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	Autumn 1 (8 weeks)		Autumn 2 (7 weeks)		
Genre & Text Type	Narrative (4.5 weeks)	Autobiographies (3 weeks) phase 1-3	Poetry (4 weeks) Narrative poetry (3 weeks)		
Possible Novels & Extracts	Woof! – Allan Ahlberg	Ruby Bridges – Black History	Allan Ahlberg - A range of poems from Ahlberg's 'Please Mrs Butler' collection of poems Snail and the Whale, The Gruffalo		
Punctuation and grammar	 Narrative & autobiography - Grammar To use personification, metaphors and similes To use a wide range of adverbials To use a wide range of conjunctions To use fronted adverbials To use expanded noun phrases To use subordinate clauses and subordinating conjunctions To use a mix of nouns and pronouns for cohesion To use a variety of sentence structures Techniques to build tension/suspense Narrative & autobiography - Punctuation Apostrophes for possession Use commas after fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses To use commas to mark relative clauses To organise information under sub headings To use bullet points to list items 		Poetry - Grammar To use a variety of sentence structures To use expanded noun phrases To use personification, metaphors and similes To identify rhyming words To follow a rhyme scheme To include a certain number of syllables in a line of poetry To organise writing into stanzas Poetry -Punctuation To use capital letters at the start of each line To use a comma at the end of a line when a sentence is split across two lines To use apostrophes for contraction To use exclamation marks accurately To use ellipsis to indicate a pause		

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• To use apostrophes for possession

Year Group: 4



Spelling	 Adding suffixes beginning with vowels to words with more than one syllable –ing I sound spelt y, U sound spelt ou, Prefixes- in, im 		 Before root word beginning with m or p, in- becomes im- Before a root word starting with r, in- becomes ir- Prefix - inter- means between or among Prefix - super- means above, Prefix - anti- means against, auto- means self or own 		
	Spring 1 (6 weeks)		Spring 2 (5 weeks)		
Genre / Text Type	Narrative – Story writing (4 weeks) Phase 1-4	Narrative: character description (2 weeks) Phases 1&2	Narrative: character description (2 weeks) Phase 3&4	Persuasive texts: (3 weeks) Visit Italy/Visit the London Wetland Centre?	
Possible Novels / Extracts	Butterfly Lion Michael Morpurgo	Iron Man Ted Hughes	Iron Man Ted Hughes	Persuasive leaflets	
Punctuation and Grammar	 Narrative - Grammar To use precise nouns To use expanded noun phrases with powerful adjectives To use fronted adverbials to indicate time and place To use senses to add detail To use figurative language with a focus on personification To use a range of techniques to build tension: ominous/vague language repetition short sentences rhetorical questions 		 To use imperative verbs To use rhetorical questions To use imperative verbs To use superlatives To use facts/statistics To use emotive language To use exclamations To use rule of 3 To use hyperbole 	sive texts - Grammar	
	Narrative - Punctuation ■ To punctuate direct speech correctly		 Persuasive texts - Punctuation To use capital letters for proper nouns To use question marks and exclamation marks accurately 		

To use commas to mark relative clauses

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	To use commas after fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses		To use commas after fronted	To use commas after fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses		
	HFW from the Year 4 spelling li		• Suffix sound 'sure'			
	• Suffix '-ation' - added to verbs to form nouns		 suffix '-ous' words with the 'k' sound spelt 'ch' e.g. scheme, chorus 			
Spelling	Suffix '-ly'Suffix '-sure'		To spell words with the 'sh' sound spelt 'ch' e.g. chef, machine			
	• Suffix '-sion'		Suffix sound 'sion' – tion, sion, ssion, cion			
	Summer 1 (6 weeks)		Summer 2 (7 weeks)			
Genre / Text Type	Narrative (4 weeks)	Non-chronological reports (2 weeks) Phases 1&2	Non-chronological reports (2 weeks) Phases 3&4	Explanation texts (4 weeks)	Poetry (1 week)	
Possible Novels / Extracts	Theseus and the Minotaur Other Greek myths	Greek Myths Non-chronological reports	Greek Myths Non-chronological reports	Until I Met Dudley Context of machines	Michael Rosen Comic narrative poetry	

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	Narrative - Grammar	Explanation texts - Grammar		
		To use relative pronouns and clauses		
	To use speech which reveals character	To use the present tense consistently		
	To use speech which moves the story on	To use formal language		
	To use a range of precise verbs and adverbs	To use technical vocabulary		
	To use fronted adverbials	To use fronted adverbials (for time)		
	To use techniques to build tension	 To use parenthesis (brackets, commas and dashes) 		
	To write in the past tense consistently	To use time conjunctions		
	Non-chronological reports - Grammar			
		Explanation texts - Punctuation		
	To use relative clauses	To use question marks accurately		
Punctuation and Grammar	To write in the third person	To use commas after fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses		
Grammar	To use formal language			
	To use technical vocabulary			
	To use fronted adverbials	Poetry - Grammar		
		• To identify rhyming words		
		• To follow a rhyme scheme		
	Narrative & non-chronological reports - Punctuation	To include a certain number of syllables in a line of poetry		
	To punctuate direct speech correctly	 To organise writing into stanzas Poetry -Punctuation 		
	To use apostrophes for possession	To use capital letters at the start of each line		
	To use commas after fronted adverbials	To use a comma at the end of a line when a sentence is split across two lines		
	To use capital letters for proper nouns	To use apostrophes for contraction		
		To use exclamation marks accurately		
	To explore words which have the endings (ture, sure, sion)	To explore words which have the suffix ous		
	To explore words which use t(cher) with an er ending To explore	To explore words which end in tion, sion, ssion, cion		
Cmallin-	words which have the suffix ous	To explore words with the k sound spelt ch		
Spelling		To explore words with the sh sound spelt ch		
		Words ending with the g sound spelt gue and k sound spelt que To explore words with Latin		
		origin – s sound spelt sc		

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