



2021/22	 Birchwood Primary: Whole School Thematic Curriculum Overview and supporting texts. 					
	Autumn 1. (7 weeks)	Autumn 2. (7 weeks)	Spring 1. (7 weeks)	Spring 2. (6 weeks)	Summer 1. (5 weeks)	Summer 2. (7 weeks)
Reception	We all belong here. (PSHE) Key Texts: Have you filled a bucket today? Carol Mc'Could Goldilocks and the three bears (Talk for writing)	Why do squirrels hide their nuts? (Understanding the World) Key Texts: The Busy Little Squirrel by Nancy Tafuri Bear Snores On by Jack Tickle Pumpkin Soup (Talk for Writing)	Winter Wonderland (Understanding the World/PSED) Key Texts: Snowflakes by Cerrie Burnell Penguin and the Cupcake by Ashley Spires We're going on a Bear Hunt (Talk for Writing)	Dinosaur Stomp (Communication and Language/Understanding the World) Key Texts: Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs – Ian Whybrow Tyrannosaurus Drip – Julia Donaldson The Three Billy Goats Gruff (Talk for Writing)	The Sights and Sounds of Africa (Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design) Key Texts: Mama Panya's Pancakes by Mary Chamberlin The Lion who wanted to love by Giles Andrea Handa's Surprise (Talk for Writing)	Mad about Minibeasts (Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design) Key Texts: Mad about Minibeasts by Giles Andrea The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle Jack and the Beanstalk (Talk for Writing)
Year 1	Space. (English/History) Key Texts: Beegu Alexis Deacon Whatever Next Jill Murphy Space Poems Gabby Morgan The Way back Home Oliver Jeffers	School Days. (History) Key Texts: If I built a School Chris Van Dusen Playground Games Usbourne Changing Times School Ruth Thompson	No Place Like Home. (English / Geography) Key Texts: Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs Little Red Riding Hood The Enormous Turnip The Three Little Pigs	Take one Author. (Julia Donaldson - English) Castles. (History) Key Texts: The Smartest Giant in Town A squash and a Squeeze The Giant Jumperee The Cook and the King	Rio De Vida. (Geography) Key Texts: Jabuti the Tortoise Gerald McDermott The Legend of Vitoria Regia The Sock Thief Anna Crespo	Enchanted Woodland. (Science) Key Texts: Deep in the Woods Christopher Corr Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak. The Gruffalo Julia Donaldson Freddie and the Fairy Julia Donaldson
Year 2	Bright Lights, Big City (Geography) Key Texts: Katy in London - James Mayhew Vlad and the Great Fire of London - Kate Cunningham Look Inside London – Usborne Paddington in London – Michael Bond	Significant People (History) Key Texts: Sir Robert Peel - Peel Society One Hundred Steps – Captain Tom Moore Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World – Kate Pankhurst Rosa Parks: Little People Big Dreams – Lisbeth Kaiser Emmeline Pankhurst: Little People Big Dreams – Lisbeth Kaiser Take One Author (English) Key Texts: (Author Oliver Jeffers) - Here We Are. Lost and Found. Stuck. A Child of Books. The incredible Book-Eating Boy	Muck, Mess and Mixtures (Art) Key Texts: George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl The Colour Monster – Anna Llenas What is Pink? (poem) – Christina Rossetti	Under the Canopy (Science) Key Texts: The Tin Forest – Helen Ward There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom – James Sellick The Great Kapok Tree – Lynne Cherry Rainforests – Usborne	Land Ahoy! (History) Key Texts: Sam Silver Undercover Pirate: Skeleton Island – Jan Burchett and Sara Vogler See Inside Pirate Ships – Rob Lloyd James The Pirate Next Door – Jonny Duddle	On the Beach (Geography) Key Texts: The Sea Saw – Thomas Percival Snail and the Whale – Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler Flotsam – David Weisner The Secret of Black Rock – Joe Todd-Stanton
Year 3	Road Trip USA (Geography) Key Texts: Larry gets lost books – New York, Texas, San Francisco, Washington DC, LA. Michael Mullin John Skewes Snow White in New York. Fiona French	Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age (History) Key Texts: Stone Age Tales – The Great Storm. Terry Deary	Forces, Magnets and Metals (Science) Key Texts: The Iron Man (illustrated version) Ted Hughes	Rocks, Volcanoes and Earthquakes (Geography) Key Texts: The Street Beneath My Feet. Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer Bear Grylls Adventures – The Volcano Challenge. Bear Grylls Stone Girl Bone Girl. Laurence Anholt If you find a rock. Peggy Christian	Ancient Greece (History) Key Texts: Greek Myths for Young Children Retold by Heather Amery	Scrumdiddlyumptious & Take One Author (DT & English) Key Texts: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory. Roald Dahl Roald Dahl and his Chocolate Factory. Andrew Deakin
Year 4	Roman Britain (History) Key Texts: Roman Quests – Escape from Rome Roman Soldier Handbook – Usborne	Heroes and Villains (Music/PSHE) Key Texts: Varjak Paw – S F Said Little People, Big Dreams series – Rosa Parks, Grete Thunberg and Stevie Wonder	Misty Mountain, Winding River (Geography) Key Texts: King of the Cloud Forests – Michael Morpurgo The Rhythm of the Rain by G Baker	Vikings and Anglo-Saxons (History) Key Texts: The Riddle of the Runes OR Viking Boy Vicious Vikings – Terry Deary	Take One Author: Michael Morpurgo (English) Key Texts: War Horse Picture Book The Butterfly Lion	Living things and their Habitats (Science) Key Texts: Whale Boy – Nicola Davies Ocean – A Child's Encyclopaedia by DK
Year 5	Marvellous Mechanisms (Design and Technology) Key texts: The Switch - Anthony Horowitz/ The Watchers – Helen Cresswell Non-fiction texts about famous engineers and designers.	The Solar System (Science) Key texts: Cosmic – Frank Cottrell Boyce Non-fiction texts about the Solar System.	The Black Death (History and Science) Key text: Children of Winter – Berlie Doherty	Inventions and Industry (History / Geography) Key text: Street Child – Berlie Doherty	Take one author / Materials and their Properties (Literacy / Science) Key text: Multi-cultural poet/ author - Benjamin Zephaniah/ Kwame Alexander (collections) Malorie Blackman (Pig Heart Boy)	Ancient Egypt (History / Art) Key text: Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll
Year 6	Darwin's Delights (Science) Key Text: Skellig by David Almond	World War 2 (History) Key Text: The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne	Frozen Kingdoms (Geography) Key Texts: Wolf Wilder by Kathrine Rundell Shackleton's Journey by William Grill	Tales of Terror (English) Key Texts: Lamb to the Slaughter by Roald Dahl Selection of Anthony Horowitz short stories: The Man with the Yellow Face and The Night Bus	Africa (PSHE) Key Texts: Freedom by Catherine Johnson	Mexico and the Mayans (History) Key Texts: Middleworld by J&P Voelkel

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