

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 <i>As I Lay Dying</i> . Others have non-human narrators such as the horse that tells the story in <i>Black Beauty</i> . 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.

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>						
	Little Red Hen Magic porridge Pot	Nativity story Dear Zoo Dear Santa	Goldilocks & the three bears Shark in the dark	Chicken Licken Enormous Turnip	Three Little Pigs Going on a bear hunt	Gingerbreadman Toddle Waddle	
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 Owl Babies	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 Jasper's Beanstalk Lucy Ladybird Titch Ten seeds Peely Wally	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	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				
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	
	Child initiated Common themes & related texts						
		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	Vehicles: Naughty Bus Don't chat to the Bus Driver Emergency Dig, Dig, Digging	Pirates/the sea: Hooray for Fish The night pirates 10 Little Pirates Tim, Ted & the Pirates Yo-ho-ho, A pirating we'll go.	Dinosaurs: This dinosaur is so big Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs Dinosaurs after dark
Literacy Shed	https://www.literacyshed.com/bubbles.html	https://www.literacyshed.com/mog.html Owl Babies That's not my...	https://www.literacyshed.com/cominghome.html https://www.literacyshed.com/whistleless.html Who's in the Loo	https://www.literacyshed.com/caterpillar-shoes.html https://www.literacyshed.com/happy-duckling.html	https://www.literacyshed.com/the-images-shed.html https://www.literacyshed.com/takingflight.html The train ride	https://www.literacyshed.com/the-thinking-shed.html ~ Nemo first day at school	

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>						
Core books to refer to in English lessons & Talk for writing	<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>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>Rhyming stories</i> <i>This little Poem</i> <i>Farmyard Hullabaloo</i> <i>Autumn poems</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>Rhyming stories</i> <i>This little Poem</i> <i>Firework poems</i>	<i>Biscuit Bear</i> <i>The Tiger Who came to tea</i> <i>Billy's Beetle</i> <i>Six Dinner Sid</i> <i>Aaaargh Spider</i> <i>Rhyming stories</i> <i>Mad about Minibeasts</i> <i>This little Poem</i>	<i>Handa's Surprise</i> <i>Rhyming stories</i> <i>This little Poem</i> <i>Rumble in the Jungle</i> <i>Easter/spring poems</i>	<i>Billy's Beetle</i> <i>Stanley's Stick</i> <i>Stickman</i> <i>Rhyming stories</i> <i>Commotion in the Ocean</i> <i>This little Poem</i>	<i>Zog</i> <i>Zog and the flying doctors</i> <i>Rhyming stories</i> <i>This little Poem</i> <i>Poems for the Very Young</i> <i>Michael Rosen</i>
Books to support other areas of Development matters	<i>Owl Babies PSHE</i> <i>Rosies Walk SSM</i>	<i>Kipper's Birthday PSHE</i> <i>Rama and Sita (Diwali)</i> <i>Room on the 4 Broom CLL</i>	<i>Ruby's Worries PSHE</i> <i>The Great Race (Chinese New Year)</i>	<i>Mr Gumpy's outing UTW</i> <i>The Invisible String PSHE</i>	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar PD</i> <i>Rainbow Fish PSHE</i> <i>10 Things to help my world</i>	<i>Whatever Next! TW</i> <i>One is a snail... Number</i> <i>I will never ever eat a tomato PD</i> <i>Not Now Bernard PSHE</i>

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Literacy Shed	Owl Babies	Oi Frog Marvellous Moon Map	The Way Back Home	Goodnight Gorilla Pardon said the giraffe	Avocado Baby Supertato	We are all wonders The Rainbow Fish
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Year 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Core books to refer to in English lessons	George and the Dragon by Chris Wormell Sid the Spider (Talk4Writing) The Girl with the Yellow bag	Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman Anansi and Turtle (Trad.) A Caribbean Dozen - Poems from Caribbean poets	Beegu by Alexis Deacon Pixies of Withypool (Talk4writing)b(Trad.)	Dinosaur Rumpus by Tony Mitton Mad About Dinosaurs by Giles Andrae 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
Book to be read to class by CT/TA	Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy - Lyndsy Dodd We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen Wriggle and Roar, Rhymes to join in with by Julia Donaldson	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 The Booktime Book of Fantastic First Poems. Edited by June Crebbin	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

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Books to support topics	History - Our family Monkey Puzzle - Julia Donaldson Mixed- Arge	Geography - Home countries Paddington - Michael Bond Bog Baby - Jeanne Willis	Geography - Comparing climates Mixed - Arree Chung The Darkest Dark - Chris Hadfield	History - Mary Anning Dinosaurs Love Underpants - Claire Freedman & Ben Cort Tig and Togg: The Discovery by Sally Garland	History -Communication overTime Chicken Clicking- Jeanne Willis/Tony Ross	Geography - Katie Morag Dear Greenpeace - Simon James Katie Morag stories
Talk for Writing books	Sidney the Spider		The Pixies of Withypool (Trad.)			
Literacy Shed	The Yellow Bag (film)		Way Back Home (film)			The book of Butterflies (film)

Year 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Core books to refer to in English lessons	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 Mrs Armitage stories Selection of poetry	Famous Five Stories The Tunnel by Anthony Browne	The Lighthouse keeper stories	Black Rock (persuasive writing) Rainbow Fish Storm whale
Book to be read to class by CT/TA	Roald Dahl- Fantastic Mr Fox 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.	Teacher and TA's favourite poems Selection of books chosen from the book corner or brought in from home by the children.	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. Is this still appropriate to have hear given AG and the character "Moonface" Not sure? (JR) Teacher and TA's favourite poems Selection of books chosen from the book corner or brought in from home by the children.

<p>Books to support topics</p>	<p>Once upon a time... Selection of fairy tale stories. Jack and the Beanstalk. Jim and the Beanstalk. Prince Cinders. A selection of non-fiction books on plants in the reading corner. Sammy Spider's first Simchat Torah</p>	<p>Hot and Cold The Great Fire of London 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 Vlad and the Great Fires of London by Kate Cunningham The Christmas Story</p>	<p>Amazing Earth The big Book of Blue by Yuval Zommer Meerkat mail by Emily Gravett Wonderful Earth by Nick Butterworth</p>	<p>Off on an adventure... 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 by Jo Readman Diary of a wombat by Jackie French The Koala who could</p>	<p>The Victorious Victorians Florence Nightingale: Mother of Modern Nursing by Professor Carol Alexander Selection of non-fiction books from Library.</p>	<p>Homes and habitats About Minibeasts by Claire Llewelyn A selection of non-fiction books on animals and habitats in the reading corner.</p>
<p>Talk for Writing books</p>	<p>Jack and the Beanstalk Jack and the bean pie</p>	<p>Little Cock feather frock.</p>			<p>The Elves and the Shoemaker.</p>	
<p>Literacy Shed</p>	<p>The clock tower (film)</p>		<p>Something Fishy (film)</p>			

<p>Year 3</p>	<p>Term 1</p>	<p>Term 2</p>	<p>Term 3</p>	<p>Term 4</p>	<p>Term 5</p>	<p>Term 6</p>
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<p>Core books to refer to in English lessons</p>	<p>Charlie and the chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl Chocolate: From Bean to Bar (Big Cat Copper)</p>	<p>Egyptian Cinderella The Story of Tutankhamun- Patricis Cleveland-Peck and Isabel Greenbag Egyptology: Search for the Tomb of Osiris <i>Performance Poetry - Poetry Slam (Variety of poems)</i> Special Days Poems (GR- (poetry)</p>	<p>The Bean Machine Flotsam Somerset Folk Tales: The Seven Sisters (GR) The Loch Ness Monster (GR)</p>	<p>Miranda the Explorer - Ocean Meets Sky - Eric Fan On the move (poetry) Journey</p>	<p>Stone Age Boy - Satoshi Kitamura Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age- Raymond Briggs Stone Age Tablet- Andrew Langley Evidence of Dragons (poetry)</p>	<p>Stig of the Dump Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright (poetry)</p>
<p>Book to be read to class by CT/TA</p>	<p>Charlie and the chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy</p>	<p>Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery The Time-travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess- Julia Jarman</p>	<p>The Puffin Keeper Ian and the blue wing flying machine.</p>	<p>The Fantastic Flying Journey Sky Chasers</p>	<p>The Secrets of Stonehenge Krindlekrax</p>	<p>Stig of the Dump - Clive King Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S Lewis</p>

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<p>Books to support topics</p>	<p>Chocolate: From Bean to Bar (Big Cat Copper)</p>	<p>Pharoh's Fate- Camille Gautier & Stephanie Vernet</p> <p>So you think you've got it bad: A kid's life in Ancient Egypt - Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea</p> <p>Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs- Marcis Williams</p>	<p>Marvellous Machines: A magic lens book.</p> <p>You wouldn't want to live without machines</p> <p>Inventors: Incredible Stories of the worlds most ingenious inventions.</p>	<p>If you lived here: Houses of the world</p> <p>Draw Europe</p> <p>Welcome to our world: A celebration of children everywhere</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>Talk for Writing books</p>	<p>nailed 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>			
<p>Jane Considine</p>		<p>The Happy Prince- The Write Stuff</p>	<p>How A Robot Dog Works- The Write Stuff</p>	<p>Holiday Brochure- The Write Stuff</p>	<p>Stone Age Boy- The Write Stuff</p>	

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Literacy Shed		Tadeo Jones	Girl and Robot Flotsam The Wrong Trousers The Shirt Machine Dream Giver			
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Year 4	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Core books to refer to in English lessons	The Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane	Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans	Race to the Frozen North Ice Trap Shackleton's Incredible Expedition	The Roman Record Queen of Darkness by Tony Bradman Performance Poetry - Poetry Slam (Variety of poems)	Iron Man	Spiderwick
Book to be read to class by CT/TA	Roald Dahl Revolting Rhymes (poetry) Rain before the rainbow	Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans Ancient Greek Myth Stories Myths & Legends	Ice Trap Race to the Frozen North The Runaway Iceberg	Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo Iron Man Queen of Darkness by Tony Bradman	The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo Charlotte's Web	Spiderwick

<p>Books to support topics</p>	<p>North America</p>	<p>Ancient Greece 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>Antarctica Race to the Frozen North Ice Trap Shackleton's Incredible Expedition Rainbow Bear by Micheal Morpurgo -</p>	<p>Romans - The Roman Record</p>	
<p>Talk for Writing books</p>	<p>Voices in the park</p>	<p>Why the Whales came by Michael Morpurgo</p>			<p>Bill's new frock by Anne Fine</p>
<p>Jane Considine</p>	<p>Secret of the Black rock National Parks of the USA</p>	<p>Detailed timeline of Ancient Greece Journey by Aaron Becker Christmas star (T2)- Ind</p>	<p>Digestion Explanation Emperor penguins</p>	<p>Scott of the Antarctic / Shackleton's Journey</p>	<p>Spiderwick</p>

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Literacy Shed	Taking Flight	Dum Spiro	The Book of the Butterflies	Le Petit Cordonnier - The Little Shoemaker	23 degrees 5 minutes	Hunted
	Soar		The windmill farmer		La Luna	Do I have power

Year 5	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Core books to refer to in English lessons	There's a boy in the girls' bathroom by Louis Sachar Poetry: Joseph Coelho The MORERAPS AF Harrold selected poems from The Things You Find in a Wizard's Beard	Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce My friend Walter by Michael Morpurgo Treason By Berlie Doherty Performance Poetry - Poetry Slam (Variety of poems)	The Gurt Worm of Shervage Kick by Mitch Johnson	Viking Boy by Tony Bradman Beowulf Tell me a dragon	Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo	The wind in the willows / The Ickabog - JK Rowling (online)
Book to be read to class by CT/TA	There's a boy in the girls' bathroom by Louis Sachar The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q Rauf The Land of Roar	My friend Walter by Michael Morpurgo Treason By Berlie Doherty The Nothing To See Here Hotel by Steven Butler	Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce	Viking Boy Beowulf Tell me a dragon	Kensuke's Kingdom	The wind in the willows / The Ickabog - JK Rowling (online)

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<p>Books to support topics</p>	<p>Mountains Everest - Sangma Francis Himalayan Mountains Abominables</p>	<p>Cosmic 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</p>	<p>Global trade Space</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Monarchy : Diver's Daughter Patrice Lawrence What's So Special About Shakespeare? Michael Rosen Elizabeth I Stephanie Turnbull</p>
<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>Jane Considine</p>		<p>One small step</p>	<p>Refugees - speech writing</p>	<p>Screen Use</p>	<p>The Explorer</p>	<p>The Nowhere Emporium</p>

<p>Literacy Shed (selection from)</p>	<p>The ridge : https://www.literacyshed.com/the-sports-shed.html Dreadful menace</p>		<p>I lived on the moon Planets Pandora https://www.literacyshed.com/the-sci--fi-shed.html</p>	<p>A Viking Village : https://www.literacyshed.com/vikingvillage.html Jotun - a journey of a Viking : https://www.literacyshed.com/jotun.html The Dragon Slayer : https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/resource/the-dragon-slayer-film-vipers-guide</p>	<p>Deforestation of the Amazon : https://www.literacyshed.com/the-world-cup-shed.html The Day of the Dead: https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html</p>	<p>Hugh: https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html The Day of the Dead: https://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html</p>
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Year 6	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<p>Core books to refer to in English lessons</p>	<p>The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd</p>	<p>Rooftoppers 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 Short story: The Ship of Death by</p>	<p>Carrie's War by Nina Bawden (BBC serialisation with SLN comprehension planning) Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll Friend or Foe</p>	<p>Holes by Louis Sachar</p>	<p>Africa by Atinuke Journey to Jo-Berg</p>	<p>Wonder</p>

		Kevin Crossley-Holland from 'Short Too' compilation.				
Book to be read to class by CT/TA	The London Eye Mystery	Rooftoppers	Goodnight Mr Tom	Letters from the Lighthouse Holes by Louis Sachar	Holes Africa by Atinuke Journey to Jo-Berg	Wonder
Books to support topics	<u>The United Kingdom</u> The London Eye Mystery	<u>The Georgians</u> Poem set in the Georgian era: The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes	<u>World War 2</u> Carrie's War Goodnight Mr Tom Friend or Foe	<u>World War 2</u> Letters from the Lighthouse Rose Blanche	<u>Africa</u> Africa by Atinuke	<u>Natural Disasters</u> <u>Transition</u> - Wonder
Talk for Writing books		The Old Mill by Pie Corbett The Canal (ref story found in 'Story telling into writing KS2) by Pie Corbett	Kidnapped! (ref story found in 'Story telling into writing KS2) by Pie Corbett		The Talking Skull (ref story found in 'Story telling into writing KS2) by Pie Corbett	
Jane Considine Units / Texts	The Journey Paperman by Disney	The Firework Maker's Daughter Letter to Scrooge	Letters from the Lighthouse <u>Rose Blanche</u>		Greta Postcard from Prison	Earthquakes

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Literacy Shed	The Ridge	Alma	Beyond The Lines The Lighthouse	Don't Go Little Pigs as appropriate for inspiring writing.	Titanium
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