Curriculum Overview: English

∕ear Group	Content overview Cycle 1	Content overview Cycle 2	Content overview Cycle 3
5	The Curse of the Maya Best Writes ▶ Informal letter ▶ Diary entry from character's perspective ▶ Narrative – New Chapter 'Curse of the Maya' Writing Skills	 Kensuke's Kingdom Best Writes ▶ Balanced argument ▶ Narrative – Kensuke's Life Story Writing Skills 	The Piano (animation) A Midsummer Night's Dream Treason Best Writes > Narrative – The Piano > Persuasive letter Writing Skills
	Journey to the River Sea (Guided Reading) VIPERS skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve, summarise)	<u>Once (Guided Reading)</u> VIPERS skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve, summarise)	<u>Letters from the Lighthouse (Guided Reading)</u> VIPERS skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve, summarise)
;	Sherlock Holmes: The Case of the Speckled Band Best Writes ▶ Recount of Summer Holidays ▶ Newspaper Report Writing Skills Inference and deduction, evidence to support a hypothesis, source key facts from a text, sentence openers, complex sentences, assess a writer's choice of ending Street Child Best Writes ▶ Narrative – Jim's Escape Writing Skills Difference between formal and slang, speech, diary entry, emotive language, describe a setting, making predictions,	The Highwayman Best Writes > Narrative – Retell a Given Story Writing Skills Beowulf Best Writes > Narrative – Alternate Perspective (Sea-Hag) > Newspaper GDS Writing Skills	HolesBest Writes> Fact File – Yellow-Spotted Lizard> Balanced Argument – Should Stanley go After Zero?> Adventure Story – Kate BarlowWriting SkillsAnalyse an opening, describing a character, describing a setting, dairy entry, persuasive devices, using quotes, imperative form, wanted poster, obituary, creating sympathy for a character,Writing for ModerationBest Writes> Passive Voice – Mr Hasbean> Narrative – Astrid> Setting Description – Beach Scene> Dialogue – Invisible Man> Balanced Argument – Mount Snowdon> Modal Verbs – My Future> Free WriteWriting Skills

	<u>Cogheart (Guided Reading)</u> VIPERS skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve, summarise)	Reciprocal Reading & Comprehension Skills (Guided Reading) Range of short texts used VIPERS skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve, summarise)	Teacher to look at gaps in Best Writes and use relevant pieces to help support the gaps <u>Windrush Child (Guided Reading)</u> VIPERS skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve, summarise)
7	Oliver Twist Writing Focus ➤ Non-fiction writing Reading Skills Read for meaning, understand different viewpoints, analyse an author's craft, start to identify themes across a text, select quotations, identify context at the time, explore characterisation, pathetic fallacy	Midsummer Night's Dream Writing Focus ▶ Narrative ▶ Descriptive writing Reading Skills Read for meaning, understand different viewpoints, analyse playwright's craft – language and structure, explore how genre is built within a play, select relevant quotations and begin to make notes and annotations on them,	Boy in the Stripped Pyjamas Writing Focus ▶ Letter writing ▶ Diary writing ▶ Script writing Reading Skills Read for meaning, understand different viewpoints, analyse author's craft – language and structure, pathetic fallacy, foreboding, analyse emotional impact of certain words, bias in language, select relevant quotations and create annotations on them.
8	Macbeth & Conflict Poetry Writing Focus ▶ War and conflict poetry & prose extracts ▶ Descriptive writing Reading Skills Read for meaning, understand different viewpoints, analyse playwright's craft – language and structure, explore how genre is built within a play, inference, select relevant quotations and make detailed notes and annotations, how does language shape and manipulate people's emotions, to consider how tragedy is built within text(s).	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes Writing Focus Narrative Writing – focus on structure Reading Skills Read for meaning, understand different viewpoints, analyse author's craft – language and structure, compare and contrast across a range of texts, character tracking, inference, selection of relevant quotations and analyse using detailed annotations,	 Refugee Boy Writing Focus ➢ Newspaper article – Refugee Crisis Reading Skills Read for meaning, understand different viewpoints, analyse author's craft – flashbacks, foreshadowing, pathetic fallacy, how does language shape and manipulate people's emotions, compare across different types of text, critically compare and contrast, bias in language,
9	The Woman in BlackWriting Focus> Gothic literature extracts> Descriptive writingWriting Skills	Blood Brothers Writing Focus ➤ Script Writing ➤ Perspective writing in the style of a character Writing Skills	Poems from other cultures Writing Focus ▶ Recount of Summer Holidays ▶ Newspaper Report Writing Skills

