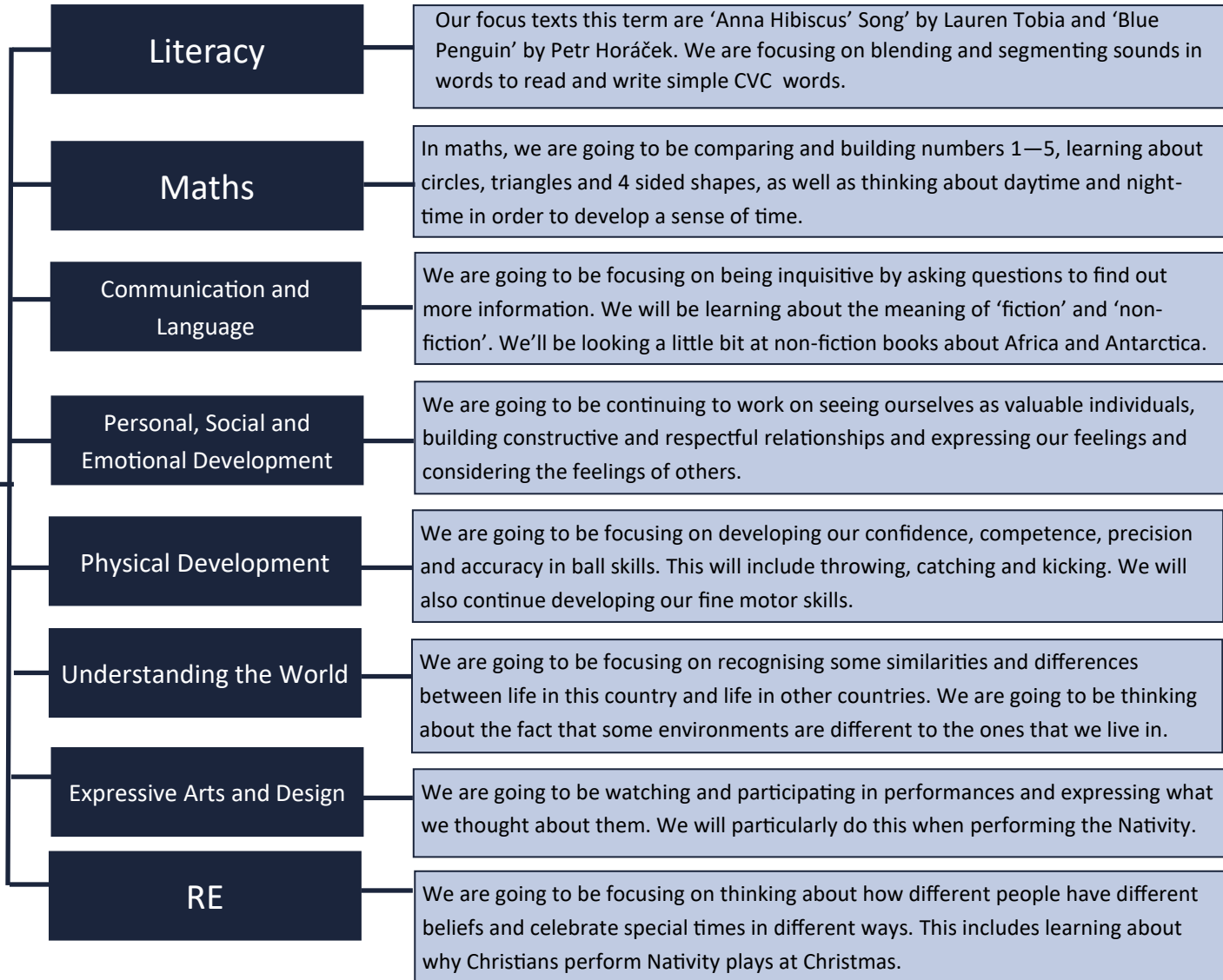


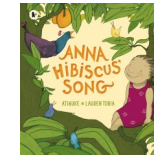


Core School Value	Trips, Enrichment Days and Visitors	Parental Involvement
Honesty		Stay and Play Session

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**Core Books**



Anna Hibiscus is a small girl of dual heritage with a happy heart living with a large and loving family in Africa. She asks each member of her extended family what she should do because she feels so happy and she weaves their various responses into a song. The location of the mango tree from which Anna surveys her world is non-specific but the endpapers of the book depict an urban environment by day and night, a contrast to picture books which frequently depict only the rural landscapes of Africa.



Blue Penguin is not accepted by his community because he looks different from them. In his lonely dreams he envisions a white whale which moves him to make up a song. Its spiritual quality leads Blue Penguin to friendship and the inspiration to create a new song that everyone can share. The textured illustrations with a colour palette focused on blue and white perfectly evoke the mysticism of the snowy landscape.