

English Units/Core Texts Map 2025-2026							
Year Group		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception		The Everywhere Bear	The Cookie that Crumbled	Bee and Me Willbee the Bumble Bee	Christopher's Caterpillars	The Rainbowsaurus	You can't take an Elephant on a Bus What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday
Year 1	Narrative	Book with PSHE Focus (Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell - Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra) Supplementary Texts: Books by the same author.	Travel/Adventure to link with Transport Topic (Star in the Jar – Sam Hay) Supplementary Texts:	Problem/Resolution to Link with Animal Topic (The Lost Penguin – Claire Freedman) Supplementary texts: How to Lose a Lemur. Dear Zoo. Meerkat Mail.	Fairy tales and traditional Tale (Three Billy Goats Gruff – Mara Alperin) Supplementary texts: Little Red Hen. The Enormous Turnip. The 3 little pigs. Little red riding hood	History to link with Dinosaurs topic (Tyrannosaurus Drip – Julia Donaldson) Supplementary texts: Zog The Dinosaur Diary. Dear Dinosaur	Holidays/seaside (Billy's Bucket – Kes Gray) Supplementary texts: Commotion in the Ocean. Tiddler. The Sea Saw.
	Non-Fiction	Instructions: How to make slime	Recount: Steam Museum Trip	Non-Chronological Report: Their own penguin	Instructions: Make a vegetarian meal for the troll	Non-Chronological Report: Their own dinosaur	Recount: Beach/ Billy's Bucket party

	P o e t r y	Poems on a theme (Out and about by Shirley Hughes – weather poems)		Traditional rhymes including innovation (KS1 The works)		Poems for learning off by heart (The Great Fire of London by Paul Perro)	
Year 2	N a r r a t i v e	Traditional Tales (Jack and the Beanstalk)	Fantasy/Adventure (The Way Back Home – Oliver Jeffers)	Book with PSHE Focus (Herman’s Letter – Tom Percival)	Problem/Resolution (Up and Down – Oliver Jeffers)	Fantasy/Adventure (Bog Baby – Jeanne Willis)	Imaginative Setting The Secret of Black Rock - Joe Todd-Stanton
	N o n - F i c t i o n	Recount How to grow beans or make a vegetarian meal for the giant	Non-Chronological Report Their own alien	Instructions How to get to Henry	Recount	Instructions Bog Baby Party	Non-Chronological Report Their own rock
	P o e t r y	Poems on a theme (Fireworks by James Reeves)		Poems with a structure (Riddles- KS1 the works by Pie Corbett)		Classic poetry (The Owl and the pussycat by Edward Lear)	
Year 3	Nar ra ti ve	Adventure/Fantasy (Juniper Jupiter- Lizzy Stewart)	Book with PSHE Focus (Troll Swap - Leigh Hodgkinson)	Adventure/Fantasy (Goldilocks and Just One Bear - Leigh Hodgkinson)	Environment/Nature/ Stories from other cultures (The Storm Whale - Benji Davies)	Fantasy / Folklore (The Snorgh and the Sailor - Will Buckingham)	Environment / Problem Solving / Stories from other cultures (Clean Up! - Nathan Bryon)

	No n- Fict ion	Non-Chronological Report Their own sidekick. E.g. a kitten/puppy.	Explanation How to use a machine to pamper the troll	Instructions How to make food for the bear	Non-Chronological Report Their own species of whale	Instructions How to get to his island	Recount Their own clean up party in an area in or around school
	Poe try	Poems with a structure e.g. shape calligrams (Linked to History)		Poems on a theme (Acrostic poems linked to History)		Classic poetry for performance (The Jabberwocky – Lewis Carol)	
Year 4	N ar ra ti v e	Adventure / Moral Theme (Manfred the Baddie - John Fardell)	PSHE/ Environmental Theme/Stories from other cultures (Enzo, The Swallows and Me - Helen Mortimer)	Mystery/Detective (William and the Missing Masterpiece - Helen Hancocks)	Book with PSHE Focus (The Society of the Distinguished Lemmings - Julie Colombet)	Fantasy / Moral Theme (It Fell from the sky - Terry and Eric Fan)	Mystery/Detective (Steven Seagull: Action Hero - Elys Dolan)
	N o n - F i c t i o n	Explanation How one of Manfred's machines works.	Non-Chronological Report Their own species of bird that migrates	Newspaper recount Based on William goes to Hollywood	Non-Chronological Report Their own group of creatures	Instructions How to catch a wonder from the sky	Persuasion Apply to be an action hero / detective
	P o e t r y	Poems on a theme (Onomatopoeia poems linked to Science)		Poems e.g. cinquains (Linked to History – objects)		Classic poetry (Macavity the Mystery Cat – T.S. Eliot)	

Year 5	Nar rati ve	Adventure/PSHE/ Stories from other cultures (Weslandia - Paul Fleischman)	Retelling a traditional tale from another character's point of view. (The Wolf's Story: What Really Happened to Little Red Riding Hood - Toby Forward)	Fantasy/Adventure (The Dish and the Spoon – Mem Fox)	Environment/ PSHE (The Promise – Nicola Davies)	Fantasy/Adventure (Leon and the Place Between - Angela McAllister)	Fantasy / PSHE (The Tear Thief - Carol Ann Duffy)
	No n- Fict ion	Non-Chronological Report Own land ____landia 1 week persuasion unit: Come to ____landia.	Explanation How a humane wolf/troll trap/hair brushing machine works.	Recount The Dish and the Spoon Newspaper Report	Persuasion Persuasive leaflet that includes information about the town “Come to our new town”	Instructions How to Make Magic Potions	Persuasion Persuasive application letter to be a temporary tear thief or a dream giver
	Poe try	Poetry – Kennings (Linked to History)		Poems with a structure e.g. haiku, limericks (KS2 The works – Paul Cookson)		Poems with figurative language (The magic box – Kit Wright)	
Year 6	Nar rati ve	Fantasy/Adventure/ PSHE (The Barnabus Project - Terry and Eric Fan)	Fantasy / PSHE (Lost Happy Endings - Carol Ann Duffy)	Moral / Social (Fox - Margaret Wild)	Fantasy / Mystery (Alma - Rodrigo Blaas)	Moral / Social Narrative: Rock, Paper Scissors - Animation	Historical / Adventure (Lion and Albert - Shirley Hughes)
	No n- Fict ion	Non-Chronological Report Creating their own perfect imperfect pet. Persuasion: Job application to be a guardian.	Instructions How to perfect Christmas eve – Grinch style how to ruin Christmas	Newspaper Report The Three Little Pigs Lighthouse	Persuasion Formal letter Discussion Oral debate	Explanation	Non-Chronological Report
	Poe try	Poems with imagery (War poems)		Poems: free verse (Body talk – Benjamin Zephaniah)		Classical narrative poetry (The Highway Man –Alfred Noyes)	