## Year 4 English Overview

| Autumn 1<br>Narrative<br>Bridging<br>Unit | Loch Ness Monster  | 3 weeks | <ul> <li>Listen to and discuss a range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction, e.g.fables, fairy tales, classic poetry, shape poetry, non-chronological reports, explanations.</li> <li>Explain the meaning of unfamiliar words by using the context.</li> <li>Explore, identify and create complex sentences using a range of conjunctions e.g. when, if because, before, after, so (Year 3)</li> <li>Use the comma to separate clauses in complex sentences where the subordinate clause appears first, e.g. Although it was raining, we decided not to take our coats. (Year 3)</li> <li>Use dictionaries to check meanings of words they have read.</li> </ul> |
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| Autumn 1<br>Narrative                     | Roald Dahl Novel as a Theme:  Author Study Roald Dahl                      | 3 Weeks | <ul> <li>Create complex sentences with adverb starters eg Silently trudging through the snow,</li> <li>Identify and discuss the purpose, audience, structure vocabulary and grammar of narrative.</li> <li>Read and analyse narrative in order to produce their own versions.</li> <li>Prepare play-scripts to read aloud, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action</li> </ul>   |
| Autumn 1<br>Poetry                        | Poems with a theme:<br>Roald Dahl  | 1 Week  | <ul> <li>Use paragraphs to organise writing in poetry text</li> <li>Improve writing in light of evaluation.</li> <li>Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences</li> </ul>  |
| Autumn 2<br>Non-Fiction                   | Information Text:<br>Lake district   | 3 Weeks | <ul> <li>Evaluate how specific information is organised</li> <li>Use headings and subheadings</li> <li>Appraise a text to evaluate usefulness</li> </ul>  |
| Autumn 2<br>Narrative                     | Film and Play<br>Scripts:<br>Beatrix Potter<br>Peter Rabbit                | 3 Weeks | <ul> <li>Prepare play-scripts to read aloud, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action</li> <li>Develop characterisation using vocabulary to create emphasis, humour, atmosphere, suspense</li> <li>Discuss and propose changes with partners and in small groups</li> <li>Improve writing in light of evaluation</li> <li>Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences</li> </ul>  |
| Autumn 2<br>Poetry                        | Classical Poetry:<br>Wordsworth-<br>Daffodils                              | 2 Weeks | <ul> <li>Read and analyse poetry order to produce their own versions.</li> <li>Draw inferences around characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives, and justify with evidence from the text using point and evidence.</li> </ul>   |
| Spring 1<br>Narrative                     | Fairy Tales:<br>Hans Christian<br>Anderson<br>The Emperor's New<br>Clothes | 3 Weeks | <ul> <li>Create sentences with fronted adverbials for when e.g. As the clock struck twelve, the soldiers sprang into action.</li> <li>Use commas to mark clauses in complex sentences</li> </ul>  |

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|             |                     |         | • Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech e.g. The tour guide announced, "Be           |
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|             |                     |         | back here at four o' clock."   |
|             |                     |         | Read and analyse a fairy tale in order to plan and write their own versions  |
|             |                     |         | Discuss and record ideas for planning e.g. chunk a plot  |
| Spring 1    | Recounts:           | 3 Weeks | Use nouns for precision eg burglar rather than man.  |
| Non-Fiction | News Reports        |         | <ul> <li>Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.</li> </ul>                            |
|             |                     |         | <ul> <li>Discuss and record ideas for planning e.g. story board, boxing-up text types to create a plan.</li> </ul> |
| Spring 1    | Rap Poetry:         | 1 week  | Identify, analyse and discuss the structure of rap poetry  |
| Poetry      | Rhyming structure   |         | Explore the rhyming structure of rap poetry  |
|             |                     |         | <ul> <li>Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences</li> </ul>   |
| Spring 2    | Fantasy:            | 3 Weeks | Develop characterisation using vocabulary to create emphasis, humour, atmosphere, suspense                         |
| Narrative   | (The Firework       |         | Discuss and propose changes with partners and in small groups  |
|             | makers Daughter)    |         | Improve writing in light of evaluation   |
|             |                     |         | • Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences                     |
| Spring 2    | Discussion and      | 2 Weeks | Group related material into paragraphs   |
| Non-Fiction | Debate:             |         | Develop and agree on rules for effective discussion  |
|             |                     |         | Create complex sentences using conjunctions  |
| Summer 1    | Myths and           | 3 Weeks | Plan and write a myth/legend based on a model  |
| Narrative   | Legends:<br>Beowulf |         | Tell the myth/legend to an identified audience   |
| Summer 1    | Non-Chronological   | 2 Weeks | Use paragraphs to organise writing in non-fiction texts.   |
| Non-        | Report:             |         | <ul> <li>Use organisational devices in non-fiction writing, e.g. captions, text boxes, diagram, lists.</li> </ul>  |
| Fiction     | Vikings             |         | • Explore, identify, collect and use noun phrases eg We were   |
|             |                     |         | Generate and select from vocabulary banks.   |
| Summer 1    | Poems with a        | 1 Week  | Discuss and propose changes to own and others' writing with partners/small groups.                                 |
| Poetry      | structure:          |         | Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences                       |
|             | Kennings            |         | Analysing different forms of poetry e.g. haiku, limericks, kennings.   |
|             |                     |         | • Learning a range of poems by heart and rehearsing for performance.   |
| Summer 2    | Stories with Issues | 3 Weeks | Make predictions based on information stated and implied   |
| Narrative   | and Dilemmas:       |         | • Demonstrate active reading strategies e.g. generating questions, finding answers, refining thinking, modifying   |
|             | Wallace and         |         | questions, constructing images   |
|             | Gromit              |         | • Create sentences with fronted adverbials for where eg – In the distance  |

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| Summer 2<br>Non-Fiction | Explanation Text: Wallace and Gromit Cracking Contraptions | 2 Weeks | <ul> <li>Explore, identify and create complex sentences using a range of conjunctions e.g. if, so, because, when</li> <li>Discuss and record ideas for planning e.g. text map, non-fiction bridge, boxing-up text types to create a plan.</li> <li>Organise paragraphs in explanations</li> </ul>  |
| Summer 2<br>Poetry      | Poems with a structure:<br>Cinquain                        | 1 Week  | <ul> <li>Discuss and propose changes to own and others' writing with partners/small groups.</li> <li>Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences</li> <li>Analysing different forms of poetry e.g. haiku, limericks, kennings.</li> <li>Learning a range of poems by heart and rehearsing for performance.</li> </ul> |