

English Overview – Genres and Key Teaching and Learning Texts
2023 - 2024

2023-2024	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Topics KS1	Our School	Life of the two monarchs	Intrepid Explorers	The Sheffield Flood	Great Britain	The Seaside
Key Topics KS2	Rivers	Our local village	Maya	South America	Ancient Greece	Olympics
Genre						
Y1 / Y2	fiction - stories on a theme Recounts - Diaries Poetry	traditional tales and fables letter writing	Modern fiction Poetry	Classic fiction (Enid Blyton) Non-fiction - information texts	Fiction - stories by the same author (Malorie Blackman) non-fiction - owls Poetry - owls	Fiction - non-fiction - instructions
Y3 / Y4	Haiku, Tankas and Cinquains Diary writing Explanation Text	Limerick Poetry Narrative story writing/ Twisted Fairy Tales	Performance Poetry Persuasive writing Instruction writing	Kennings Letter writing	Acrostic Poems Character description Biography – George Washington Carver	Shape poems Newspaper report
Y5 / Y6	Kennings Setting description (Wind in the Willows) Narrative writing (Wind in the Willows)	Free verse poems Biography writing (Barnardo)	Performance poetry Information text (from bean to bar) Diary entry (The Chocolate Tree)	Narrative poem Persuasive letters (Save the Amazon)	Character description (mythical creatures) Newspaper reports (Trojan War) Acrostic Poems	Sonnets Instructions

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Key Texts / Books						
Y1 / Y2	Rabbityness – Jo Empson Diary of a Wombat Jackie French Waiting for Goliath – Antje Damm	Wolfy – Gregoire Soltaref The story Blanket – Ferida Wolff Dear Dinosaur – Chae Strathie Dear Father Christmas – Alan Durrant	The Night Gardener by the Fan Brothers The Invisible by Tom Percival	The Tale of Two Bad Mice; The Tale of Tom Kitten; The Tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher; The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck all by Beatrix Potter A Caribbean Dozen edited by John Agard and Grace Nichols	Betsey’s Birthday Surprise by Malorie Blackman Magic Betsey by Malorie Blackman Owls by Emily Bone Non fiction books – owls	The lighthouse Keeper books - Ronda and David Armitage
Y3 / Y4	Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall	Clever Polly and The Stupid Wolf by Catherine Storr	Charlie and the chocolate factory Roald Dahl	A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond	Leo And The Gorgon’s Curse by Joe Todd-Stanton	
Y5 /Y6	Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame	Street Child by Berlie Doherty	The Chocolate Tree - A Mayan FolkTale	Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief	Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief continued	