

The 5 Text Types

In his book 'Reading Reconsidered', Doug Lemov points out that there are five types of texts that children should have access to in order to successfully navigate reading with confidence. These are complex and demand more from the reader than other types of books. These reading types are available for our pupils within our '100 books to read in Year...' offer and our pupils are encouraged to read across the text types when 'reading for pleasure'. Additionally, teachers will select class texts from across these text types to ensure our pupils are exposed to the types of texts that will support them in becoming more established and sophisticated readers. Teachers will also consider these text types when planning units of work in English to ensure each text type is covered across the course of the year. In this instance, an extract from the text may be used, where study of the whole text is not appropriate or timely.

The five text types are:

Archaic Language

Archaic texts are older texts, those written when authors used different words, in different sequences. With each passing year, archaic texts become a little less familiar and a little more distant from the way we write and talk today.

Through study of these text types children will develop proficiency with antiquated forms of expression which will support them in accessing more complex texts. These texts will also contribute significantly to the development of our pupils' vocabulary through consideration for the etymology of words.

Non-Linear Time Sequences

Nonlinear texts challenge a reader's expectation that time elapses in a linear and even manner. These texts force readers to contend with confusing moments when time, or the rate at which it appears to be passing, shifts suddenly and without explanation. Exposure to these sorts of texts is important to demonstrate that, unlike in many children's books, time within books does not always unfold with consistency. These books might include time sequences that move in fits and starts, moves forward quickly or doubles back.

Narratively Complex/Complexity of the Narrator

These books have a more complicated narrator than children might usually experience. For example, there might be more than one narrator or the narrator might be 'non-human'. Other texts in this group might have two intertwining stories. Exposure to these sorts of texts supports children's ability to follow plot and to develop their appreciation of different characters.

Complexity of Plot

These books include those that have a symbolic meaning that might not be immediately obvious, for example stories with a moral. Additionally, these books include those with unclear plot lines which can be difficult to follow. It is the readers' role to follow the text in order to hold the plot together and to make sense of it as different plot lines swerve off, in what could be seen as unrelated directions.

Resistant Texts

These types of texts or books are deliberately difficult to understand or make sense of. This might be because of the way in which they are written or presented or their structure. Over half of the poems ever written fit into this category.

Key Stage 1

ARCHAIC TEXTS

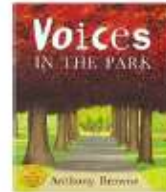


Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
The Magic Faraway Tree (4 Book Series)	Enid Blyton	1943	224
The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Paul Galdone	1973	24
The Tale of Peter Rabbit (23 Book Series)	Beatrix Potter	1901	69
The Ugly Duckling	Hans Christian Anderson	1844	44
The Little House	Virginia Lee Burton	1942	40
The Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss	1957	64
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown	1947	32
The Little Prince	Antoine de Saint-Exupery	1943	96
Aesop's Fables (e.g. The Hare and the Tortoise, The Boy Who Cries Wolf, The Monkey as King etc.)	Aesop	N/A	N/A
Traditional Stories (e.g. Sleeping Beauty, Rumpelstiltskin, Rapunzel, Puss-in-Boots, The Princess and the Pea, Pinocchio, The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Jack and the Beanstalk)	Various Authors	N/A	N/A
The Frog Prince	Brothers Grimm	1812	90
Traditional Nursery Rhymes	Various Authors	N/A	N/A
The Frog (poem)	Hilarie Belloc	1896	N/A
A Good Play, The Swing and My Shadow (poems)	Robert Louis Stevenson	1888	N/A
The Owl and the Pussycat	Edward Lear	1871	24
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	1963	48
The More it Snows (poem)	A.A. Milne	1928	N/A
Who Has Seen the Wind (poem)	Christina Rossetti	1872	N/A
The Three Little Kittens (poem)	Eliza Lee Follen	1860	N/A
Make Way for Little Ducklings	Robert McCloskey	1941	76
The Night Before Christmas (poem)	Clement Clarke Moore	1823	32



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Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
Voices in the Park	Anthony Brown	1998	32
The Trouble with Trolls	Jan Brett	1992	32
Black and White	David Macaulay	1990	32
Grandpa	John Burningham	2003	32
One Candle	Eve Bunting	2002	40
The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales	Jon Scieszka	1993	56
When the Rains Come	Tom Pow	2012	48
Three Brave Women	C.L.G. Martin	1991	32
The Summer My Father Was Ten	Pat Brisson	1998	32



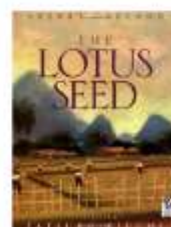
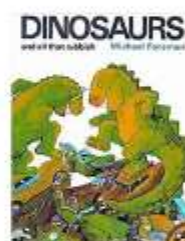
COMPLEXITY OF THE NARRATOR

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
Chester	Melanie Watt	2007	32
Voices in the Park	Anthony Brown	1998	32
And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon	Janet Stevens	2001	56
The Very Smart Pea and the Princess to Be	Mini Grey	2003	32
Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl	1970	112
Hey Little Ant	Hannah and Phillip Hoose	1998	28
The Little House	Virginia Lee Burton	1942	40
I Doko, The Tale of a Basket	Ed Young	2004	32
Come Away From the Water, Shirley	John Burningham	1977	32
The Teddy Bear	David McPhail	2002	32
The Day the Crayons Quit	Drew Daywalt	2013	40
The Wolf Story: What Really Happened to Little Red Riding Hood	Toby Forward	2005	32
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	John Scieszka	1989	32
The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig	Eugene Trivizas	1993	32



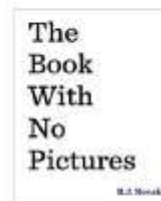
COMPLEXITY OF PLOT/SYMBOL

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
Grandad's Island	Benji Davies	2015	32
Wanted: The Perfect Pet	Fiona Robertson	2009	32
Owl Babies	Martin Waddell	1992	32
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr	1988	32
Slug Needs a Hug	Jeanne Willis	2015	32
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	1963	48
The Heart and the Bottle	Oliver Jeffers	2010	32
Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish	Michael Foreman	1993	32
Scissors (poem)	Allen Ahlberg	1983	N/A
I Do Not Mind You Winter Wind (poem)	Jack Prelutsky	1984	N/A
The Red Tree	Shaun Tan	2001	32
The Chickens Build a Wall	Jean-François Dumont	2013	32
Red Kite, Blue Kite	Ji-li Jiang	2013	32
The Lotus Seed	Sherry Garland	1997	32
The Building Boy	Ross Montgomery	2018	32



RESISTANT TEXTS

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
The Book With No Pictures	B.J. Novak	2016	48
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers	2005	32
Tadpole's Promise	Jeanne Willis	2003	32
Wolves	Emily Gravett	2005	40
The Colour Monster	Anna Ikenas	2012	48
Not Now Bernard	David McKee	1980	32
Ning Nang Nong (poem)	Spike Milligan	1959	N/A
The Red Tree	Shaun Tan	2001	32
Mirror	Jeanne Baker	2010	48



Year 3 and 4

ARCHAIC TEXTS



Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
Charlotte's Web	E.B. White	1952	272
The Children of Green Knowe	Lucy M. Boston	1954	128
The Railway Children	Edith Nesbit	1905	230
Five Children and It	Edith Nesbit	1902	272
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	1885	108
Mary Poppins	P.L. Travers	1934	192
Just William	Richmal Crompton	1922	272
Emil and the Detectives	Erich Kastner	1929	224
The Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder	1935	352
Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie	1911	208
Pippi Longstocking	Astrid Lindgren	1945	144
Heidi	Johanna Spyri	1880	240
Winnie-the-Pooh	A.A. Milne	1926	160
The House at Pooh Corner	A.A. Milne	1928	192
The Little Match Girl	Hans Christian Anderson	1845	54
Beauty and the Beast	Abridged version	1740	48
The Emperor's New Clothes	Hans Christian Anderson	1837	28
The Fishermen and his Wife	Brothers Grimm	1812	32
How the Camel got his Hump	Rudyard Kipling	1902	24
How Doth the Little Crocodile (poem)	Lewis Carroll	1885	N/A
You Are Old Father William (poem)	Lewis Carroll	1885	N/A
Topsy Turvy World (poem)	William Brightly Rands	1871	N/A
There Was a Young Lady Whose Nose and There Was an Old Man With a Beard (poems)	Edward Lear	1920	N/A
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis	1950	208
The Velveteen Rabbit	Margery Williams	1922	48
A Bear Called Paddington	Michael Bond	1958	160



NON-LINEAR TIME SEQUENCES

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
The Midnight Fox	Betsy Byars	1968	208
The Firework Maker's Daughter	Phillip Pullman	1995	144
The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth	Eoin Colfer	2005	112
Fortunately the Milk	Neil Gaiman	2013	160
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo	1996	128
Farm Boy	Michael Morpurgo	1997	112
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	1994	304
Dominic Grows Sweetcorn	Mandy Ross	2014	32



COMPLEXITY OF THE NARRATOR

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
The Witches	Roald Dahl	1983	224
The Five Realms: The Legend of Podkin One-Ear	Keiran Larwood	2016	288
Max and the Millions	Ross Montgomery	2018	272
Toys Go Out	Emily Jenkins	2006	117
The World According to Humphrey	Betty G. Bimey	2004	160



Woof	Allan Ahlberg	1987	160
Nim's Island	Wendy Orr	1999	128
The Case of the Lost Boy	Dori Hillestad Butler	2010	124



COMPLEXITY OF PLOT/SYMBOL

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
Revolting Rhymes (poems)	Roald Dahl	1982	80
Love That Dog	Sharon Creech	2001	112
The Tunnel	Anthony Browne	1989	32
The Molehouse Cat	Antonia Barber	1990	40
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes	1968	80
Catch a Little Rhyme (poem)	Eve Merriam	1999	N/A
Dream Variations (poem)	Langston Hughes	1926	N/A
Ducks Ditty (poem)	Kenneth Grahame	1908	N/A



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Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
Cloud Busting	Malorie Blackman	2004	176
The Mysteries of Harris Burdick	Chris Van Allsburg	1984	32
Topsy Turvy World (poem)	William Brighty Rands	1871	N/A
Something Told the Wild Geese (poem)	Rachel Field	1920	N/A

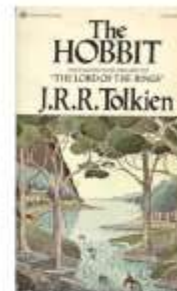


Year 5/6

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Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
The Hobbit	J. R. R. Tolkien	1937	368
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce	1958	240
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	1843	108
Around the World in 80 Days	Jules Verne	1956	304
Tell-Tale Heart	Edgar Allen Poe	1843	64
The Highwayman	Alfred Noyes	1906	32
The Raven	Edgar Allen Poe	1845	46
The Call of the Wild	Jack London	1903	66
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood	Howard Pyle	1883	194
White Fang	Jack London	1906	272
Tales of Terror Series (archaic in style)	Chris Priestly	2007	256
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	1911	224
Swallows and Amazons	Arthur Ransome	1930	528
Swiss family Robinson	Johann David Wyss	1812	496
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	1876	288
Ballet Shoes	Noel Streatfeild	1936	352
Moonfleet	John Meade Faulkner	1898	256
Journey to the Centre of the Earth	Jules Verne	1884	208



Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	1882	250
Anne of Green Gables	Lucy Maud Montgomery	1908	416
Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame	1908	288
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	L. Frank Baum	1900	304
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	1838	374
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	1877	208
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling	1894	256
Just So Stories	Rudyard Kipling	1902	240
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken	1962	256
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe	1719	108
The Happy Prince and Other Tales	Oscar Wilde	1888	182
Charge of the Light Brigade (poem)	Alfred, Lord Tennyson	1854	N/A
A Ballad of London (poem)	Richard Le Gallienne	1866	N/A
The Eagle (poem)	Alfred, Lord Tennyson	1851	N/A
If (poem)	Rudyard Kipling	1910	N/A
The Listeners (poem)	Walter de La Mare	1912	N/A
The Tyger (poem)	William Blake	1794	N/A
Dreams (poem)	Langston Hughes	1928	N/A
Fog (poem)	Carl Sandburg	1916	N/A
A Tragic Story (poem)	William Makepeace Thackeray	1840	N/A

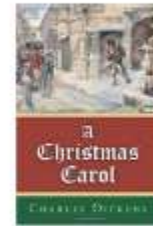


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Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
An Eagle in the Snow	Michael Morpurgo	2015	272
Holes	Louis Sachar	1998	240
The Eye of the North	Sinead O'Hart	2017	352
A Long Walk to the Water	Linda Sue Park	2010	121
Time Travelling with a Hamster	Ross Welford	2015	400
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	1843	108



SilverFin (Young Bond)	Charlie Higson	2005	400
Around the World in 80 Days	Jules Verne	1872	304
1000 Year Old Boy	Ross Welford	2018	400
Wolf in the White Van	John Danielle	2014	224
Not the End of the World	Kate Atkinson	2002	336
The Light Jar	Lisa Thompson	2018	240
The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day	Christopher Edge	2018	176
Below Zero	Dan Smith	2018	304
The Clockwork Sparrow	Katherine Woodfine	2015	336
Cosmic	Frank Cottrell-Boyce	2015	384

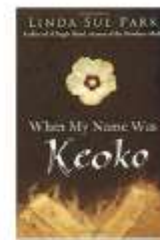


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Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
Sky Song	Abi Elphinstone	2018	288
Wonder	R.J. Palacio	2012	316
All the Things That Could Go Wrong	Stewart Foster	2017	320
Cogheart	Peter Bunzl	2016	368
Tin	Padraig Kenny	2018	352
A Tale Dark and Grimm	Adam Gidwitz	2010	208
Once	Morris Gleitzman	2005	160
The Underneath	Kathi Appelt	2008	336
Clockwork	Philip Pullman	1996	96
Not the End of the World	Kate Atkinson	2002	336
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	1877	208
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket	1999	192
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin	2009	288
The Power of Five Series	Anthony Horowitz	2005	400
Pax	Sara Pennypacker	2016	288
The Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg	1967	160



Because of Mr Terupt	Rob Buyea	2010	304
The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day	Christopher Edge	2018	176
1000 Year Old Boy	Ross Welford	2018	400
The Pebble in My Pocket	Meredith Hooper	1996	40
Below Zero	Dan Smith	2018	304
Watership Down	Richard Adams	1972	528
When My Name Was Keoko	Linda Sue Park	2002	208
The Wanderer	Sharon Creech	2000	240
How to Fly With Broken Wings	Jane Elson	2015	304
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	1982	190



COMPLEXITY OF PLOT/SYMBOL

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
The Lost Thing	Shaun Tan	2000	32
The Giver	Lois Lowry	1993	256
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman	1995	448
Who Let the Gods Out?	Maz Evans	2017	368
Skellig	David Almond	1998	176
A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	2011	240
Harry Potter	J.K. Rowling	1997	352
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin	2009	288
When You Reach Me	Rebecca Stead	2009	208
Silver (poem)	Walter de La Mare	1907	N/A
Daffodils (poem)	William Wordsworth	1807	N/A
In Flanders Fields (poem)	John McCrae	1915	N/A
A Ballad of London (poem)	Richard Le Gallienne	1866	N/A
The Eagle (poem)	Alfred, Lord Tennyson	1851	N/A
The Listeners (poem)	Walter de La Mare	1912	N/A
Dreams (poem)	Langston Hughes	1926	N/A
Fog (poem)	Carl Sandburg	1916	N/A
The Lady of Shalott (poem)	Alfred, Lord Tennyson	1832	N/A
The Girl of Ink and Stars	Kiran Millwood Hargrave	2016	240
The Arrival	Shaun Tan	2006	128



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Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
The Arrival	Shaun Tan	2010	128
The Lie Tree	Frances Hardinge	2015	416
A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	2011	240
Jabberwocky (poem)	Lewis Carroll	1871	N/A
The Tyger (poem)	William Blake	1794	N/A
The Pobble Who Had No Toes (poem)	Edward Lear	1850	N/A
Sky in the Pie (poem)	Roger McGough	1983	N/A

