

Chadsgrove Curriculum Long Term Planning: English

Curriculum Intent

At Chadsgrove School we deliver an inclusive, high-quality, broad and balanced English curriculum. We recognise that for our pupils, many of whom have complex learning difficulties and disabilities, we need to provide personalised approaches to English and offer strategies that best suit their individual learning needs.

For pupils in the Navigators and Pioneers Pathways, the National Curriculum is followed incorporating a thematic approach. Learning outcomes and targets are highly personalised, therefore reading, writing, spelling and handwriting are taught as a progression of skills and knowledge throughout the year, as part of an individualised programme for each child. Speaking and Listening are taught across all curriculum areas and most pupils will also have specific communication targets that will be worked towards throughout the school day.

At Chadsgrove, we actively promote a 'love of reading' throughout the school. Pupils are encouraged to read for pleasure, using age-appropriate reading materials which gain their interests. Selected texts to support accredited units will be carefully chosen to be centred on pupils' interests, individual needs and ages. 'Books Beyond Words' texts may also be utilised to support the English curriculum.

Our aim is that every pupil will be able to communicate in the way best suited to his or her needs, both in school and out in the wider community. We provide a 'Total Communication' environment so that pupils are enabled to communicate whenever and wherever they are.

This plan is written for pupils following both the Navigators and Pioneers Pathways. Teachers will use National Curriculum Learning Outcomes and further differentiate these to create learning opportunities, based upon individual pupils' needs, as detailed in Medium Term Plans.

Reading

Pupils at Chadsgrove will develop key reading skills through:

- Following the systematic phonics programme 'Little Wandle'. The scheme is designed to support pupils' needs and expand their skills to enable them to read fluently and comprehend what they are reading. It teaches pupils the mechanics of reading to support them to become fluent readers. 'Foundations for Phonics' is used to prepare some pupils for more structured phonics learning. This is established through a clear focus on developing language, comprehension and word recognition skills alongside phonological development. This is achieved through sharing high quality stories and poems, learning a range of rhymes and simple poems and activities that develop speaking and listening.
- Being exposed to a multi-sensory approach to learning how to read, incorporating visual, auditory, and kinaesthetic activities and approaches to help students remember and apply the sounds they learn.
- Carefully matched 'Big Cat' decodable reading books, which are used in order for pupils to apply their phonics knowledge, enabling them to access an increasing range of high quality texts and to read for pleasure.

Writing

Pupils at Chadsgrove will develop key writing skills through:

- An inclusive and augmentative writing curriculum, providing a variety of appropriate means to support and enable every pupil to become a writer at each stage of their development.
- Emergent writing opportunities including developing gross and fine motor mark making, assigning meaning to mark making and beginning to form letters.
- Conventional writing opportunities including sentence building, letter formation, handwriting and writing for a purpose.
- Fluent writing opportunities including writing for different audiences, purposes and planning, drafting and editing.
- Providing pupils with the tools to plan and prepare what they want to say or write, (e.g. through Teacher modelling, writing templates/scaffolds, AAC and alternative methods of recording work).

Speaking and Listening

Pupils at Chadsgrove will develop key speaking and listening skills through:

- Communication being at the heart of every lesson, with each pupil being given a voice to share their ideas and contribute to discussions through a total communication approach, whether that is through speaking, signing, use of symbolised Assisted Language Displays or Alternative and Augmentative Communication devices such as 'Grid Player'.
- Encouraging pupils to make and express choices, preferences, needs and wants, likes and dislikes and develop an awareness of other people's choices/preferences and how these might be different from their own.
- Developing pupils' understanding of good listening skills, e.g. looking at the person who is speaking to you, not talking when listening, sitting still and quiet, concentration skills and turn taking.
- Developing pupils' receptive language skills so they can understand simple questions and instructions and expressive language by increasing their confidence in participating in discussions and role play, presentations and drama activities.
- Developing the right knowledge and vocabulary to communicate effectively.

Functional Skills Entry Levels 1-2

Pupils in Pioneers 2 use their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills acquired so far to work towards achieving a Functional Skills qualification at Entry Level 1 or 2.

Functional Skills qualifications provide reliable evidence of a pupil's achievements against demanding content that is relevant to the workplace. The qualifications assess pupils' underpinning subject knowledge and their ability to apply this knowledge to different contexts. They provide a foundation for progression to employment and further technical education, and they help pupils to develop skills for everyday life.

The qualifications give pupils the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate the ability at an appropriate level to read, write, speak, listen and communicate in English
- Apply this knowledge and these skills in familiar situations
- Listen, understand and respond to verbal communication in a range of familiar contexts
- Acquire an understanding of everyday words and their uses and effects, and apply this understanding in different contexts
- Read with accuracy straightforward texts encountered in everyday life and work and develop confidence to read more widely
- Write straightforward texts and documents with clarity and effectiveness and demonstrate a sound grasp of spelling, punctuation and grammar

Those pupils deemed ready for assessment will sit exams. Pupils sit externally set, on-demand Reading and Writing assessments, internally marked and externally verified. Pupils also sit internally set and assessed Speaking, Listening and Communicating assessments.



| Navigators 1 | | | |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2025 | SPRING 2026 | SUMMER 2026 |
| ТОРІС | People and Places | Amazing Animals | Out at Sea |
| READING | Non-Fiction/Fiction | Non-Fiction/Fiction | Non-Fiction/Fiction |
| | Books from other cultures and traditions | Poetry | Rhyme |
| | Suggested texts • Lost—Julie Donaldson • Lost and Found - Oliver Jeffers • Emergency Rescue: Meet Real-Life Heroes—DK | Suggested texts Where the Wild Things Are Rumble in the Jungle Animal Boogie | Suggested texts Commotion in the Ocean Tiddler- Julie Donaldson |
| WRITING | Name and signature | Labels | Acrostic poem |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | | opinions, offer descriptions ar | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES | Visits and Visitors Visits to: local shops, parks, library, Cadbury World Visitors: Emergency services, Dentist, people from different faiths and/or cultures | Visits and Visitors Visits to: Safari Park, Wildlife Park Visitors: Animal Man/Lady, Dodford Farm | Visits and Visitors Visits to: Webbs, Sea Life Centre Visitors: Author |



| Navigators 1 | | | |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2026 | SPRING 2027 | SUMMER 2027 |
| ТОРІС | All About Me | Let's Build | Out and About |
| READING | Fiction/Non-Fiction | Fiction/Non-Fiction | Fiction/Non-Fiction |
| | Poetry | Traditional tales | Fairy Stories |
| | Suggested texts From Head to Toe Happy to Be Me—Emma Dodd Acrostic Poems | Suggested texts The Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears | Suggested texts Freddie and the Fairy Little Red Riding Hood Shrek |
| WRITING FOR PURPOSE | Names/signature | Labels | Letters |
| | | Lists | Post Cards |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | Opportunities to expres Role play opportunities | s opinions, offer descriptio | ns and express feelings |
| EXTENDED LEARNING | Visits and Visitors | Visits and Visitors | Visits and Visitors |
| OPPORTUNITIES | Visits to: local shops, | Visits to: transport, | Visits to: Botanical |
| | parks, library, | Wythall Transport | Garden, local |
| | Cadbury World | Museum, Mini Brum | woods/forest |
| | | Visitors: Builders. Little Dots Play Village | Visitors: M&M productions |



| Navigators 1 | | | |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2027 | SPRING 2028 | SUMMER 2028 |
| ΤΟΡΙϹ | Wonderful World | Perfect Plants | Journeys |
| READING | Fiction/Non-Fiction | Fiction/Non-Fiction | Fiction/Non-Fiction |
| | Books from other cultures and traditions | Traditional Tales | Traditional Tales |
| | Suggested texts Rama and Sita: the story of Diwali- Malachy Doyle Only One You Let's Celebrate | Suggested texts • The Very Hungry Caterpillar • Jack and the Bean Stalk • The Enormous Turnip | Suggested texts We're Going on a Bear Hunt The Three Billy Goats Gruff The Pied Piper |
| WRITING | Post card | Labels | Letters |
| SPEAKING AND | Captions Opportunities to express of | Lists opinions, offer descriptions a | Create a Book and express feelings |
| LISTENING | Role play opportunities | | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES | Visits and VisitorsVisits to: Sikh Temple,Places of worshipsVisitors: Families andVisitors to share othercultures and traditions | Visits and Visitors Visits to: Botanical Garden, local theatre productions Visitors: theatre productions | Visits and Visitors Visits to: Willow Trust, Wyre Forest |

Navigators 1: Notable, yearly days and dates to incorporate into class activities where possible:

| utumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Roald Dahl Day National Poetry Day (October) Black History Month (October) Remembrance Day (November) Anti- Bullying week (November) | Winnie The Pooh Day (January) LGBTQ+ History Month (February) National story telling week (January/February) World Book Day (March) British Science Week (March) | World Environment day (June) World Oceans Day (June) World Music Day (June) |

| TERM | AUTUMN 2025 | SPRING 2026 | SUMMER 2026 |
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| ΤΟΡΙϹ | Marvellous Me | Rise of the Robots | Water |
| READING | Fiction/non-fiction Poetry | Fiction/non-fiction Modern Fiction | Fiction/non-fiction (including maps and atlases) Reference books Text books Poetry |
| | Suggested texts Anthony Browne's 'My' series of books Marvellous me Inside and Out From Head to Toe Acrostic poems | Suggested texts No Bot the Robot That's not my Robot Robot Stop! | Suggested texts Sharing a Shell Owl & the Pussycat- Edward Lear A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea (Barefoot Books) |
| WRITING FOR PURPOSE | Fact files Messages/Emails/Diary entries | Captions and descriptions | Composing poems |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | Opportunities to express o Opportunities for hypothe | | s and express feelings |
| | Role play opportunities an | d performance | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES | Visits and Visitors ThinkTank Museum Birmin | gham | |
| | Links to OAA including bell | boating and ice-skating | |
| | Visits to local factories (e.g. | Bumblehole). | |



| Navigators 2 | | | |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2026 | SPRING 2027 | SUMMER 2027 |
| ТОРІС | Our Environment Traditional Tales | Jungle Beat | Around the World |
| READING | Fiction/non-fiction | Fiction/non-fiction Poetry | Fiction/non-fiction Stories from other cultures and traditions (Egypt link to Humanities) |
| WRITING FOR PURPOSE | Suggested texts Hansel and Gretel Alice in Wonderland Irish, English and Celtic Tales Writing about real events e.g. where they live, about a trip, a local history study etc. | Suggested texts Rumble in the Jungle Walking through the Jungle The Jungle The Jungle Book Letters and Lists | Suggested texts Leila and the City of the Cat Goddess (Twinkl) Rama and Sita We're Sailing Down the Nile Diary entries and Postcards |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | Opportunities to express opinions, offer descriptions and express feelings Opportunities for hypothesising and imagining Role play opportunities and performance | | nd express feelings |
| EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES | Visits and Visitors Safari Park Cannon Hill Wildlife Park Animal Man Birmingham Museum (Egypt) | | |



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| TERM | AUTUMN 2027 | SPRING 2028 | SUMMER 2028 |
| ΤΟΡΙϹ | Our Bodies and Minds | Clever Construction | Pirates |
| READING | Fiction/non-fiction | Fiction/non-fiction Following instructions | Fiction/non-fiction Poetry Rhythm and Rhyme |
| | Suggested texts Funny Bones My Body is Me | Suggested texts Sam's Sandwich How Things Work Miss Brick the Builder's Baby | Suggested texts Portside Pirates (Barefoot Books) Pirates Next Door Pirates Love Underpants |
| WRITING FOR PURPOSE | Captions and labels | Writing instructions | Writing Narratives Plays |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | Opportunities to express opinions, offer descriptions and express feelings Opportunities for hypothesising and imagining Role play opportunities and performance | | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING | Visits and Visitors | | |
| OPPORTUNITIES | Visits from medical professionals | | |
| | Healthy bodies, healthy minds opportunities for wellbeing activities including | | |
| | yoga, wellbeing and mindfulness. | | |
| | Visits from a builder/tra | de company | |

Navigators 2: Notable, yearly days and dates to incorporate into class activities where possible:

| Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Roald Dahl Day National Poetry Day (October) Black History Month (October) Remembrance Day (November) Anti- Bullying week (November) | Winnie The Pooh Day (January) LGBTQ+ History Month (February) National story telling week (January/February) World Book Day (March) British Science Week (March) | World Environment day (June) World Oceans Day (June) World Music Day (June) |



| TERM | AUTUMN 2025 | SPRING 2026 | SUMMER 2026 |
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| TOPIC | People | Recycling | Festivals/Food |
| READING | Fiction/non-fiction | Fiction/non-fiction | Fiction/non-fiction |
| | Biography on famous people | | |
| | Suggested Texts: Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World - Kate Pankhurst The Life and Times of Nelson Mandela - Jayne Woodhouse I am not a Label- Cerrie Burnell The Emporer's New Clothes - Hans Christian Anderson | Suggested Texts: One Plastic Bag- Miranda Paul The Tin Forest- Helen Ward Somebody Swallowed Stanley- Sarah Roberts | Suggested Texts: • Revolting Recipes – Roald Dahl • Recipe books |
| WRITING | Diary entry | Persuasive poster- writing to persuade | Write instructions |
| | Writing a letter | Write notes for a presentation | Write a poem |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | Giving a short speech Making and giving a simple presentation Performing a short story or script | | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING | Birmingham Museum and A | | |
| OPPORTUNITIES | Visits from community lead | ers/ inspiring people | |

| TERM | AUTUMN 2026 | SPRING 2027 | SUMMER 2027 |
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| ТОРІС | Victorian Britain | Life Cycles of Animals and Plants | The Seasons/ Weather |
| READING | Fiction/non-fiction | Fiction/non-fiction | Fiction/non-fiction |
| | Suggested Texts: Oliver Twist Christmas Carol- Charles Dickens | Suggested Texts: • The Animal Atlas • The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe • Fantastic Mr Fox | Suggested Texts: • TBC |
| WRITING | Writing narratives Writing a script | Fact files Writing narratives | Writing a newspaper article |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | Perform a play Presenting information | | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES | Black Country Living Museu | m | |

| Navigators 3 | | | |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2027 | SPRING 2028 | SUMMER 2028 |
| TOPIC | Digital Photography | Change | Water |
| READING | Fiction/non-fiction | Fiction/non-fiction | Fiction/non-fiction |
| | Suggested Texts: | Suggested Texts: | Suggested Texts: |
| | • TBC | • TBC | Alone on a Wide Wild Sea – Michael Morpurgo Moana |
| WRITING | ТВС | ТВС | ТВС |
| SPEAKING AND | ТВС | | |
| LISTENING | | | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING | TBC | | |
| OPPORTUNITIES | | | |



| Pioneers 1 | | | |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2025 | SPRING 2026 | SUMMER 2026 |
| OVERALL CURRICULUM TOPIC | Africa | Our Community / Britain | Celebrations / Food & Drink |
| READING | Fiction - World Literature & Poetry | Novel Pre-1914 | Poetry / Non-fiction (Recipes) |
| | Suggested texts • Traditional African Stories/ Folk Tales – e.g. Anansi. • African Tales: A Barefoot Collection • Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters – John Steptoe • The Ugly Five – Julia Donaldson • Books Beyond Words (selected to meet needs of class) | Suggested texts Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame Tales of Peter Rabbit - Beatrix Potter | Suggested texts • Festival Poems from Around the World • Celebrate- Valerie Bloom • Ice Festival- Brian D'Arcy • Diwali- Debjani Chatterjee • Revolting Recipes – Roald Dahl • Books Beyond Words (selected to meet needs of class) |
| WRITING | Writing a postcard Creating a 'signature' to sign their own names | Writing about / recording real events (e.g. create a book about a class trip) Book Review | Retrieve, record and present information from non-fictionWrite / Record a class poemExplore making or writing lists in a variety of contexts e.g. writing a list of favourite activities, foods or a shopping list etc. |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | Opportunities to express of Opportunities for hypothes | pinions, offer descriptions an | d express feelings |
| | Role play opportunities and | | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES | Opportunities to participat Visits and Visitors West Midlands Safari Park | e in debates and improvisation Visits and Visitors Walking visits to Catshill | Visits and Visitors Avoncroft museum of buildings |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2026 | SPRING 2027 | SUMMER 2027 | |
| OVERALL CURRICULUM TOPIC | VICTORIAN BRITAIN | THE HUMAN BODY | ASIA | |
| READING | Literacy Focus: Pre- 1914 Short stories (Hans Christian Anderson) Poetry | Autobiographies/Biogr aphies Graphic Novels/Comics | Books from other cultures / traditions Non-fiction | |
| | Suggested texts • The Snow Queen • The Little Mermaid • The Ugly Duckling • The Emperor's New Clothes • The Princess and the Pea • Thumbelina • Books Beyond Words • (selected to meet needs of class) | Suggested texts I Am Not A Label - Cerrie Burnell Graphic Novel: Leaf - Daishu Ma | Suggested texts The Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling Non-fiction texts about Asia Weather etc. Books Beyond Words (selected to meet needs of class) | |
| WRITING | Writing poetry including recording ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary | Discuss and write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional) | Write a page for a non- fiction class book Fill in a form | |
| | Creating a 'signature' to sign their own names | Label a diagram or picture | | |
| SPEAKING AND LISTENING | Opportunities to express opinions, offer descriptions and express feelings Opportunities for hypothesising and imagining | | | |
| | Role play opportunities and performance Opportunities to participate in debates and improvisation | | | |
| | Visits and Visitors | | | |
| EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES | The Lock Makers House, Willenhall | | | |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2027 | SPRING 2028 | SUMMER 2028 |
| ТОРІС | HOW THINGS MOVE | MYSTERIES/TIME | RIVERS & COASTS |
| | AND WORK | TRAVEL | |
| READING | Novel Post-1914 | Short Stories | Contemporary |
| | Non-fiction - Role play | (studying Character, | Fiction |
| | & Instructions | setting & plot) | |
| | Poetry | | |
| | Suggested texts | Suggested texts | Suggested texts |
| | • The Iron Man – | Coraline – Neil | • Kensuke's |
| | Ted Hughes | Gaiman | Kingdom |
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| | Collected Plays for Children – | Mystery of the Missing Cake | Dolphin Boy Michael |
| | | Missing Cake – Claudia Boldt | |
| | Ted Hughes | | Morpurgo |
| | Chitty Chitty Dang Dang Ion | Pied Piper of | Journey to the River Sea |
| | Bang Bang – Ian | Hamlyn – Robert | |
| | Fleming | | – Eva Ibbotson |
| | Graphic Novel: | Browning | |
| | Journey - Aaron | Graphic Novel – The largest Day | Water Horse Dick King |
| | Becker | The longest Day | – Dick King |
| | | of the Future- | Smith |
| | | Lucas Varela | Graphic |
| | | | Novel: A Sea |
| | | | of Love- |
| | | | Wilfrid |
| | | | Lupano |
| WRITING | Write / sequence a list | Writing a class story / | Write to |
| | of instructions | short narrative | communicate with |
| | | (in narratives, creating | others e.g. letter, |
| | Creating a 'signature' to | setting, characters and | email, text message, |
| | sign their own names | plot) | recorded VOCA |
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| | | | message (as appropriate) |
| SPEAKING AND | Opportunities to express o | pinions, offer descriptions and | appropriate) |
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| Pioneers 2 | | | | | | |
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| TERM | AUTUMN 2025 | SPRING 2026 | SUMMER 2026 | | | |
| | READING | WRITING | SPEAKING AND LISTENING | | | |
| | Externally set exam | Externally set exam | Internally set exam | | | |
| | Summer Term 2026 | Summer Term 2026 | Summer Term 2026 | | | |

Curriculum Impact

- Pupils will have developed their communication skills, listening and attention skills, phonological awareness and reading skills, as well as developing their methods of recording their own work, whether that be through handwriting, typing or through the use of AAC.
- Pupils will have had the opportunity to read for pleasure and develop and extend their love for stories, poems and simple non-fiction texts. All of these skills are the foundation for future learning experiences as they continue their educational journey.
- Pupils will have been working on individual personal targets (relating to their EHCP outcomes). Pupils' targets are regularly reviewed and monitored to ensure continued progression of both knowledge and skills.
- Evidence of impact can be found in learning journeys or work folders, which will demonstrate pupil progress through marking and annotation from Teachers, annotated photographs of pupils whilst completing activities (if appropriate) and 'Assessment Trackers' which track pupils' progress with their targets. We also encourage our pupils to be reflective learners and so, where appropriate, we use RAG rated pupil self-evaluation forms on key pieces of work, to encourage pupils to evaluate their own progress and achievements.
- Evidence of impact can also be found on our assessment tool, SOLAR. All pupils are continuously assessed using the 'Chadsgrove P Steps' in English, which break pupil progress into small steps, so that we are able to track progression through each level.

Pioneers 2

Pupils will engage in appropriate, meaningful and personalised English sessions. They will develop the confidence and ability to apply their reading, writing and communication skills in classroom and real life contexts, with varying levels of independence, in order to become as self-sufficient as possible. Pupils will work towards a Functional Skills qualification at Entry Levels 1, 2 or 3. Ultimately, the curriculum in Pioneers 2 will prepare pupils for moving into Post-16 at Chadsgrove, or further education elsewhere, by providing functional English skills to increase independence in preparation for adulthood.

