

**English Overview – Genres and Key Teaching and Learning Texts**  
**2024 - 2025**

2024-2025	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Key Topics KS1</b>	Food Glorious Food	Great Fire of London	Good'ay Mate	Marvellous Explorers	Castles	Peak District Explorers
<b>Key Topics KS2</b>	Mountains	WWII	Extreme Earth – Earthquakes and Volcanoes	Japan	Invaders- Anglo Saxons and Scots	France – human and physical features
<b>Genre</b>						
<b>Y1 / Y2</b>	Humourous stories Instruction writing poetry	Farm stories Letters and postcards	Animal stories Recounts – children around the world	Stories on the theme of books Humourous poems	Stories about dragons Persuasive writing	Stories on the theme of feelings Performance poetry
<b>Y3 / Y4</b>	Riddles Diary entry Explanation text- rock formation (science link)	Black out poetry Character description Informal letter	Performance Poetry Setting description Instructions -habitats (science link)	Haiku/ Cinquains/Tanka Persuasive speech Biography	Sonnet Poems Fairytales/ Traditional tales Newspaper reports	Limericks Playscripts
<b>Y5 /Y6</b>	Shape poems - figurative language Information text - Mount Everest Diary writing - Hillary/Tenzing	Kennings poem Setting description - the black out Newspaper report - air raid in Lewisham	Performance poetry Explanation text Formal letter	Sonnet poems Narrative writing Persuasive writing	Limericks Biography writing Character description	Free verse poetry Setting description instruction writing

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<b>Y1 / Y2</b>	A Squash and a Squeeze - Julia Donaldson We're going to find a Monster - Malorie Blackman	Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell Sam's Duck/The Birthday Duck by Michael Morpurgo <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers	<i>There's a Snake in my School!</i> by David Walliams and Tony Ross <i>The Creature Choir</i> by David Walliams and Tony Ross <i>This is How We Do It</i> by Matt Lamothe <i>On the Way Home</i> by Jill Murphy	<i>Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, Book Burglar</i> by Emily Mackenzie <i>Beware! Ralfy Rabbit and the Secret Book Biter</i> Emily Mackenzie <i>Charlie Cook's Favourite Book</i> by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffle <i>Aliens Stole My Underpants</i> by Brian Moses	<i>The Dragon Machine</i> by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson <i>The Paper Bag Princess</i> by Robert Munsch and Michael Martchenko <i>Library Lion</i> by Michelle Knudsen	<i>What if?...</i> by Anthony Browne <i>Gustavo the Shy Ghost</i> by Flavia Z Drago
<b>Y3 / Y4</b>	The Boy Who Biked The World Part 1 by Alastair Humphreys	One Christmas Wish by Katherine Rundell	The Iron Man by Ted Hughes	Malala's Pencil by Malala Yousafzai	Grimwood by Nadia Shireen	
<b>Y5 / Y6</b>	Everest - The remarkable story of Edmun Hilary and Tenzing Norgay by Alexandra Stewart	When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle	When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle (longer text so will need more time to complete)	Kensuki's Kingdom by Micheal Morpurgo	Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundle	