

Recommended high quality texts to create units of learning around

These are the texts we base our English teaching around. Please note that we do not teach exactly the same texts every year.

Year group	Text
One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Three Little Pigs by Joseph Jacobs • The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson • Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne • Otherwise – a visual literacy text from The British Film Institute • Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell • Queen Elizabeth I by Stephanie Turnbull • The Night Pirates by Peter Harris • Too Much Talk by Angela Shelf Medearis • Peace at Last by Jill Murphy
Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George and the Dragon by Chris Wormell • The Great Fire of London by Deborah Fox and The Great Fire of London by Gillian Clements • The Seven Chines Brothers by Margaret Mahy • Florence Nightingale and the Crimean War by Jane Shuter • Sally and the Limpet by Simon James • Snow White in New York by Fiona French • My Neighbour Totoro – a Japanese animation • The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith • The Whales' Song by Dyan Sheldon • The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson
Three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe • The Happy Prince by Oscar Wilde • The Princess' Blankets by Carol-Anne Duffy • How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson • The Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg • The Children of Lihir by Sheila MacGill-Callahan • The Wreck of the Zanzibar by Michael Morpurgo • The Porcupine (Roald Dahl); Jim (Hilaire Beloc) and The Blindmen and the Elephant (John Godfrey Saxe)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Shrinking of Treehorn (and other Treehorn texts) by Florence Parry Heide • The Tale of Desperaux by Kate DiCamillo
Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gentle Giant by Michael Morpurgo • Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley • The Village that Vanished by Ann Grifalconi and Kadir Nelson • Sir Gawain and the Loathly Lady by Selina Hastings • The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman • The Orchard Book of Greek Myths by Michelle Magorian • The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
Five	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo • The Iron Man by Ted Hughes • Memorial by Gary Crew • Journey to Jo'burg by Beverly Naidoo • Indian Tales by Shenaaz Nanji and Christopher Corr • The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes • Macbeth – Shakespeare's animated tales • Skellig by David Almond
Six	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian • Beowulf by Kevin Crossley-Holland • A Christmas Carol (abridged version) by Charles Dickens • The Listeners by Walter De La Mare and What has happened to Lulu by Charles Causely • Street Child by Berlie Doherty • The Iron Woman by Ted Hughes (with a brief reminder of The Iron Man by Ted Hughes) • Julius Caesar – Shakespeare's animated tales • The Wedding Ghost by Leon Garfield