

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.

In Key Stages 1-3, 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.

During Key Stage 4, we aim to prepare pupils for continuing their education within Post-16 at Chadsgrove or at Further Education Colleges elsewhere, whilst also encouraging pupils to be 'life-long learners'. We continue to create an environment which promotes a 'love of reading'. 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 KS4 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 Formal and Semi-Formal 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.

5LS, 6LS, 8LS, 9US and 11US

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. Pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 access five phonics and three reading lessons per week.
- Pupils following the Semi-Formal Pathway who are not yet ready to learn phonics, follow 'Foundations
 for Reading'. This is established through a clear focus on developing language, comprehension and word
 recognition skills. This includes a focus on developing vocabulary, language conventions and background
 knowledge 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.
- Developing language comprehension and word recognition skills, including a focus on developing
 vocabulary, language conventions and background knowledge 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 skills.

Being immersed in an environment which promotes a 'love of reading'. Pupils are encouraged to 'read
for pleasure' using age-appropriate reading materials which capture their interests. Selected texts are
carefully chosen to be centred on pupils' interests, individual needs and ages. 'Books Beyond Words'
texts may also be utilised to support the curriculum.

Writing

Pupils at Chadsgrove will develop key writing skills through:

- An inclusive and augmentative writing curriculum, providing typical and alternative pathways 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 phonics, 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, use of symbolised ALDs or AAC devices such as Grid Player, or signing.
- 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.



12US:

Functional Skills Entry Levels 1-2

Pupils in 12US 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. Pupils following the Semi-Formal Pathway work towards Entry Level 1. Pupils following the Formal Pathway work towards Entry Level 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.



Curriculum Implementation

5LS			
TERM	AUTUMN 2024	SPRING 2025	SUMMER 2025
TOPIC	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 by 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
	Captions	Lists	Create a Book
SPEAKING AND LISTENING	Opportunities to express of Role play opportunities	pinions, offer descriptions and	d express feelings
EXTENDED LEARNING	Visits and Visitors	Visits and Visitors	Visits and Visitors
OPPORTUNITIES	Visits to: Sikh Temple,	Visits to: Botanical	Visits to: Willow Trust,
	Places of worships	Garden, local Theatre productions	Wyre Forest
	Visitors: Families and Visitors to share other cultures and traditions	Visitors: Theatre productions	

5LS			
TERM	AUTUMN 2025	SPRING 2026	SUMMER 2026
TOPIC	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	Suggested texts
	 Lost—Julie	 Where the Wild Things are Rumble in the Jungle Animal Boogie 	 Commotion in the Ocean Tiddler- Julie Donaldson
WRITING FOR	Name and signature	Labels	Acrostic poem
PURPOSE			
	Postcards	Lists	Captions

SPEAKING AND LISTENING	Opportunities to express	opinions, offer descriptions	and express feelings
	Role play opportunities		
EXTENDED LEARNING	Visits and Visitors	Visits and Visitors	Visits and Visitors
OPPORTUNITIES	Visits to: local shops,	Visits to: Safari Park,	Visits to: Webbs, Sea
	parks, library, Cadbury World (see Humanities	Wildlife Park	Life Centre
	LTP)	Visitors: Animal Man/Lady, Dodford	Visitors: Author
	Visitors: Emergency services, Dentist (see Science LTP), people from different faiths and/or cultures	Farm	

5LS			
TERM	AUTUMN 2026	SPRING 2027	SUMMER 2027
TOPIC	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	Names/signature	Labels	Letters
		Lists	Post Cards
SPEAKING AND LISTENING	Opportunities to express of Role play opportunities	opinions, offer descriptions a	nd 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, Cadbury	Wythall Transport	Garden, local
	World (see Humanities LTP)	Museum, Mini Brum	woods/forest
		Visitors: Builders. Little	Visitors: M&M
		Dots Play Village	productions



5LS: Notable, yearly days and dates to incorporate into class activities where possible:

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
 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)



6LS/8LS			
TERM	AUTUMN 2024	SPRING 2025	SUMMER 2025
TOPIC	New Adventures	Space and the Solar System	Fantasy and Magical Worlds
READING	Fiction/non-fiction Myths and Legends	Fiction/non-fiction	Fiction/non-fiction Traditional Tales and Fairy Stories
	 Suggested texts Pandora's Box Icarus King Midas 	 Suggested texts Brrr: Where Did the Dinosaurs Really Go? Man on the Moon The Dinosaur that pooped a planet 	Suggested texts • Peter Pan • The Wizard of Oz
WRITING FOR PURPOSE	Timelines and Newspaper Reports	Headings and subheadings e.g. Create a class book.	Creating narratives including characters, setting and plot
SPEAKING AND LISTENING	Opportunities to express Opportunities for hypoth	opinions, offer descriptions a	
EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES	Visits and Visitors ThinkTank Museum Birmi Planetarium		

6LS/8LS			
TERM	AUTUMN 2025	SPRING 2026	SUMMER 2026
TOPIC	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	Captions and descriptions	Composing poems
	Messages/Emails/Diary entries		

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	ThinkTank Museum Birmingham
	Links to OAA including bell boating and ice-skating
	Visits to local factories (e.g. Bumblehole).

6LS/8LS			
TERM	AUTUMN 2026	SPRING 2027	SUMMER 2027
TOPIC	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 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 op Opportunities for hypothesi Role play opportunities and	sing and imagining	d express feelings
EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES	Visits and Visitors Safari Park Cannon Hill Wildlife Park Animal Man Birmingham Museum (Egypt)	



6LS/8LS			
TERM	AUTUMN 2027	SPRING 2028	SUMMER 2028
TOPIC	Our Bodies and Minds	Clever Construction	Pirates
READING	Fiction/non-fiction	Fiction/non-fiction Following instructions	Fiction/non-fiction Poetry Rhythm and Rhyme
	Suggested textsFunny BonesMy Body is Me	Suggested texts	Suggested texts
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 prof	essionals	
	· ·	minds opportunities for well	peing activities including
	yoga, wellbeing and mir	* *	0 11 11 11 11 11
	Visits from a builder/tra		

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9US/11US TERM	AUTUMN 2024	SPRING 2025	SUMMER 2025
TOPIC	HOW THINGS MOVE AND WORK (Digital photography)	MYSTERIES/TIME TRAVEL (Change)	RIVERS & COASTS (Water)
READING	Novel Post-1914 Non-fiction - Role play & Instructions Poetry	Short Stories (studying Character, setting & plot)	Contemporary Fiction
	Suggested texts	Suggested texts	Suggested texts
	 The Iron Man – Ted Hughes Collected Plays for Children – Ted Hughes Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – Ian Fleming Graphic Novel: Journey by Aaron Becker 	 Coraline – Neil Gaiman Mystery of the Missing Cake – Claudia Boldt Pied Piper of Hamlyn – Robert Browning Graphic Novel – The longest day of the future by Lucas Varela 	 Kensuke's Kingdom Dolphin Boy – Michael Morpurgo Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson Water Horse – Dick King Smith Graphic Novel: A Sea of Love by Wilfrid Lupano
WRITING	Write / sequence a list of instructions	Writing a class story / short narrative	Write to communicate with
	Creating a 'signature' to sign their own names	(in narratives, creating setting, characters and plot)	others e.g. letter, email, text message, recorded VOCA message (as
SPEAKING AND	Opportunities to express o	 pinions, offer descriptions and	appropriate) d express feelings
LISTENING	Opportunities for hypothes Role play opportunities and		n
EXTENDED LEARNING	Visits and Visitors	Visits and Visitors	Visits and Visitors
OPPORTUNITIES		Worcester Cathedral (medieval workshop) (Humanities)	Catshill Meadow brook River Severn at Stourport or Bewdley (Humanities)

TERM	AUTUMN 2025	SPRING 2026	SUMMER 2026	
OVERALL CURRICULUM TOPIC	Africa (People)	Our Community / Britain (People & Recycling)	Celebrations / Food & Drink	
READING	Fiction - World Literature & Poetry	Novel Pre-1914	Poetry / Non-fiction (Recipes)	
	Suggested texts	Suggested texts	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 	 Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame Tales of Peter Rabbit - Beatrix Potter 	 Festival Poems from Around the World: Celebrate by Valerie Bloom Ice Festival by Brian D'Arcy Diwali by Debjani Chatterjee Revolting Recipes – Roald Dahl Books Beyond Words (selected to meet needs of class) 	
WRITING	class) 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)	Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction Write / Record a class	
		Book Review	Explore 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 opinions, offer descriptions and express feelings			
LISTERNING	Opportunities for hypothes Role play opportunities and Opportunities to participat			
EXTENDED LEARNING	Visits and Visitors	Visits and Visitors	Visits and Visitors	
OPPORTUNITIES	West Midlands Safari Park (Humanities)	Walking visits to Catshill (Humanities)	Avoncroft museum of buildings (Humanities)	

TERM	AUTUMN 2026	SPRING 2027	SUMMER 2027		
OVERALL	VICTORIAN BRITAIN	THE HUMAN BODY	ASIA		
CURRICULUM	VICTORIAI BRITAIN	(Life Cycles of Animals	(The seasons/Weather)		
TOPIC		& Plants)	(The seasons) weather)		
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READING	Literacy Focus: Pre-	Autobiographies/Biogr	Books from other		
	1914	aphies	cultures / traditions		
	Short stories	Graphic Novels/Comics	Non-fiction		
	(Hans Christian				
	Anderson)				
	Poetry				
			Suggested texts		
	Suggested texts	Suggested texts			
			The Jungle Book		
	E.g. "The Snow	• 'I Am Not A	– Rudyard		
	Queen", "The	Label' - Cerrie	Kipling		
	Little Mermaid",	Burnell	Non-fiction		
	"The Ugly		texts about Asia		
		Grapine Hoven			
	Duckling", "The	Leaf by Daishu	/ Weather etc.		
	Emperor's New	Ma	•		
	Clothes", "The		 Books Beyond 		
	Princess and the		Words		
	Pea",		(selected to		
	"Thumbelina"		meet needs of class)		
	 Books Beyond 		,		
	Words				
	 (selected to 				
	meet needs of				
		class)			
	Classy				
WRITING	Writing poetry	Discuss and write	Write a page for a non-		
	including recording	narratives about	fiction class book		
	ideas and/or key		Tiction class book		
	words, including new		Fill in a form		
			Fill in a form		
	vocabulary	(real and fictional)			
	Creating a 'signature' to	Label a diagram or			
	sign their own names	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				
EVTENDED	Visite and Visiters				
EXTENDED	Visits and Visitors				
LEARNING	The Lock Makers				
OPPORTUNITIES	House, Willenhall				
	(Humanities)				

12US			
TERM	AUTUMN 2024	SPRING 2025	SUMMER 2025
Entry Level 1	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING AND
			LISTENING
	Externally set exam	Externally set exam	Internally set exam
	Summer Term 2025	Summer Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
12US	AUTUMN 2024	SPRING 2025	SUMMER 2025
Entry Level 2	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING AND
			LISTENING
	Externally set exam	Externally set exam	Internally set exam
	Summer Term 2025	Summer Term 2025	Summer Term 2025



Curriculum Impact

5LS, 6LS, 8LS, 9US, 11US

- 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 all 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.

12US

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 12US 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.

