

English Curriculum Writing overview Year 1



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Writing overview (Year 1 2023-24)

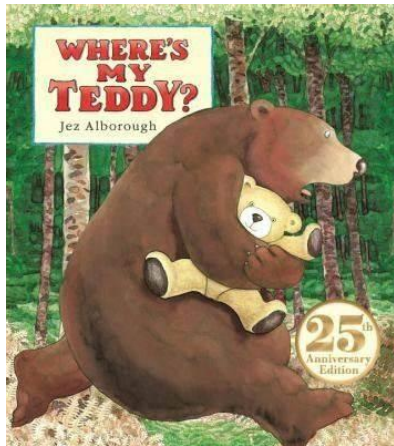


	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15
Autumn term	<p>Simple sentences</p> <p>All about me and school</p>	<p>Simple sentences</p> <p>All about me and school</p>	<p>Narrative – Losing story</p>	<p>Narrative – Losing story</p>	<p>Narrative – Losing story</p>	<p>Narrative – Losing story</p>	<p>Lists, Labels and Captions</p> <p>Toy Museum Trip</p>	<p>Bonfire Night Poetry</p> <p>Acrostic Senses poem about Bonfire Night</p>	<p>Autumn description and poetry</p>	<p>Setting Description</p>	<p>Setting Description</p> <p>Jungle</p>	<p>Setting Description</p> <p>Other settings eg moon, beach</p>	<p>Setting Description</p> <p>Other settings eg moon, beach</p>	<p>Christmas instructions and decorations</p>	<p>Xmas calligraph and letters to santa</p>
Spring term	<p>Non-chronological report (Factfile)</p>	<p>Non-chronological report (Factfile)</p>	<p>Non-chronological report (Factfile)</p>	<p>Character description</p>	<p>Narrative – Journey Story</p>	<p>Narrative – Journey Story</p>	<p>Animal riddle poetry</p>	<p>Narrative – wishing story</p>	<p>Narrative – wishing story</p>	<p>Narrative – wishing story</p>	<p>Letter to Handa</p>	<p>Letter to Handa</p>			
Summer term	<p>Trip recount</p>	<p>Trip recount</p>	<p>Spring Poems</p>	<p>Non-chronological report - plants</p>	<p>Non-chronological report - plants</p>	<p>Instructions</p>	<p>Narrative – Losing story</p>	<p>Narrative – Losing story</p>	<p>Narrative – Losing story</p>	<p>Traditional Fairytale</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Three Billy Goats Gruff</p>	<p>Traditional Fairytale</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Three Billy Goats Gruff</p>	<p>Traditional Fairytale</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Three Billy Goats Gruff</p>	<p>Consolidation Week</p>		

Where's My Teddy?

About the Book

"Wow! Look at that! Up there on that stone. A giant teddy, all on his own. We've seen him before, he belongs to the bear who lives around these woods somewhere." Little Eddy loses his toy bear and has to go looking for him in the dark, horrible woods - where he's in for a gigantic surprise. Read the first Eddy and Bear story. Others in this series include, 'It's the Bear', and, 'My Friend Bear'.



About the Author - Jez Alborough

A successful picture book author and illustrator, creator of the Eddy and the Bear series, three Bobo stories: *Hug*, *Tall*, *Yes*, as well as *Play* and *Some Dogs Do*.



Elmer

About the Book

Elmer the colourful patchwork elephant has been a nursery favourite since this first book was published in 1989. A modern classic, this picture book is known to millions, and continues to be one of the biggest selling picture books ever, having sold over 2 million copies around the world. The subtle message is that it is OK to be different.



About the Author – David McKee

David McKee was born in Devon and studied at Plymouth Art College. In the early part of his career, McKee regularly drew and sold humorous drawings to magazines and newspapers such as The Times Educational Supplement, Punch and the Reader's Digest. David McKee has written and illustrated over 50 picture books for Andersen Press and has penned a number of children's classics including King Rollo, Mr Benn, Not Now Bernard and Elmer the Patchwork Elephant. David loves to paint and now lives in the South of France but regularly visits the UK.

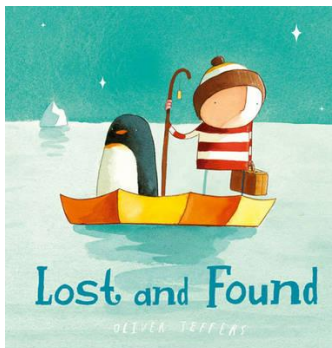
One of the World Book Day 2015 Authors David McKee is one of the best known illustrators of picture books, having created acknowledged modern classics such as Not Now, Bernard, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, and Mr Benn, Gladiator. His books are published in many languages throughout the world, and many of them have been adapted for television. He was born in Devon and now divides his time between the South of France and London.

Lost and Found

About the Book

Winner of the Blue Peter Book Awards - Best Illustrated book to read aloud.

Celebrating the value of friendship, this is an exquisitely illustrated picture book with a simple story line. Opening his door and finding a penguin on it, the little boy takes pity on the sad looking creature who he immediately assumes is lost. Together they set out on an adventure across icy-blue wastes to find the penguin's real home. The cool of the landscape makes a perfect backdrop to the warmth of the friendship between the pair.



About the Author – Oliver Jeffers

Oliver Jeffers graduated from The University of Ulster in 2001 with First Class honours. His outstanding talent has been recognised by several high profile awards, including the Nestlé Children's Book Prize Gold Award.

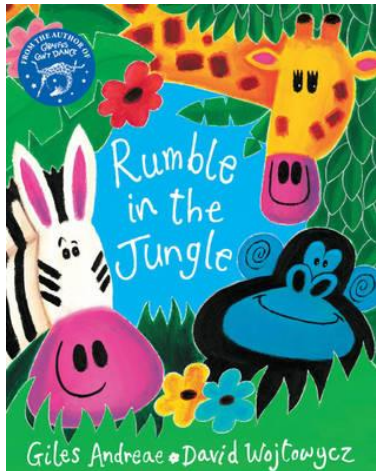
Jeffers's picture books are wonderfully accessible. They explore themes of friendship, loneliness, independence and imagination. He has written and illustrated, or "made", as he prefers to put it, numerous hugely successful picture books.

Jeffers was born in Australia in 1977 and brought up in Belfast. He studied visual communication at the University of Ulster, and graduated in 2001. Jeffers became passionate about making picture books when he began to understand the subtle relationship between words and pictures – 'that was what excited me. Until I got really involved, I hadn't realised how just a few words can totally change the meaning of a picture.' Now living in New York, he works as a painter, designer, printmaker and installation artist, but remains very busy making picture books.

Rumble in the Jungle

About the Book

This wonderful collection of animal poems gives toddlers and young children the chance to be introduced to poetry via the world of jungle. Written by Giles Andreae, one of Britain's bestselling modern poets Rumble in the Jungle is cleverly illustrated by David Wojtowycz using vividly colourful and appealing sketches, making the whole book an amazing combination of words and colour and fun.



About the Author – Giles Andreae

Giles Andreae was born in London in 1966. His books have sold over 3 million copies worldwide, making him one of the most successful children's authors working today. He began writing when he was at primary school and gets a lot of his ideas from trying to keep his own children entertained.

Giles is the hugely successful and talented author behind numerous award-winning children's books, including the bestselling *Giraffes Can't Dance*. He is also the creator of the well-known Purple Ronnie and Edward Monkton poetry ranges. Giles lives in London with his wife and four children. His top tips for becoming a writer are: read a lot, write a lot and write from the heart.

Dear Zoo

About the Book

What is the perfect pet? The zoo keeps sending all kinds of animals but, lift the flap and readers will see they are too big, too tall, too jumpy, too grumpy or too scary. Sadly, each of them is returned. Finally, the zoo sends the perfect pet and everyone is happy!

Dear Zoo

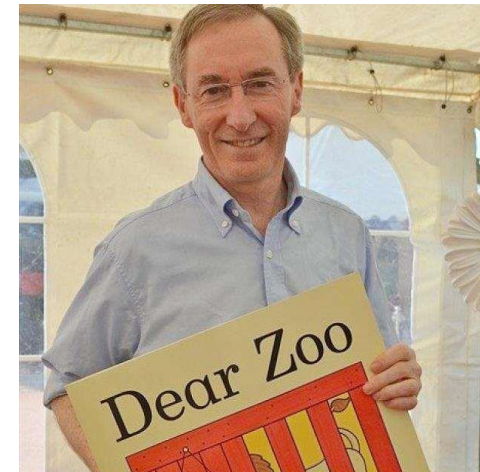


Rod Campbell

About the Author – Rod Campbell

Rod Campbell has been creating innovative books for the under-fives for over thirty years.

Best known for his classic lift-the-flap book *Dear Zoo*, he is also the creator of the much-loved preschool character Buster. Ingeniously simple with touches of gentle humour, Rod's books have withstood the test of time and are enjoyed by children, parents and teachers around the world.



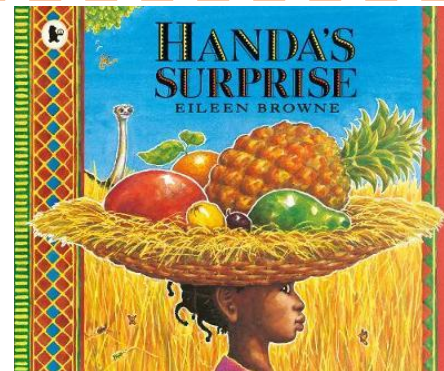
Handa's Surprise

About the Book

In this picture book classic, a delightful surprise colourfully unfolds when a little girl called Handa puts seven delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend. A modern classic named one of the best culturally diverse picture books in the UK, this is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wonders, I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend? Richly-illustrated, brimming with luscious fruit and cheeky wild animals, this mouth-watering story is for the youngest of readers. In the best pantomime spirit, children will long to tell Handa what's happening right behind her!

About the Author – Eileen Browne

Eileen Browne's titles include "Handa's Surprise", which was shortlisted for the 1995 Sheffield Children's Book Award, "Handa's Hen" and "Tick Tock". Eileen was born and brought up in Birmingham and lived in London for over twenty years before moving to Wiltshire where she now lives. She worked as a school teacher and a youth worker before becoming an author and illustrator. Her first book was published in 1977. Eileen believes "Certain groups of people are not well represented in books. For example, females only feature as main characters in around 30% of children's books. Because of this, I give them priority. "Where's That Bus?" was one of the first animal picture books with all female characters." Eileen has written books with Kit Wright and Floella Benjamin.



The Queen's Hat

About the Book

A sudden gust of wind sets off a marvellous London adventure for the Queen, the Queen's men and one very special hat. So let's follow one determined, daredevil queen through the zoo, over Tower Bridge and up Big Ben...just where will that hat land? A witty and stylish celebration of London, the Queen and the royal family's new baby. And with a celebratory sparkly red foiled cover.

About the Author – Steve Antony

Steve Antony is a highly talented and versatile author-illustrator. He has had a passion for storytelling from an early age, but it was the MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge that really enabled him to channel this passion. Since embarking on the MA course, he has enjoyed creating picture books on a range of subjects from the Queen's hat to a war between rectangles and lizards! He aims to create picture books that are slightly 'off the wall', books that children will laugh at and adults will tweet about, but most of all, books that he enjoys.

