

Swanton Morley VC Primary School
YEAR 6 ENGLISH CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Main Writing Themes & Focuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Description and imagery ●Short stories ●Fiction genres ●Stories from other cultures ●Dramatic conventions ●Plays and play scripts ●Non-narrative writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Persuasive writing ●Arguments ●Biography and autobiography ●Poetry and performance ●Historical literature Explanations/Reports ●Extending narrative - dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Diaries and journals ●Journalistic writing ●Instructions ●Narrative – longer stories ●Poetic style (narrative)
Literature, Books & Reading	<p>Clockwork (Phillip Pullman) Archie Dobson’s War (BBC play script) The Amazing Tale of Ali Pasha (Michael Foreman) Charley’s War Vol 1 (Pat Mills) Charlie’s War (Mick Manning) Where the Poppies Now Grow (Hilary Robinson)</p>	<p>Extracts from Victorian literature including Alice in Wonderland (Lewis Carrol) Twelve Minutes to Midnight - Christopher Edge Dodger - Terry Pratchett Various biographies of famous Victorians</p>	<p>Diary of Samuel Pepys Diary of Anne Frank Kensuke’s Kingdom (Michael Morpurgo) Newspapers, magazines and journalistic texts Instructional texts and recipe books</p>
Poetry	<p>The Soldier - Rupert Brooke In Flanders Field - John McCrae Dulce et Decorum Est - Wilfred Owen</p>	<p>The Eagle - Tennyson There Was An Old Man Who Supposed - Edward Lear The Thunder Mutters - John Clare Various poetry anthologies including personification and metaphors</p>	<p>Beowulf Nightmail – WH Auden</p>
Film & Media	<p>Stories from other cultures: Dust Echoes (aboriginal) Explanations and reports: British film archive Description and imagery: Letters from the trenches</p>	<p>Extending narrative: Dripped (Leo Verrier) Biographies: Up (Pixar)</p>	<p>Diaries: Despicable Me (Pixar) Journalism: Newspapers, radio and TV news</p>
Drama, Role Play & Performance	<p>Play/Production: Archie Dobson’s War Role play/voice – Creating imagery</p>	<p>Performing poetry Debating – Presenting an argument</p>	<p>Producing and presenting news reports Presenting instructions and demonstrations</p>
Cross-Curricular Links	<p><i>History – The Great War (reading, writing and drama): War letters, poetry and novels as a source historical evidence.</i> <i>RE/PHSE – Stories from other cultures: Aboriginal reserves in Australia</i></p>	<p><i>History – Biographies of famous Victorian inventors, engineers and industrialists. Persuasion and arguments: Who was the greatest Victorian</i> <i>Geography – Rivers: non-narrative information writing/reports and explanations</i> <i>Art – Dripped: Jackson Pollock (extending narratives)</i></p>	<p><i>History – Using diaries and story/poetry as a source of historical evidence</i> <i>Geography – Mapping: Interpreting written descriptions of locations (Kensuke’s Kingdom)</i></p>

<p>Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS)</p>	<p><i>Review and recap of learning from Year 5</i> Common spelling patterns and high/medium frequency words Homophones and other words often confused Use dictionaries Use a thesaurus Sentence structures Passive/active voice Passive verbs Perfect form of verbs Verbs and nouns Clauses and full stops Questions and exclamations Subordinate clauses and commas Adjectives and adverbs Paragraphs Apostrophes Subject/object Passive/active voice Dialogue and direct speech Metaphors/similes Vocabulary and structures of formal speech and writing Expanded noun phrases Relative clauses Grammatical terminology</p>	<p><i>Continuation of learning from Autumn Term</i> Words with 'silent' letters Morphology and etymology in spelling Unusual spellings Definitions and meanings Synonyms Prefixes/suffixes Homophones/homonyms Prepositions Determiners Semicolon/colon Advanced punctuation Parsing Questions and statements Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis Subjunctive forms Modal verbs or adverbs Hyphens Semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark independent clauses Grammatical terminology</p>	<p><i>Continuation of learning from Spring Term</i> Assessment, review and revision</p>
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