

Freemantle Academy Curriculum Map 2023 – 2024
Curriculum Themes linked to the Freemantle Reading Spine

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Marvellous Me <i>Who am I? Who is in my family? What is special about me? What is special about my family? Who are my friends? What is special about them? What amazing things can I do already? What amazing things can I do at Nursery? How am I feeling?</i>	Let's Celebrate <i>What are special times for me and my family? What are special times we celebrate at Nursery? What happens on my birthday/at Christmas/Diwali? What happens during autumn? What changes can we see/hear/smell/feel?</i>	Once upon a Fairy Tale <i>Who are the characters in stories? Where are they? Is it somewhere we have been before? What does it look like? Where do the characters live? Where can our imagination take us? What happens during winter?</i>	Adventurous Explorers <i>What do we notice when we are exploring? What can we see/smell/hear/touch/taste? Where can we explore? What does recycling mean? Why should we recycle? What happens during spring?</i>	Amazing Animals <i>What different types of animals are there? What do they look like? How are some animals the same? How are some different? Where do animals come from? What is my favourite animal? Why? What happens in summer?</i>	The Great Outdoors <i>What is in our garden and around our Nursery? What things are growing? What insects can I find? What do they look like? Why are they there? What is so special about me now? What happens at school? How will things change?</i>
Key Texts	Happy to be me Emma Dodd Happy Nicola Edwards I want to go first! Richard Byrne Incredible You Rhys Brisenden Hello Friend Rebecca Cobb Something Blue Nick Sharratt Wow! Said the Owl Tim Hopgood Sometimes I am FURIOUS Timothy Knapman Avocado Baby John Burningham	The Leaf Thief Alice Hemming Ish/The Dot Peter H Reynolds Kindness Grows Britta Teckentrup Kipper's Birthday Mick Inkpen Our class is a family Shannon Olsen Sweep Louise Greig Biscuit Bear Mini Grey When jelly had a wobble Michelle Robinson Meesha Makes Friends Tom Percival The squirrels who squabbled Jim Field	Jack Frost Kazuno Kohara Rapunzel Bethan Woolvin The Gingerbread Man Gail Yerrill Goldilocks and the three Bears Mara Alperin Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas Natasha Yim Dim Sum for Everyone Grace Lin The three Billy Goats Gruff Nick Sharratt The Ugly Duckling Hans Christian Andersen	Mixed – A world of colour Arree Chung I can catch a monster Bethan Woolvin The Perfect Fit Naomi and James Jones Hooray for Hoppy Tim Hopgood Blown Away Rob Biddulph Somebody Swallowed Stanley Sarah Roberts Whatever Next Jill Murphy Mini Rabbit must Help John Bond Emergency! Margaret Mayo	A squash and a squeeze Julia Donaldson Dog Loves Books Louise Yates The Selfish Crocodile Faustin Charles Above and Below Hanako Clulow Growing Frogs Vivian French Farmer Duck Martin Waddell Shark in the Park Nick Sharratt Poo in the Zoo Steve Smallman Bears don't eat egg sandwiches Julie Fulton	My big book of outdoors/Matisse's Magical Trail Tim Hopgood Tree: seasons come, seasons go Patricia Hegarty The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eric Carle More Would you Rather John Burningham Grumpy Frog Ed Vere Bee Britta Teckentrup The Suitcase Chris Naylor-Ballesteros Look Up Nathan Bryon Petra Marianna Coppo
Reception	Magical Me <i>What makes me special? What do I like to do and why? What do I like about myself? What am I good at? What do I want to be able to do? What do I want to be when I grow up? How do I know when I am sad/happy/excited? Who is in my family? Why are my family special to me? How do I stay healthy? Why do I need to look after my teeth?</i>	All that glitters <i>What does 'celebrate' mean? What do I celebrate and when? How do I celebrate? How do other people celebrate? What do I notice about the change in seasons? How do I stay safe in the dark evenings? How do I stay safe around fire? What is harvest?</i>	Once upon a time <i>What is a traditional tale? What does 'the past' mean? What is a fairy tale? Who are the characters? How are the characters feeling? What will the characters do next? What can we eat to stay healthy? What do plants need to grow?</i>	Ticket to ride <i>What is transport? What types of transport do I know already? What transport have I been on? Which was my favourite type of transport? What transport would I like to go on? Where would I travel to in a rocket? What do I know about space? What transport is the eco-friendliest? Why should we look after our planet?</i>	Our Wonderful World <i>Why is it important to look after our world? What happens during each season? What is my favourite season and why? How do I stay safe and healthy in each season? Why do we need to look after the animals in our world? What is the lifecycle of a butterfly?</i>	Pirate Adventure <i>How can I stay safe near water? What is a map? What should I do if I get lost? What sea creatures do I know? What am I looking forward to in Year 1? What have I enjoyed in Year R? What am I really good at? What am I most looking forward to in Year 1? What do I want my new teachers to know about me?</i>
Key Texts	Owl Babies	Aliens Love Pantaclaus	Little Red Riding Hood	Snail and the Whale	The Tiny Seed	Lighthouse Keepers Lunch

	<i>Martin Waddell</i> Colour Monster <i>Anna Llenas</i> Gruffalo's Child <i>Julia Donaldson</i> Pete the Cat <i>Eric Litwin</i> Funnybones <i>Allan Ahlberg</i> Incredible You <i>Rhys Brisenden</i> The Big Book of Families <i>Mary Hoffman</i>	<i>Claire Freedman</i> Stick Man <i>Julia Donaldson</i> Lost and Found <i>Oliver Jeffers</i> Pumpkin Soup <i>Helen Cooper</i> The Tiger who Came to Tea <i>Judith Kerr</i> Little Red Hen <i>Various authors</i> Oliver's Vegetables <i>Vivian French</i> Tidy <i>Emily Gravett</i>	Various authors – Trad tale The Princess and the Pea Various authors – Trad tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears Various authors – Trad tale The Magic Porridge Pot Various authors – Trad tale The Gingerbread Man Various authors – Trad tale The Three Little Pigs Various authors – Trad tale Jack and the Beanstalk Various authors – Trad tale	<i>Julia Donaldson</i> The Way Back Home <i>Oliver Jeffers</i> Mr Gumpy's Outing <i>John Burningham</i> The Train Ride <i>June Crebbin</i> Bob the Man on the Moon <i>Simon Bartram</i> Duck in the Truck <i>Jez Alborough</i> The Easter Story <i>Various authors</i>	<i>Eric Carle</i> The Very Hungry Caterpillar <i>Eric Carle</i> Butterfly Butterfly <i>Petr Horacek</i> Oliver's Fruit Salad <i>Vivian French</i> Tree... A stroll through the seasons <i>Britta Teckentrup</i> Bumblebear <i>Nadia Shireen</i>	<i>Ronda Armitage</i> Sharing a Shell <i>Julia Donaldson</i> Tiddler <i>Julia Donaldson</i> Commotion in the Ocean <i>Giles Andreae</i> On the way Home <i>Jill Murphy</i> The Pirates are coming! <i>John Condon</i>
Year 1	Superhero, Super Me! - What is a superhero? - Are they real? - Are they imaginary? - Who are our favourite superheroes? - Who are real life superheroes? - Do they have special powers? - What makes them super? - Who is your real-life hero and why?	Autumn Magic - What are the seasonal changes that happen over the year? - What happens during autumn? - How do things change? What do animals do in autumn? - Why do some animals sleep in winter? - What happens at Christmas? - How do Christians celebrate Christmas?	Toys - What toys do I have and like now? - What toys did people used to have in the past (1950's)? - How are they the same? - How are they different? - What materials are they made of? - What different toys are available all around the world? - How do toys move?	Princesses vs. Dinosaurs - What clues can we find from the past? - What do they tell us? - Did dinosaurs exist? - How do we know? Did dinosaurs lay eggs? - What did dinosaurs eat? - What did they look like? - What is a fossil? - How is a fossil made? - Who was Mary Anning and what did she do?	Growth - What can I do now that I couldn't do when I was a baby? - How am I changing? - What do we need to grow? - What else is growing and changing? - What do plants need to grow? - How do we know?	Adventures and Journeys - What and where are the continents and oceans in our world? - Who is Christopher Columbus and why is he a significant individual? - Who was Amy Johnson and why is she a significant person in history?
Key Texts	English Texts: Supertato <i>Paul Linnet & Sue Hendra</i> Supertato: Bubbly Troubly <i>Paul Linnet & Sue Hendra</i> Zippo the Superhero <i>Kes Gray</i> Supermouse and the Big Cheese Robbery <i>M. N. Tahl</i> Supermouse and the Volcano of Doom <i>M. N. Tahl</i> Superhero Baby <i>Patricia Hegarty</i>	English Texts: The Leaf Thief <i>Alice Hemming & Nicola Slater</i> If you Find a Leaf <i>Aimee Sicuro</i> Leaf Man <i>Lois Ehlert</i> The Winter Fox <i>Timothy Knapman & Rebecca Harry</i> You Can't Let an Elephant Pull Santa's Sleigh <i>Patricia Cleveland-Peck</i>	English Texts: Lost in the Toy Museum <i>David Lucas</i> Tatty Ratty <i>Helen Cooper</i> That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown <i>Cressida Cowell</i>	English Texts: Princesses Versus Dinosaurs <i>Linda Bailey</i> Princess Dinosaur <i>Daniel Kibblesmith</i> The Girl and the Dinosaur <i>Hollie Hughes</i>	English Texts: The Growing Story <i>Ruth Krauss</i> Tad <i>Benji Davis</i> What Will I Be? <i>Francis Stickley</i>	English Texts: Somebody Crunched Colin <i>Sarah Roberts</i> Grandad's Island <i>Benji Davies</i> Blown Away <i>Rob Biddulph</i> The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish <i>Chloe Savage</i>

	Supertato, Run Veggies Run <i>Paul Linnet & Sue Hendra</i>					
	NF Storytime: Real Superheroes DK Little People, Big Dreams: Rosa Parks <i>Lisbeth Kaiser</i>	NF Storytime: I Love the Seasons: DK Summer Green to Autumn Gold <i>Mia Posada</i>	NF Storytime: Terrific Toys in the Past <i>William Anthony</i>	NF Storytime: Little People, Big Dreams: Mary Anning <i>Isabel Sanchez Vegara</i> Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist <i>Linda Skeers</i> Lifesize Dinosaurs <i>Sophie Henn</i>	NF Storytime: The Big Book of Blooms <i>Yuval Zommer</i> Bean <i>Kirsty Holmes</i>	NF Storytime: Famous Explorers Charlotte Guillain My Big Book of Transport Moira Butterfield
Year 2	City Life What does our local community have to offer? How and why have our streets and communities changed over time? Are some materials more suitable than others for developing a city? What will you find in a modern-day city like Southampton?	Amazing Africa What is Africa and where is it located? What is the climate like in Africa? What animals are found in Africa and what challenges do they face? What are cultural differences between the UK and Africa?	A world of Water How dangerous is water? Why is Southampton significant to the Titanic? What happened to the Titanic? How do boats float? Who are famous sea explorers? Is there a difference between a sea and an ocean?	What a Wonderful World Why are plants important? How do plants grow? What would happen in a world without plants? Whose findings are most important to our understanding of the world... Mary Anning or David Attenborough?	Explore Wonderlands What is a wonderland? Is it real or is it imaginary? How can we tell? What is a microhabitat and what lives there? Why do people host tea parties? How do you plan a tea party? How do you invite guests?	Fabulous Friends and Families Who is in your family and how is your family different to mine? What is special to me and my family? How can we work co-operatively in a team? How can we get help if we are feeling lonely? How has Emmeline Pankhurst influenced the rights of members of your family?
Key Texts	Chester <i>Melanie Watt</i> Small in the City <i>Sydney Smith</i> Voices in the Park <i>Anthony Browne</i> Fire Cat: The Great Fire of London <i>Pippa Goodheart</i> Black and White <i>David Macaulay</i> The Promise <i>Nicola Davies</i>	One Plastic Bag <i>Miranda Paul</i> The Hunter <i>Paul Geraghty</i> Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain <i>Verna Aardema</i> Cinderella <i>Retold by Stan Cullimore</i> Cinderella of the Nile <i>Beverley Naidoo</i>	Survivors: The Night the Titanic Sunk <i>DK Caryn Jenner</i> The Antlered Ship <i>Dashka Slater</i> Pirate Cruncher <i>Jonny Duddle</i> Rhythm of the Rain <i>Grahame Baker-Smith</i>	The Giraffe, Pelly & Me <i>Roald Dahl</i> Badger's Perfect Garden <i>Marsha Diane Arnold</i> The Leaf Men <i>William Joyce</i> Leaf <i>Sandra Dieckmann</i> The Oak Tree <i>Julia Donaldson</i>	Alice in Wonderland <i>Lewis Carroll*</i> The Wolf's Story <i>Toby Forward</i> Little Red <i>Bethan Woollvin</i> Little Red Riding Hood	Hotel Flamingo <i>Alex Milway</i> Polar Bear Sun – An Inuit Tale <i>Lydia Dabovich</i> Red Kite, Blue Kite – <i>Ji-li Jiang</i>
Year 3	Iron Age and Stone Age What do we know about the prehistoric era? How was life in Stone age and	Great Explorers How did we discover more planets? How do explorers find their way?	Away from Home What does home mean to you? What would you miss if you were away from home? What do you gain	Food, Glorious Food Where does food come from? What are the different food groups and what foods match with	Mysterious Forces What is a force and what forces are around us? What is the 'quickest' surface? What could slow	Romans What impact did the Roman invasion have on Britain? When were the Romans in Britain? Why

	<i>Bronze age Britain similar? How did wealth and power cause problems for people in the Bronze age? How did the Celtic invasion change the way that people lived? What do artefacts found in Iron Age hoards tell us about their owners? What can be identified as treasure? Which animals are extinct?</i>	<i>What do explorers take with them? Why are some explorers well-known?</i>	<i>from travelling? What is life like in Indonesia?</i>	<i>these food groups? Why was James Lind important? What is a nutritional meal? Should I buy Fairtrade food products?</i>	<i>down my movement? How do machines work? How do planes stay in the air?</i>	<i>did Boudicca resist Roman rule? How equal was Roman society? Did Roman ideas improve Britain? Why did Julius Caesar want to conquer Britain? What happened in Pompeii?</i>
Core Texts	The Iron Man <i>Ted Hughes</i>	Fortunately, the Milk <i>Neil Gaiman</i>	Max and the Millions <i>Ross Montgomery</i>	Cakes in Space <i>Philip Reeve</i>	The Firework Maker's Daughter <i>Phillip Pullman</i>	Vita and the Gladiator <i>Ally Sherrick</i>
	Real Life Mysteries: Can You Explain the Unexplained? <i>Susan Martineau</i>	24 Hours in Space <i>Rob Lloyd Jones</i>	Corpse Talk- Ground Breaking Scientists <i>Adam and Lisa Murphy</i>	Monster Poems <i>John Foster</i>	Earth Shattering Events <i>Robin Jacobs</i>	Romans: Fascinating Facts <i>Collins</i>
Year 4	Thunderbolts and Lightning <i>What is a circuit? How does electricity travel? How does a switch work? What would a world without electricity be like? How did people live before electricity? How does sound travel? How do you change pitch? How does sound travel through different materials?</i>	In and Out <i>What happens to the food I eat? Why do I have different teeth and how can I look after them? What is the difference between migration and immigration? What experiences does a refugee have? How do communities maintain their native cultural identity through their food culture?</i>	Natural Disasters <i>What is a natural disaster? What is the structure of the earth? What impact do plate tectonics have on natural disasters? Why do volcanoes erupt? Are all mountains volcanoes? Where are all the currently active volcanoes? How do you survive a natural disaster?</i>	Go with the Flow <i>What will I find in and around the Amazon river? What challenges does the Amazon river face? Why are rivers important? Where does water go? What soil types can you find by the river? How did the Maya thrive in the rainforest? Why do the Maya no longer exist? What was Maya life like? Can anyone live in the Amazon rainforest now? Which animals are found in the Amazon? What creatures live in the Amazon?</i>	Vikings and Saxons (Invasion!) <i>How did the Anglo-Saxons live? Was everyday life for a Viking similar to daily life of an Anglo Saxon? Where did the Vikings come from? How did the Britons react to Viking invasion? What happened when the Vikings came to Britain? What is a settlement? Why did the Saxons settle in Britain? What evidence of settlements by the Anglo-Saxons is still present today? Why did the Vikings come to England? Did the Vikings live peacefully with the Saxons? How successful were the Vikings at trading? What ideas did the Vikings bring?</i>	Festivals and Celebrations <i>How is Christmas celebrated over the world? What other festivals and celebrations occur during winter? How is life celebrated across the world? What role do stories play in festivals and celebrations? What key moments in life do we mark with rituals?</i>
Core Texts	The Day the Screens Went Blank <i>Danny Wallace</i>	The Boy at the Back of the Class <i>Onjali Q. Rauf</i>	Into the Volcano <i>Jess Butterworth</i>	The Explorer <i>Katherine Rundell</i>	The 1000-Year-Old Boy <i>Ross Welford</i>	The House with Chicken Legs <i>Sophie Anderson</i>

	A Trip to the Future <i>Moira Butterfield</i>	The Day the War Came <i>Nicola Davies</i>	Fourteen Wolves <i>Catherine Barr</i>	Water Cycles <i>DK Life Cycles</i>	Tales of Ancient Worlds <i>Stefan Milosavljevic</i>	The Lore of the Land <i>Claire Cock-Starkey</i>
Year 5	Our Planet <i>How does our local environment support living-things throughout the year? What are the similarities and differences between the life-cycles of different living things? How significant are Charles Darwin and David Attenborough's contribution to our understanding of living things and their habitats?</i>	WW1 <i>How, when and why did WW1 begin? How did the war impact on families? What was life like on the frontline? What was the significance of WW1 and its impact on the world (Treaty of Versailles)? What is significance of the outcomes of WW1 on democracy and why is it important to remember the contributions and sacrifices made in WW1? How was Southampton affected by WW1? How does Southampton remember WW1? Why is it important to remember WW1?</i>	Is There Anyone Out There? <i>How has the evolution of technology impacted space exploration and our understanding of the solar system? What is the Fermi Paradox? Why do we have day and night? Why does the moon orbit the Earth? What was the space race? How has space travel developed? Could we survive on another planet? How does the moon influence the earth?</i>	Crime and Punishment <i>How do we know what punishment was like 800 years ago? What does the legend of Robin Hood tell us about medieval justice? How did crimes and punishments change between 1500 and 1750? Why did punishments become so bloody in the 18th century? Has the way we catch and punish criminals improved in the last 100 years? How did Southampton deal with their criminals in the past?</i>	Ancient Egypt <i>What does Tutankhamun's tomb tell us about Ancient Egypt? How do we know that the Gods were important to the Egyptians? What does the mummification process help us to understand about Ancient Egyptian burial? How far do you agree with the statement: Ancient Egyptians influenced Modern Medicine? How important was the afterlife to Ancient Egyptians?</i>	Unfortunate Events <i>How does the physical geography of various climate zones impact on environmental disasters? Why do the actions of humans have environmental impacts that can be destructive? Why is it vital that we understand the water-cycle when considering climate change? Where in the world do we see extreme weather and what effects can this have on people/landscapes?</i>
Core Texts	Brightstorm <i>Vashti Hardy</i>	Private Peaceful <i>Michael Morpurgo</i>	Malamander <i>Thomas Taylor</i>	The Breadwinner <i>Deborah Ellis</i>	Egyptian Myths (DK) <i>Jean Menzies</i>	A Series of Unfortunate Events <i>Lemony Snicket</i>
	Climate Action: The Future is in Our Hands <i>Georgina Stevens</i>	The Story of the First World War for Children <i>John Malam</i> In Flanders Fields <i>John McRae</i>	Heroes <i>David Long</i>	Professor Astro Cat's Frontiers of Space <i>Ben Newman</i> The Highwayman <i>Alfred Noyes</i>	The Legend of Tutankhamun <i>Sally Morgan</i>	Rescue <i>David Long</i>
Year 6	Survival <i>Can humans survive in deserts? What are deserts and where are they found in the world? What is evolution? How has life changed over time? What is adaptation and how are different plants and animals suited to survive in their environments? What is inheritance and why do young look like their parents?</i>	WW2 <i>What was the Treaty of Versailles, and did it lead to the outbreak of World War Two? How were the lives of children affected by the war? What was the Holocaust and why did it happen? What is fascism?</i>	Save the Rainforest <i>How is the world's biodiversity affected by humans? Why are forests vital for animal survival? Where are rainforests located on Earth? What is deforestation and how does it impact life across the planet? What can we do to protect rainforests?</i>	Ancient Greeks <i>Who were the Ancient Greeks and where do they fit in relation to the Romans and Egyptians? How was their way of life different to ours? What is democracy? What were the Greeks' great achievements in literature, politics, and art? How have the Ancient Greeks' impacted and shaped our lives today?</i>	The Human Body <i>How does the circulatory system work? How do diet, exercise and drugs effect the human body? How can we keep our bodies and minds healthy? How can our mental health impact our physical health?</i>	End of an Era <i>How do we prepare for change? Who can help with change? What will we remember about our time at Freemantle?</i>

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	Shackleton's Journey William Grill	The Story of the Second World War for Children <i>John Malam</i>				
		Survivors of the Holocaust Cathy Shackleton	The Children's Book of Philosophy DK	Mythologica <i>Stephen Kershaw</i>	Non-Fiction Texts to Support Fiction	A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories <i>Angela McAllister</i>
		The Missing Michael Rosen		Caged Bird / The Fisherman / The Narwhal / The Principal's Office		