



English Overview 2026-27

	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spr 1	Spr 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
Nursery	Beginning to make marks Reading familiar stories and beginning to retell	Traditional Tales and Rhymes Putting meaning to marks	Beginning to write letters of their names Rhyme and alliteration	Beginning to give meaning to marks they see in different places Rhyming books and songs	Giving meaning to marks as they write Beginning to link sounds to letters	Writing own name Linking sounds to letters Investigating simple rhyming strings
Reception	Goldilocks 3 Little Pigs 3 Billy Goats Gruff	The Christmas Story We're Going on a Bear Hunt Whatever Next	The Gruffalo Fairy Tales Jack and the Beanstalk The Enormous Turnip	Bean Diary Sunflower Diary Poems The Gingerbread Man	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Information Text: Mini Beasts	Instructions Information Texts
Year 1	Spine Books: Room on the Broom 3 Little Pigs Peace at Last Gruffalo Whatever Next	Spine Books: Stickman We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Spine Books: Dear Zoo Zog The Snail and the Whale	Spine Books: Cinderella Goldilocks and the 3 bears Jack and the Beanstalk	Spine Books: Oi Frog Lost and Found How to Catch a Star	Spine Books: Pirates Next Door
	Writing to Entertain Labels, lists, captions Poetry	Writing to Entertain Traditional tales, character descriptions Poetry	Writing to Entertain Traditional tales, character descriptions Writing to Inform Recount Poetry	Writing to Entertain Traditional tales, character descriptions Poetry	Writing to Entertain Traditional tales, character descriptions Writing to Inform Recount Poetry	Writing to Entertain Traditional tales, character descriptions Poetry

Year 2	Spine Books: Trust Me, Jack Beanstalk Stinks Mr Majeika Prince Cinders	Spine Books: Dear Teacher The Grinch A Christmas Carol	Spine Books: Smartest Giant in Town	Spine Books: Tabby McTat Smeds and Smoos Highway Rat	Spine Books: Handa's Surprise The Proudest Blue The Ugly Duckling	Spine Books: Man on the Moon (LitShed)
	Writing to Entertain Retell, twisted tales Poetry	Writing to Inform Letters Poetry	Writing to Inform Instructions, Non- chronological report Writing to Entertain Retell Poetry	Writing to Entertain Stories from significant authors (retell) Poetry	Writing to Entertain Stories from other cultures -retell, diary entry in role Writing to Inform Recount Poetry	Writing to Entertain Story? Poetry
Year 3	Spine Books: Gorilla The Tunnel Into the Forest Escape from Pompeii	Spine Books: Lion, Witch and wardrobe How to Wash a Wolly Mammoth	Spine Books: The boy who Grew dragons	Spine Books: The Magic Faraway Tree	Spine Books: The BFG	Spine Books: Escape from Pompeii
	Writing to Entertain Retell, rewrite Diary Entry in role Writing to Inform Non-Chronological Report Poetry	Writing to Entertain Poetry Character Description Writing to Inform (History link) Instructions Poetry	Writing to Entertain Writing to Inform Informal Letter Formal Letter Non-Chronological Report Poetry	Writing to Entertain Story opening Adventure story Writing to Book Week Poetry	Writing to Persuade (Geog Link) Advertising poster Writing to Inform Formal Letter Informal Letter Poetry	Writing to Entertain Retell Diaries in role Writing to Inform (Romans) Non-Chronological Report Formal Letter Instruction Poetry

Year 4	Spine Book/s: The Creakers	Spine Book/s: The Creakers	Spine Book/s: Viking Boy	Spine Books: Viking Boy Book Week book	Spine Books: Matilda There's a Rang Tan in my Bedroom	Spine Books: Matilda Revolting Rhymes
	Writing to Entertain Retell Character Description Diary Entry in Role Writing to Inform Instructions Poetry	Writing to Entertain Setting Description Dialogue between characters Portal Story Writing to Inform Non-chronological report Poetry	Writing to Entertain Diary in role Describing a raid/setting Historical Narrative Writing to Persuade Recruitment poster Balanced viewpoints Speech/letter Poetry	Writing to Inform (Science/History link) Explanation Poster Non-chronological report Biography Writing to Entertain Book Week Poetry	Writing to Entertain Character description Diary in role Retell – school incident Writing to Inform Recount Fact file/leaflet Formal Letter Poetry	Writing to Persuade Blog TV/Radio Advert Persuasive Letter/speech Writing to Entertain Character Description – contrast Dialogue between contrasting characters. Twisted Tale Poetry
Year 5	Spine Books: Mr Stink	Spine Books: King Kong Counting on Katherine	Spine Books: Room 13	Spine Books: Street Child	Spine Books: Who Let the Gods Out	Spine Books: The Song Walker
	Writing to Entertain Adventure story Diaries in role Writing to Persuade (Urban Outreach Visit) Persuasive poster Campaign Leaflet Formal Letter Poetry	Writing to Entertain setting description Action scene, inc. dialogue Adventure narrative ending Writing to Inform (science link - Space) Biography Explanation Text/Information Booklet Poetry	Writing to Entertain Character/setting description Suspense narratives Diaries in role Writing to Inform (history link – Tudors) 'Day in the life' Visitor guide Poetry	Writing to Inform Newspaper report Historical recount Writing to Entertain Book Week Poetry	Writing to Entertain Mythical beast/monster Description Battle Scene Heroic Myth/Legend Writing to Discuss Discussive blog – Athens vs Sparta Poetry	Writing to Inform Newspaper Report Non-chronological report Writing to Persuade/Discuss Formal Letters Leaflet Poetry

Year 6	Spine Books: Wonder Macbeth	Spine Books: The Titanic Detective Agency A Christmas Carol	Spine Books: Kensuke's Kingdom The Three Brothers (Fantastic Beasts) War of the Worlds	Spine Books: Angel Boy	Spine Books: Finding the Fox Francis Boy	Spine Books: The Final Year
	Writing to Entertain Retell Narrative with dialogue Writing to Inform Formal letter Writing to Discuss/Inform Formal speech Poetry	Writing to Persuade Leaflet Writing to Inform Instructions Writing to Entertain Character description Retell Poetry	Writing to Entertain Narrative from different POV Suspense Narrative Sci-fi narrative Writing to Inform Non-Chron Poetry	Writing to Entertain Suspense/spooky narrative Time-slip narrative Writing to Discuss Formal Speech Poetry	Writing to Entertain Mystery Narrative Writing to Inform Non-chron Biog/auto-biog Formal Letter Poetry	Writing to Persuade/Discuss Speech – banning SATS Poetry

Writing to inform – labels, lists, explanations, reports, letters. This should include work on use of formal style and language where appropriate.

Writing to persuade – argue, advise, letters. This should include work on use of formal style and language where appropriate.

Writing to entertain – stories, poems, diaries, letters. This should include work on characters and settings.

Poetry Spine Books

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Revolting Rhymes Here's a Little Poem Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems Out and About – A First Book of Poems	The Works Key Stage 1 by Pie Corbett A First Poetry Book Revolting Rhymes Being Me - Poems about Thoughts, Feelings and Emotions	Paint me a Poem Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry Bright Bursts of Colour The World's Greatest Space Cadet	Sensational! Riding a Lion Hot Like Fire and other Poems Deep in the Green Wood Poems the Wind Blew in Cloud Soup	The Works 4 by Pie Corbett Lost Magic the Very Best of Brian Moses The Magic Box Stars with Flaming Tails Juggling with Gerbils	The Works Key Stage 2 by Pie Corbett Ted Hughes Collected poems for Children Carol Ann Duffy – New and Collected poems for Children Collected Poems for Children Rhythm and Poetry Let's Chase Stars Together