

Our Literature Spine has been developed so that pupils gain a rich literary experience which includes the best of what has been written for primary-aged children. In collating this document, we have referred to “The Five Plagues of the Developing Reader” by Doug Lemov, in order to give pupils access to a range of texts which help them navigate reading with confidence.

**The 5 Plagues of the Developing Reader**

*(source: Reading Reconsidered by Doug Lemov)*

There are five types of texts that children should have access to in order to successfully navigate reading with confidence.

Archaic language	The vocabulary, usage, syntax and context for cultural reference of texts over 50 or 100 years old are vastly different and typically more complex than texts written today. Students need to be exposed to and develop proficiency with antiquated forms of expression to be able to hope to read James Madison, Frederick Douglass and Edmund Spenser when they get to college.
Non-linear time sequences	In passages written exclusively for students—or more specifically for student assessments— time tends to unfold with consistency. A story is narrated in a given style with a given cadence and that cadence endures and remains consistent, but in the best books, books where every aspect of the narration is nuanced to create an exact image, time moves in fits and start. It doubles back. The only way to master such books is to have read them time and again and to be carefully introduced to them by a thoughtful teacher or parent.
Narratively complex	Books are sometimes narrated by an unreliable narrator—Scout, for example, who doesn’t understand and misperceives some of what happened to her. Or the narrator in Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Tell-Tale Heart” who is a madman out of touch with reality. Other books have multiple narrators such as Faulkner’s As I Lay Dying. Others have non-human narrators such as the horse that tells the story in Black Beauty. Some books have multiple intertwined and apparently (for a time) unrelated plot lines. These are far harder to read than books with a single plot line and students need to experience these as well.
Figurative/Symbolic text	Texts which happen on an allegorical or symbolic level. Not reflected in Lexiles; critical forms of text complexity that students must experience.
Resistant texts	Texts written to deliberately resist easy meaning-making by readers. Perhaps half of the poems ever written fall into this category. You have to assemble meaning around nuances, hints, uncertainties and clues.



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Nursery Preschool 2yrs	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6	
Core books to refer to in English lessons & Talk for writing	<i>Children learn to retell these stories with actions and repeating phrases</i>						
	<p>Little Red Hen Magic porridge Pot</p>	<p>Nativity story Dear Zoo Dear Santa</p>	<p>Goldilocks &amp; the three bears Shark in the dark</p>	<p>Chicken Licken Enormous Turnip</p>	<p>Three Little Pigs Going on a bear hunt</p>	<p>Gingerbreadman Toddle Waddle</p>	
Book to be read to class by CT/TA	Goat goes to playgroup The Gigantic Turnip Farmer Duck A is for Acorn	After the storm Can't you sleep little bear? Peace at Last Night Monkey, Day Monkey Francis Firefly	Threadbear One Snowy Night Fern's first Winter Snug as a bug Jack Frost Immi	Mr Wolf's pancakes Hungry Hen Egg Pig's Egg Hoppity-Skip Little Chick Every Bunny Dance Rabbit's Spring adventure	So Much Dogger Kids Six Dinner Sid Rosie' walk The train Ride Gruffalo	Pete, rocking in his school shoes Biscuit bear Goat goes to playgroup Smile Baby Smile	
Book to read to class to support CL	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Greedy Goat Pass the Jam Jim	Owl Babies Cock-a-moo-moo Noisy way to bed Come on Daisy Shark in the Park Mog's Christmas	A Flower in the Snow Snow Bears When Darkness slipped in How to Catch a Star Wow said the Owl Whatever Next! Planting a rainbow	Jasper's Beanstalk Lucy Ladybird Titch Ten seeds Peely Wally			
Books to support other areas of Development matters	Shoe Baby Nursery rhyme books ~ each Peach Pear Plum	Ouch! Don't Worry Wiliam Who's afraid of the dark In the Middle of the Night Squirrel's Busy day Squirrel's Autumn Search	Mole and Baby Bird The seasons information books Coming Home Busy day for birds 10 black dots	Ernest Actual Size But excuse me that is my book. Open very carefully Egg to Chick information books	Along came a different Shapes  Where the wild things are. You choose	On the Way Home  Pig in the pond If you're happy and you know it Doing the animal bop	
	<b>Child initiated Common themes &amp; related texts</b>						
		Wash your hands Slowly, Slowly, Slowly said the Sloth That's not my....	Something beginning with blue Pants Who's in the Loo?	The very Lazy Ladybird The teeny weeny tadpole	<b>Vehicles:</b> Naughty Bus Don't chat to the Bus Driver Emergency Dig, Dig, Digging	<b>Pirates/the sea:</b> Hooray for Fish The night pirates 10 Little Pirates Tim, Ted & the Pirates Yo-ho-ho, A pirating we'll go.	<b>Dinosaurs:</b> This dinosaur is so big Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs Dinosaurs after dark
Literacy Shed	<a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/bubbles.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/bubbles.html</a>	<a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/mog.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/mog.html</a> Owl Babies That's not my...	<a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/ominghome.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/ominghome.html</a> <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/whistleless.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/whistleless.html</a> Who's in the Loo	<a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/caterpillar-shoes.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/caterpillar-shoes.html</a> <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/happy-duckling.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/happy-duckling.html</a>	<a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/the-images-shed.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/the-images-shed.html</a>  <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/takingflight.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/takingflight.html</a> The train ride	<a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/the-thinking-shed.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/the-thinking-shed.html</a> ~ Nemo first day at school	

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Reception	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
	<i>Children learn to retell these stories with actions and repeating phrases</i>					
<b>Core books to refer to in English lessons &amp; Talk for writing</b>	<i>The Little Red Hen</i>	<i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i>  <i>Rama and Sita (Diwali)</i>	<i>Innovate The Little Red Hen</i>  <i>The Great Race (Chinese New Year)</i>	<i>Monkey See Monkey Do</i>  <i>Stick man</i>	<i>Tiny Tom (maths link - subtraction)</i>  <i>Innovate Monkey See Monkey Do</i>  <i>Handa's Surprise</i>	<i>Fantastic Futures Sam and Sally story</i>
Books to be read to class by CT/TA  Book to read to class to support CL	<i>The Smartest Giant in Town</i> <i>Gruffalo</i> <i>Traditional Tales</i> <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> <i>Chicken Licken</i>  <i>This little Poem</i>	<i>The Christmas Story</i> <i>The Snowman</i>  <i>Room on the Broom</i>  <i>Oi Frog series of books (rhyme)</i>  <i>This little Poem</i>	<i>Biscuit Bear</i>  <i>The Tiger Who came to tea</i>  <i>Aaaargh Spider</i>  <i>This little Poem</i>	<i>Stanley's Stick</i>  <i>What the Ladybird heard</i>  <i>This little Poem</i>	<i>Billy's Beetle</i>  <i>Six Dinner Sid</i>  <i>This little Poem</i>	<i>The Night Pirates</i>  <i>Not Now Bernard</i>  <i>This little Poem</i>
Books to support other areas of Development matters	<i>Kipper's Birthday</i> PSHE  <i>Rosies Walk</i> SSM	<i>Whatever Next!</i> TW	<i>Ruby's Worries</i> PSHE	<i>Zog</i> <i>Meg's Castle</i> CLL	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> PD <i>I will never ever eat a tomato</i> PD	<i>One is a snail....</i> <i>Number</i> <i>Rainbow Fish</i> PSHE

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Literacy Shed	Owl Babies	Oi Frog	Monstersaurus	Goodnight Gorilla	Avocado Baby	We are all wonders
Year 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Core books to refer to in English lessons</b>	George and the Dragon by Chris Wormell  Sid the Spider (Talk4Writing)	Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman  Anansi and Turtle (Trad.)  A Caribbean Dozen - Poems from Caribbean poets	Beegu by Alexis Deacon  Pixies of Withypool (Trad.)	Dinosaur Rumpus by Tony Mitton  Mad About Dinosaurs by Giles Andreae  Non-fiction Books about dinosaurs.	Traction Man is Here! by Mini grey  The Clockwork Dragon by Jonathan Emmett	Ten things I can do to help my world by Melanie Walsh  The Deep dark Wood by Algy Craig Hall
<b>Book to be read to class by CT/TA</b>	Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy - Lyndsy Dodd  We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen	The everywhere bear - Julia Donaldson  The Smartest Giant in Town - Julia Donaldson	Oi Frog! - Kes Gray & Jim Field  The Fox's Hiccups (Percy the Parkkeeper) - Nick Butterworth	Harry and the Dinosaurs go on Holiday - Ian Whybrow  Polar Polka - Cherie Stihler  How Big is a foot? - Young Yearling book	The Selfish Crocodile - Faustin Charles  Charlie Cook's Favourite Book - Julia Donaldson	Rabbityness - Jo Empson  Monkey puzzle - Julia Donaldson
<b>Books to support topics</b>	<b>History - Our family</b>  Monkey Puzzle - Julia Donaldson	<b>Geography - Home countries</b>  Paddington - Michael Bond  Bog Baby - Jeanne Willis	<b>Geography - Comparing climates</b>  Mixed - Arree Chung  The Darkest Dark - Chris Hadfield	<b>History - Mary Anning</b>  Dinosaurs Love Underpants - Claire Freedman & Ben Cort  Tig and Togg: The Discovery by Sally Garland	<b>History - Going Underground</b>  One Mole Digging a Hole Mole's Sunshine	<b>Geography - Katie Morag</b>  Dear Greenpeace - Simon James  Katie Morag stories

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<b>Talk for Writing books</b>	Sidney the Spider		The Pixies of Withypool (Trad.)			
<b>Literacy Shed</b>	The Yellow Bag (film)		Way Back Home (film)			The book of Butterflies (film)
<b>Year 2</b>	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Core books to refer to in English lessons</b>	Jack and the beanstalk - innovating using other versions.	Vlad and the Great Fire of London.  Selection of non-fiction books.	Fluff the Farting fish - Michael Rosen  Selection of poetry	Famous Five Stories  The Tunnel by Anthony Browne	The Lighthouse keeper stories	Black Rock (persuasive writing) Rainbow Fish Storm whale
<b>Book to be read to class by CT/TA</b>	David Walliams- Fing  The three little wolves and the big bad pig.  Selection of books chosen from the book corner or brought in from home by the children.	Selection of books chosen from the book corner or brought in from home by the children.	Roald Dahl- Fantastic Mr Fox  Roald Dahl- The magic finger  Selection of books chosen from the book corner or brought in from home by the children.	Roald Dahl- George's Marvellous medicine.  Selection of books chosen from the book corner or brought in from home by the children.	The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith.  Selection of books chosen from the book corner or brought in from home by the children.	The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton.  Selection of books chosen from the book corner or brought in from home by the children.
<b>Books to support topics</b>	<b>Once upon a time...</b>  Selection of fairy tale stories.  Jack and the Beanstalk.  Jim and the Beanstalk.  Prince Cinders.	<b>Hot and Cold</b> <b>The Great Fire of London</b> Toby and the Great Fire of London by Margaret Nash and Jane Cope  The Great Fire of London by Nick Hunter  The Great Fire of London by Liz Gogerly	<b>Amazing Earth</b>  The big Book of Blue by Yuval Zommer  Meerkat mail by Emily Gravett	<b>Off on an adventure...</b> Why Should I Save Energy?  10 Things I Can Do to Help My World by Melanie Walsh  What If? Book About Recycling by Nick Manning and Brita Granstrom  George Saves the World by Lunchtime	<b>The Victorious Victorians</b> Florence Nightingale: Mother of Modern Nursing by Professor Carol Alexander  Selection of non-fiction books from Library.	<b>Homes and habitats</b> About Minibeasts by Claire Llewelyn

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				by Jo Readman Diary of a wombat by Jackie French		
<b>Talk for Writing books</b>	Jack and the Beanstalk Jack and the bean pie	Little Cock feather frock.			The Elves and the Shoemaker.	
<b>Literacy Shed</b>	The clock tower (film)		Something Fishy (film)			
<b>Year 3</b>	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Core books to refer to in English lessons</b>	Charlie and the chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl	Egyptian Cinderella  The Story of Tutankhamun- Patricis Cleveland-Peck and Isabel Greenbag	The Bean Machine  Somerset Folk Tales: The Seven Sisters (GR)  The Loch Ness Monster (GR) The Nian Monster (GR) The Tin Forest (GR) Tell me a dragon	Miranda the Explorer -  Ocean Meets Sky - Eric Fan	Stone Age Boy - Satoshi Kitamura  Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age- Raymond Briggs  Stone Age Tablet- Andrew Langley	Stig of the Dump Leon and the Place Between- Graham Baker Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

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<p><b>Book to be read to class by CT/TA</b></p>	<p>I am the seed that grew into the tree (poetry) - Fiona Waters &amp; Frann Preston-Gannon</p> <p>Charlie and the chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery</p> <p>The Time-travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess- Julia Jarman</p>	<p>Storm and Ottoline and the Yellow Cat</p>	<p>The legend of Spud Murphy</p>	<p>The Beast of Buckingham Palace- David Walliams</p>	<p>Stig of the Dump - Clive King Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S Lewis</p>
<p><b>Books to support topics</b></p>		<p>Pharoh's Fate- Camille Gautier &amp; Stephanie Vernet</p> <p>So you think you've got it bad: A kid's life in Ancient Egypt - Chae Strathie &amp; Marisa Morea</p> <p>Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs- Marcis Williams</p>			<p>The Pebble in my pocket - A history of our earth- Meredith Hooper</p> <p>The Stone Age: Hunters, Gathers and Wooly Mammoths- Marcia Williams</p> <p>The History Detective Investigates: Stone Age to Iron Age- Clare Hibbert</p>	<p>Skara Brae - Dawn Finch</p> <p>The Boy with the Bronze Axe- Kathleen Fidler</p>
<p><b>Talk for Writing books</b></p>	<p>Trail soup (ref story found in 'Story telling into writing KS2) by Pie Corbett</p>	<p>Egyptian Cinderella</p>	<p>Tell me a dragon- Jackie Morris</p> <p>Jack and the bean stalk- (ref story found in 'Story telling into writing KS2) by Pie Corbett</p>			

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<b>Literacy Shed</b>		Tadeo Jones	Girl and Robot Flotsam The Wrong Trousers The Shirt Machine Dream Giver			
<b>Year 4</b>	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Core books to refer to in English lessons</b>	Quest (Non-Narrative)  Native American Folk Tales: - How the Coyote got its Cunning - The Indian Paintbrush	Invasion  The Roman Record	Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans	Iron Man	Race to the Frozen North	The Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane
<b>Book to be read to class by CT/TA</b>	Quest (Non-Narrative)  Roald Dahl Revolting Rhymes	Invasion  Myths & Legends	Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans  Ancient Greek Myth Stories	Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo  Iron Man	Race to the Frozen North  The Runaway Iceberg	The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo  Ice Trap



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<p><b>Books to support topics</b></p>	<p><b>America</b> Native American Folk Tales: - How the Coyote got its Cunning - The Indian Paintbrush</p>	<p><b>Romans</b> Invasion  The Roman Record</p>	<p><b>Ancient Greece</b> Who Let the Gods Out  Ancient Greek Myths - Pandora's Box - The Legend of the Trojan Horse - Theseus and Minotaur - Odysseus and Cyclops</p>		<p><b>Antarctica</b> Race to the Frozen North  Ice Trap Shackleton's Incredible Expedition  Rainbow Bear by Micheal Morpurgo</p>	
<p><b>Talk for Writing books</b></p>	<p>Voices in the park</p>	<p>Why the Whales came by Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>The firework maker's daughter by Phillip Pullman</p>		<p>Charlotte's Web</p>	<p>Bill's new frock by Anne Fine</p>
<p><b>Literacy Shed</b></p>	<p>Taking Flight  Soar</p>	<p>Dum Spiro</p>	<p>The Book of the Butterflies  The windmill farmer</p>	<p>Le Petit Cordonnier - The Little Shoemaker</p>	<p>23 degrees 5 minutes  La Luna</p>	<p>Hunted  Do I have power</p>

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Year 5	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Core books to refer to in English lessons</b>	<b>There's a boy in the girls' bathroom</b> by Louis Sachar Poetry: Joseph Coelho The MORERAPS AF Harrold selected poems from The Things You Find in a Wizard's Beard	<b>Cosmic</b> by Frank Cottrell Boyce  Kick by Mitch Johnson  <b>My friend Walter</b> by Michael Morpurgo  <b>Treason</b> By Berlie Doherty	<b>The Gurt Worm of Shervage</b>	<b>Viking Boy</b> by Tony Bradman <b>Beowulf</b> <b>Tell me a dragon</b>	<b>Kensuke's Kingdom</b> by Michael Morpurgo	<b>The wind in the willows / The Ickabog - JK Rowling (online)</b>
<b>Book to be read to class by CT/TA</b>	<b>There's a boy in the girls' bathroom</b> by Louis Sachar  <b>The Nothing To See Here Hotel</b> by Steven Butler	<b>Cosmic</b> by Frank Cottrell Boyce  <b>My friend Walter</b> by Michael Morpurgo  Treason By Berlie Doherty		<b>Viking Boy</b> <b>Beowulf</b> <b>Tell me a dragon</b>	<b>Kensuke's Kingdom</b>	<b>The wind in the willows / The Ickabog - JK Rowling (online)</b>
<b>Books to support topics</b>	Mountains Everest - Sangma Francis Himalayan Mountains Abominables	Monarchy : Diver's Daughter Patrice Lawrence  What's So Special About Shakespeare? Michael Rosen Elizabeth I Stephanie Turnbull	Global trade Space	Vikings / Anglo-Saxons The Saga of Erik the Viking Terry Jones & Michael Foreman The Dragon's Hoard: Stories from the Viking Sagas Lari Don & Cate James  Odd and the Frost Giants Neil Gaiman	Rainforest The Great Kapot Tree Explorer- Katherine Rundell The Shaman's Apprentice  Wild Animals of the South  Rainforests in 30 Seconds Jen Green & Stephanie Murphy	Mayan Civilization The Hero Twins: Against the Lords of Death (A Mayan Myth) Dan Jolley and David Witt Rain Player David Wisniewski The History Detective Investigates: Mayan Civilization Clare Hibbert Great Kapot Tree Middleworld by J&P Voelkel

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<p>Talk for Writing books</p>	<p>Poetry: The MORERAPS by Joseph Coelho</p>		<p>Aliens Landing</p>	<p>The Westfield Ridge-back</p>	<p>' The Game '</p>	<p>Storyteller -(Sun and Moon)</p>
<p>Literacy Shed (selection from)</p>	<p>The ridge : <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/the-sports-shed.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/the-sports-shed.html</a> Dreadful menace</p>	<p>Pudding lane : <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/puddinglane.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/puddinglane.html</a></p>	<p>I lived on the moon  Planets  Pandora <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/the-sci---fi-shed.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/the-sci---fi-shed.html</a></p>	<p>A Viking Village : <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/vikingvillage.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/vikingvillage.html</a>  Jotun - a journey of a Viking : <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/jotun.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/jotun.html</a>  The Dragon Slayer : <a href="https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/resource/the-dragon-slayer-film-vipers-guide">https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/resource/the-dragon-slayer-film-vipers-guide</a></p>	<p>Deforestation of the Amazon : <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/the-world-cup-shed.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/the-world-cup-shed.html</a>  The Day of the Dead: <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html</a></p>	<p>Hugh: <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html</a>  The Day of the Dead:: <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html">https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html</a></p>

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Year 6	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Core books to refer to in English lessons	The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd	Shackleton's Journey by William Grill  Performance Poetry – Poetry Slam (Variety of poems) Tree poetry: Throwing a Tree, tree poems Poem set in the Georgian era: The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes Shackleton's Journey Short story: The Ship of Death by Kevin Crossley-Holland from 'Short Too' compilation. The Old Mill	The Queen of the Eels - Somerset Folk Tale  Carrie's War by Nina Bawden (BBC serialisation with SLN comprehension planning)  Goodnight Mr Tom	Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll	Wonder by R.J. Palacio / Holes by Louis Sachar	Wonder / Holes Year 6 Production
Book to be read to class by CT/TA	The London Eye Mystery	Shackleton's Journey  Performance Poetry – Poetry Slam (Variety of poems) Tree poetry: Throwing a Tree, tree poems Poem set in the Georgian era: The	Carrie's War  Goodnight Mr Tom	Letters from the Lighthouse	Wonder / Holes Africa by Atinuke	Wonder / Holes Year 6 Production

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		Highwayman by Alfred Noyes Shackleton's Journey Short story: The Ship of Death The Old Mill				
<b>Books to support topics</b>	<b>The United Kingdom</b> The London Eye Mystery  Transition Day previous July with Y5: Wagalak Sisters	<b>The Georgians</b> Poem set in the Georgian era: The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes	<b>World War 2</b> Carrie's War  Goodnight Mr Tom  Evacuee	<b>World War 2</b> Letters from the Lighthouse	<b>Achieving our potential (SATS)</b>  Africa by Atinuke	<b>Transition - Wonder</b>
<b>Talk for Writing books</b>		The Old Mill by Pie Corbett			Lost by Pie Corbett	
<b>Literacy Shed</b>			Beyond The Lines		Don't Go/ Alma / Titanium / 3 Little Pigs as appropriate for inspiring writing.	