

Grindon Infant School Year 1 English Medium Term Planning 2025-2026

Summer 1-Star in the Jar

Fiction	Non-Fiction		
Narrative-Star in the Jar	Instructions		

Write a complete simple story in three parts based on a story shared.

Include accurate sentence punctuation.

Links to Writing Assessment Key Performance Indicators

- Write sentences by sequencing sentences to form short narratives; and re-reading what has been written to check it makes sense.
- Structure writing using some features of the given form.
- Use the conjunction "and".
- Use descriptive language with some use of comparative and superlative adjectives.
- Spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes and common exception words taught.
- Use simple past and present verbs mostly accurately.
- Use capital letters, full stops and some exclamation marks and question marks to demarcate sentences.
- Use spaces between words.
- Form letters correctly and confidently with most letters accurate in shape and size including capital letters and digits.
- Use features of standard English.

Links to Reading Assessment Key Performance Indicators

- Read Orange banded books with 90% accuracy without overt sounding out.
- Read all the common suffixes and all the common exception words at Phase 5.
- Read phonically decodable two-syllable and three-syllable words.
- Read automatically all the words in the list of 100 high-frequency words.
- Identify the features of story texts.
- Identify and comment on descriptive language.
- Draw on their existing vocabulary to speculate on the meaning of new words and explain any links.
- Predict what might happen based on what has been read so far.
- Express personal responses, including likes and dislikes; give some reasons linked to own experiences.

Transform for GDS

Include some of the patterns and language of familiar stories e.g. repeating same words and phrases three times – "run, run as fast as you can".

Links to Writing Assessment Key Performance Indicators On-track for Greater Depth (GDS)

Independently simply structure own writing based on the given form and choose to use some

Write instructions with some expansion about something they know well including imperative verbs.

Include accurate sentence punctuation.

Links to Writing Assessment Key Performance Indicators

- Structure writing using some features of the given form.
- Write instructions with some expansion about something they know well including imperative verbs.
- Assemble information about a topic, describing different aspects of the subject.
- Use the conjunction "and".
- Use descriptive language with some use of comparative and superlative adjectives.
- Spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes and common exception words taught.
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Transform for GDS

Expand by including more instructional features e.g. a list of equipment numbered lists.

Sentence structure to include commas in a list.

patterns and language of familiar stories.

- Always think about reader as they write, making precise choices.
- Choose to expand ideas with simple conjunctions and descriptive language.
- Consistently use the full range of punctuation taught by the end of Year 1 mostly accurately.
- Add the suffixes-ing, -ed, -er to spell many words correctly.
- Evaluate the impact of writing on the reader.
- Articulate own success criteria.

Links to Reading Assessment Key Performance Indicators On-track for Greater Depth (GDS)

- Read Turquoise banded books with 90% accuracy without overt sounding out.
- Read fluently and accurately blending taught GPCs at Phase 5.
- Decode words, applying phonics knowledge independently and confidently when encountering a new word.
- Confidently and consistently read all multi-syllable words containing GPCs and Phase 5.
- Read all common exception words at and common suffixes and Phase 5.
- Consistently recall features of key stories, re-telling in order with detail and story language, identifying most features.
- Explain, describe and reason about patterns and language of familiar stories.
- Explain the purpose of the punctuation in texts read.
- Make connections between texts.
- Begin to identify the effect on the reader.

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English Lesson Focus						
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week5		
TFW-Star in the Jar	TFW-Star in the Jar	TFW-Star in the Jar Innovation	TFW-Instructions-How to make a Star in	TFW-Instructions-Innovation for own		
			the Jar	instructions for a different jar		
Hook-Make Own Star in the Jar	Whole Class Story Map then children	Create Story Map for innovated story.				
	to write the story of Star in the Jar.		Hook-Link to the Star Jars that the	Work on grammar linked to 'ed' and 'ing'		
Imitation-Learn a version of the		Write innovated story as independent	children have made.	endings.		
story-no more than 250 words.	Drama based activities linked to	application e.g. Rainbow in a jar.				
	personal responses in role.		Work on grammar linked to verbs.	Create own Box Up of innovation.		
Whole Class Story Map.		Editing and corrections of own writing.				
	Conjunction work.		Imitation-Learn a class set of	Independent Writing of innovated		
New Vocabulary Work linked to the			instructions-no more than 250 words.	instructions.		
text.	Writing of the story.					
			Box Up of original instructions.	Extend for GDS to look at equipment on the		
Photograph of the children with				instructions.		
their jar and complete writing of			Write instructions for 'How to make a			
'My favourite because ' and			Star in the jar'.	Editing and corrections of own writing.		
where they display it in their home.						

Rhyme of the Month				
April-A Little Seed				
May-Spring is Here				
Reading PM Lesson Focus				
Fiction-Perfectly Norman by Tom	Non-Fiction-Features and	Poetry-Poems I like/dislike-personal	Fiction-Where the Wild Things Are by	Focus on Emphasis in all types of texts.
Percival	Comparison of texts.	response.	Maurice Sendak-Settings Focus	
	·			Recognise ways that emphasis has been
Describe story settings and	Recognise that non-fiction books on	Collect class and individual favourite	Compare and contrast stories with a	created in a text e.g. capitalisation and bold
incidents and relate them to own	similar themes can give different	poems for class anthologies,	variety of settings, e.g. space, imaginary	print.
experience and that of others.	information and present similar	participate in reading aloud.	lands, animal homes.	
	information in different ways.	professional distribution of the control of the con		
	· ·		Identify descriptive language e.g.	
	Non-Fiction-Discuss merits and		adjectives.	
	limitations of particular instructional			
	texts and compare with others to			
	give an overall evaluation.			