

English Overview – Genres and Key Teaching and Learning Texts

2025-2026	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	Urban Change - Sheffield	USA	Industrial revolution/ Crime and punishment	Coast	Ancient Egypt	Italy
Genre						
Y1 / Y2	Stories on the theme of feelings Poems by the same author – Edward Lear	Traditional tales and fables Letters and postcards	Classic fiction: Beatrix Potter Poems on a theme: Caribbean poetry	Modern fiction: Contemporary picture books Instruction writing	Stories by the same author: Malorie Blackman Kennings	Stories in a familiar setting Non-fiction texts – incredible animals
Y3 / Y4	The Sound Collector by Roger McGough Instructions Narrative time travel extract	Limerick poetry Diary Electricity information report linked to science	Performance poetry Letter writing	Kennings Traditional tales	Wakes week poetry book Flat Stanley adventure narrative	Shape poems Italy information text
Y5 / Y6	List Poems Setting description - Cities Narrative	Free Verse Poetry Informal letter (to Stanley's mum) Information text - Yellow Spotted Lizards	Performance Poetry Diary Entry Biography	Narrative Poem Debate Information text - the Galapagos islands?	Wakes week poetry book Formal letter Character description	Sonnets News paper report - Wakes Week
Key Texts / Books						
Y1 / Y2	Rabbityness – Jo Empson	Wolfy – Gregoire Soltaref	The Night Gardener by the Fan Brothers	The Tale of Two Bad Mice; The Tale of Tom Kitten; The	Betsey's Birthday Surprise by Malorie Blackman	The lighthouse Keeper books -

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	Diary of a Wombat - Jackie French The Visitor –Antje Damm Waiting for Goliath by Antje Damm Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley	The story Blanket – Ferida Wolff Dear Dinosaur – Chae Strathie Dear Father Christmas – Alan Durrant	The Invisible by Tom Percival A Caribbean Dozen edited by John Agard and Grace Nichols Swim, shark, swim! By Dom Conlon and Anastasia Izlesou	Tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher; The Tale of Jemima Puddle Duck all by Beatrix Potter Tidy by Emily Gravett Too Much Stuff by Emily Gravett	Magic Betsey by Malorie Blackman Jaws and Claws and things with wings by Valerie Bloom	Ronda and David Armitage Funny Bums, Freaky Beaks and other incredible creature features by Alex Morss and Sean Taylor
Y3 / Y4	Meet me by the Steelmen by Theresa Tomlinson	I am Lenny Brown by Dan Freedman	The Wild Robot by Peter Brown	Unipiggle by Hannah Shaw	Flat Stanley and the great Egyptian grave robbery by S. Pennypacker	
Y5 /Y6	The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd	Holes by Louis Sachar (also links to crime and punishment for next topic as will go into next term)	Darwin’s Dragons by Lindsey Galvin		Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carrol	