Year 4 English Medium Term Plan

Reading and writing lessons will be delivered through a variety of high quality texts, to include written and visual texts. Suggested texts for each term may be used. However, teachers are free to choose their own texts in conjunction with the English coordinator.

Age appropriate conventions and objectives are repeated so that they can be used in different contexts and reinforced over the course of the year so that knowledge and skills are embedded. Therefore, comparisons can also be made between how learned conventions vary dependent on text type and intended purpose and impact and audience. Texts will become progressively more complex throughout the year.

See the text progression documents (as highlighted) to help with how to develop this text type for each year group.

Persuasive, Explanatory, Narrative, Poetry, Formal and informal recounts, Instructional/procedural

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Text types	Text types	Text types
Poetry- Tanka (precise choice of words to fit	Poetry - Narrative poetry- stanza, refrain,	Poetry - Free verse poetry including black out
syllable structure)	imagery	poetry
Fiction from our literary heritage	Stories from other cultures	Myths (and/or folk tales) and Legends (links to Romans, Egyptians, Saxons, Vikings)
Modern fiction	Modern fiction	
Non linear- see texts in italic	Horror	Modern fiction
Mystery/drama		fairy tale/traditional story- twisted tales
Non-fiction	Non-fiction	Non-fiction
Information texts with more detail	Diaries	Persuasion (Enterprise week)
Letters	Global Goals- climate change- newspaper reports	Discussion and argument
Haiku's by Matsuo Basho, Silver aeroplane - John	The Owl and the Pussycat – Edward Lear	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
Foster	Nim's island (marine life)	Once Upon a Wild Wood
Meet the Ancient Romans - James Davies	The Promise (picture book).	Into the Forest
The Street Beneath my Feet – Charlotte Guillian	The Haunting of Aveline Jones Phil Hickes	Viking myths and legends
and Yuval Zommer	(horror)	Arthur and the Golden Rope – Joe Todd-Stanton
Stonehenge	Count Karlstein Philip Pullman (horror)	Viking voyagers – Jack Tite
Charlotte's Web	October, October Katya Balen	Egyptian legends

The Railway Children	Fire Burn, Cauldron Bubble Paul Cookson	The Scarab's Secret – Nick Would
Midnight Fox	(narrative poetry)	A Year of Nature Poems Joseph Coelho
Firework Maker's daughter		
The Butterfly Lion		
Spelling focus	Spelling focus	Spelling focus
 Jean understand the rules for and spell words beginning with a-e from the 3/4 word list The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt –sure. (measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure) The ending sounding like /tʃə/ is often spelt –ture, but check that the word is not a root word ending in (t)ch with an er ending – e.g. teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher. If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as –sion. (division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television) Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) chef, chalet, machine, brochure Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey (vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey) 	 Jean understand the rules for and spell words beginning with f-p from the 3/4 word list The suffix –ous: Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters. (poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various) Sometimes there is no obvious root word. (tremendous, enormous, jealous) –our is changed to –or before –ous is added. (humorous, glamorous, vigorous) A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept. (courageous, outrageous) If there is an /i:/ sound before the –ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e. (serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous) Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt – gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin) league, tongue, antique, unique Homophones and near-homophones: 	 Jean understand the rules for and spell words beginning with q-w from the 3/4 word list Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt – tion, —sion, —ssion, —cian. Strictly speaking, the suffixes are — ion and —ian. Clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word —tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te. (invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion) ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or —mit. (expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission) —sion is used if the root word ends in d o se. expansion, extension, comprehension, tension. Exceptions: attend — attention, intend — intention. —cian is used if the root word ends in c o cs. (musician, electrician, magician,
 Possessive apostrophe with plural words. The apostrophe is placed after the plural 	accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare,	politician, mathematician) • Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin
form of the word; –s is not added if the	grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear,	in origin). In the Latin words from which

heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, mail/male,

main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle,

plural already ends in -s, but is added if

the plural does not end in -s (i.e. is an

irregular plural – e.g. children's). girls',

these words come, the Romans probably

pronounced the c and the k as two

boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's (Note: singular proper nouns ending in an s use the 's suffix e.g. Cyprus's population)		sounds rather than one – /s/ /k/. science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent • Homophones and near-homophones: missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane, rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who's
Handwriting focus	Handwriting focus	Handwriting focus
I know when to use a horizontal join, a diagonal	I am creating a comfortable grip to allow for	I practise my handwriting to make it neater and
join or when not to join.	fluency and speed.	consistent.
		I join my letters correctly as appropriate and with more fluency and confidence.