



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A (Hons) English	
Paper Title:	Children's Literature (DSE)	
Unique Paper Code:	2033100014	
Semester:	V	
Faculty:	Dr. Neelima Luthra	
Year:	2026	

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
	Children's Literature: History, overview, critical concepts		Child and Adult relationships: History, contexts and controversies
	Concepts of "Childist" Readings		The cult of childhood
	Children in popular culture		Jacqueline Rose, Peter Pan, or, the impossibility of Children's Fiction
	The idea of child/adult in Children's books		Fantasy vs. Realism
	Fantasy and Realism in Children's books		Subversion in Fantasy as a genre
			Rosemary Jackson, Fantasy: The Literature of Subversion
	Anti-war Rhetoric and pacifism		
			The Little Prince as a cultural critique
	Philosophy and Children's Books		
			Textual analyses
	Victorian Children's Literature		Comparative study
			Discussion of main themes
	Modern and Postmodern Children's Literature		Critical analyses

			Roald Dahl, Fantastic Mr. Fox
			Subversion in Children's Books
			Child/adult dichotomy
			Grotesque in Roald Dahl
			Mikhail Bakhtin, Rabelais and His World
			Anthropomorphism in Children's Literature
			Textual Analyses
			Comparative Study
			Discussion of main themes
			Critical analyses

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Antoine de Saint Exupery, The Little Prince 1943
II	Roald Dahl, Fantastic Mr. Fox 1970
III	
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Rosemary Jackson, Fantasy: The Literature of Subversion 1981
2.	Jacqueline Rose, Peter Pan or the Impossibility of Children's Fiction 1984

3.	Alison Lurie, Don't Tell the Grown-ups: Subversive Children's Literature 1990
4.	Mikhail Bakhtin, Rabelais and His World 1965

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
	1	1	
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		15	
		20	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		