year group however, where necessary, children may access the list for the lower year group, supported by additional sessions to facilitate greater progress.
- Once a list has been taught in spelling lessons, the children will:
 - o have access to online activities to reinforce their learning
 - have the words displayed clearly within the classroom for regular reference
 - be expected to use these words accurately in their written work (teachers must allow opportunities for the words to be used).

<u>Support</u>

Where necessary, children may need further support in order to progress with their spelling. This should, wherever possible, be undertaken within the spelling lesson. It is, however, understood that some additional intervention, such as Direct Phonic or Toe by Toe etc., may be required. This is at the Class Teacher's discretion.

Timetabling

Key Stage One

The Year One planning allows for 30 minutes per week. This will be split into two 15-minute sessions.

The Year Two planning allows for 40 minutes per week. This will be split into two 20-minutes sessions.

The class teacher will lead the spelling sessions and support staff will supervise other activities.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year	Recap and	Main Teaching	Consolidation	Consolidation	Handwriting
One	introduction	and	Reading	Reading	
		independent	Intervention	Intervention	
		work			
Year	Consolidation	Consolidation	Recap and	Main Teaching	Handwriting
Two	Reading	Reading	introduction	and	
	Intervention	Intervention		independent	
				work	

<u>Key Stage Two</u>

The planning for Key Stage Two allows for 60 minutes per week. This will be split into three 20-minute sessions.

The class teacher wil lead the spelling sessions and support staff wil supervise other activities. This is with the exception of the Independent sessions which will be supervised by support staff.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year	Recap and	Main Teaching	Independent	Consolidation	Reading
Three	introduction		work	Reading	comprehension
or					
Five					
Year	Consolidation	Reading	Recap and	Main	Independent
Four	Reading	comprehension	introduction	Teaching	work
or Six					

Progression in Spelling

			Class 1			
Term	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Autumn 1 Year 1	Words ending in 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'ck'.	Words with the /k/ sound spelled 'k' in the 'nk' pattern.	Words with the 'tch' trigraph.	Adding 's' and 'es' to make plurals.	Adding the suffixes 'ed' and 'ing'.	Adding the prefix 'un' and the suffixes 'er' and 'est'.
Autumn 1 Year 2	Words where 'dge; makes a /j/ sound.	Words where 'ge' makes the /j/ sound.	Words where 'g' makes the /j/ sound.	Words where 'c' makes a /s/ sound before 'e', 'l' or 'y'.	Words where 'kn' & 'gn' make a /n/ sound	Challenge words
Autumn 2 Year 1	Compound words with unstressed vowels.	Words with the diagraphs 'ai' and 'oi'.	Words with the digraphs 'ay' and 'oy'.	Words with the split digraph 'a_e'.	Words with the split digraph 'e_e'.	Words with the split digraph 'i_e'.
Autumn 2 Year 2	Words where 'wr' makes a /r/ sound at the beginning	Words ending in 'le'.	Words ending in 'el'.	Words ending in 'al'.	Words ending in 'il'.	Challenge words
Spring 1 Year 1	Words with the split digraph 'o_e'.	Words with the split digraph 'u_e'.	Words with the diagraph 'ar'.	Words with the digraph 'ee'.	Words where the digraph 'ea' makes an /ee/ sound.	Words where the digraph 'ea' makes the /e/ sound.
Spring 1 Year 2	Words where 'y' makes an /igh/ sound.	Words where 'es' is added to words ending in 'y'.	Words where 'ed' is added to words ending in 'y'.	Words where 'er' and 'est' are added to words ending in 'y'.	Words where 'ing' is added wot words ending in 'e'.	Challenge words
Spring 2 Year 1	Words where the digraph 'er' is stressed.	Words where the digraph 'er' is unstressed.	Words with the digraphs 'ir' and 'ur'.	Words where the digraph 'oo' makes and /oo/ sound.	Words where the digraph 'oo' makes an /u/ sound.	Words where the digraphs 'oa' & 'oe' make an /oa/ sound.
Spring 2 Year 2	Words where 'er', 'est' & 'ed' are added to words ending in 'e'.	Words where 'ing' is added to single syllable words.	Words where 'ed' is added to single syllable words.	Words where 'a' makes an /or/ sound.	Words where 'o' makes an /u/ sound.	Challenge words
Summer 1 Year 1	Words where the digraph 'ou' makes an /ow/ sound.	Words where the digraph 'ow' makes an /ow/ or /oa/ sound.	Words ending in 'y' /ee/ and 've' /v/.	Words with the digraphs 'ue' and 'ew'.	Words where the digraph 'ie' makes an /igh/ sound.	Words where 'ie' makes and /ee/ sound.
Summer 1 Year 2	Words where the digraph 'ey' makes an /ee/ sound.	Words where 'a' makes an /o/ sound.	Words where 'or' and 'ar' make an /er/ or /or/ sound.	Words where 'si' and 's' make a /zh/ sound.	Words ending in 'ment' and 'ness'.	Words ending in 'ful' and 'less'.
Summer 2 Year 1	Words with the trigraph 'igh'.	Words with the digraph 'or' and the trigraph 'ore'.	Words where the digraphs 'aw' & 'au' make an /or/ sound.	Words with the trigraphs 'air' and 'ear'.	Words where th trigraphs 'ear' & 'are' make an /air/ sound.	Words with the digraphs 'ph' and 'wh'.
Summer 2 Year 2	Words that are homophones.	Words that are homophones or near homophones.	Words ending in 'tion'.	Words with an apostrophe for contraction.	Words with an apostrophe for possession.	Challenge words

Progression in Spelling

			Class 2			
Term	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Autumn 1 Year 3	Words where the digraph 'ou' makes an /ow/ sound.	Words where the digraph 'ou' makes a /u/ sound.	Words where 'y' makes an /i/ sound.	Words ending in 'sure'.	Words ending in 'ture'.	Challenge words
Autumn 1 Year 4	Words that are homophones.	Words with the prefix 'in' meaning 'not'.	Words with the prefixes 'il', 'im' and 'ir'.	Words with the prefix 'sub' meaning under or further divided.	Words with the prefix 'inter' meaning 'between or among'.	Challenge words
Autumn 2 Year 3	Words with the prefix 're'.	Words with the prefix 'dis'.	Words with the prefix 'mis'.	Words were 'ing', 'er' and 'ed' are added to multisyllabic words.	Words where 'ing', 'en' and 'ed' are added to multisyllabic words.	Challenge words
Autumn 2 Year 4	Words ending in 'ation'.	Words ending in 'ation'.	Words ending in 'ly'.	Words ending 'lly'.	Words where 'ch' makes a /sh/ sound.	Challenge words
Spring 1 Year 3	Words with the digraph 'ai' and the tetragraph 'aigh'.	Words with the digraph 'ei' and the tetragraph 'eigh'.	Words where the digraph 'ey' makes and /ai/ sound.	Words with the suffix 'ly'.	Words that are homophones.	Challenge words
Spring 1 Year 4	Words ending in 'sion'.	Words ending in 'ous'.	Words ending in 'ous' including those where 'ge' remains.	Words where a suffix is added to words ending in 'y'.	Words ending in 'ious' and 'eous'.	Challenge words
Spring 2 Year 3	Words ending in 'al'.	Words ending in 'le'.	Words ending in 'ly' where the base word ends in 'le'.	Words ending in 'ly' where the base word ends in 'ic'.	Words ending in 'ly' exceptions	Challenge words
Spring 2 Year 4	Words where 'au' makes an /or/ sound.	Words ending in 'tion'.	Words ending in 'sion'.	Words ending in 'cian'.	Words that are adverbs of manner.	Challenge words
Summer 1 Year 3	Words with the suffix 'er'.	Words where the digraph 'ch' makes a /k/ sound.	Words ending in 'gue' and 'que'.	Words where the digraph 'sc' makes a /s/ sound.	Words that are homophones.	Challenge words
Summer 1 Year 4	Words that are homophones.	Words spelled with 'c' before 'i' and 'e'.	Words containing 'sol' and 'real'.	Words containing 'phon' and 'sign'.	Words with the prefixes 'super', 'anti' and 'auto'.	Words with the prefix 'bi' meaning two.
Summer 2 Year 3	Words ending in 'sion'.	Challenge words	Revision words	Revision words	Revision words	Revision words
Summer 2 Year 4	Challenge words	Words that are plurals with possessive apostrophes.	Revision words	Revision words	Revision words	Revision words

Progression in Spelling

Class 3						
Term	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Autumn 1 Year 5	Words ending in 'tious' and 'ious'.	Words ending in 'cious'.	Words ending in 'cial'.	Words ending in 'tial'.	Words ending in 'tial' and 'cial'.	Challenge words.
Autumn 1 Year 6	Challenge words.	Challenge words.	Challenge words.	Challenge words.	Challenge words.	Challenge words.
Autumn 2 Year 5	Words ending in 'ant'.	Words endin gin 'ance' and 'ancy'.	Words ending in 'ent' and 'ence'.	Words ending in 'able' and 'ible'.	Words ending in 'ably' and 'ibly'.	Challenge words.
Autumn 2 Year 6	Challenge words.	Challenge words.	Challenge words.	Challenge words.	Words with the short vowel sound /i/ spelled 'y'.	Words with the long vowel sound /igh/ spelled 'y'.
Spring 1 Year 5	Words ending in 'able' where the 'e' from the root word remains.	Words that are adverbs of time.	Words with suffixes where the base word ends in 'fer'.	Words with 'silent' first letters.	Words with 'silent' letters.	Challenge words.
Spring 1 Year 6	Adding the prefix 'over'.	Words with the suffix 'ful'.	Words that can be nouns and verbs.	Words with an /oa/ sound spelled 'ou' or 'ow'.	Words with a 'soft c' spelled 'ce'.	Words with the prefixes 'dis', 'un', 'over' and 'im'.
Spring 2 Year 5	Words with 'ie' after 'c'.	Words where 'ei' can make an /ee/ sound.	Words where 'ough' makes an /or/ sound.	Words containing 'ough'.	Adverbs of possibility and frequency.	Challenge words.
Spring 2 Year 6	Words with the /f/ sound spelled 'ph'	Words with origins in other countries and languages.	Words with unstressed vowel sounds.	Words with /shul/ spelled 'cial' after a vowel.	Words with 'shul' spelled 'tial'.	Words beginning with 'acc'.
Summer 1 Year 5	Words that are homophones or near homophones.	Words that are homophones.	Words that are homophones.	Words that are homophones or near homophones.	Words that are homophones or near homophones.	Challenge words.
Summer 1 Year 6	Words with the suffix 'ably'.	Words with the suffix 'ible'	Words with the suffix 'ibly'.	Words ending in 'ent' and 'ence'.	Words ending in 'er', 'or' and 'ar'.	Adverbs synonymous with determination.
Summer 2 Year 5	Words with hyphens.	Challenge words.	Revision words.	Revision words.	Revision words.	Revision words.
Summer 2 Year 6	Adjectives used to describe settings.	Adjectives used to describe feelings.	Adjectives used to describe characters.	Grammar vocabulary 1.	Grammar vocabulary 2.	Mathematical vocabulary.