

Year 4	<p>In Y4 Children should...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks Increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends and retelling these orally Recognising some different forms of poetry Prepare poems and plays to read aloud and to perform 		
Core Texts			
Autumn	 <p>The Wild Robot – Peter Brown Funny and dramatic in equal measure this 2018 novel deals expertly with the themes of friendship, being an outsider, nature, and technology.</p>	 <p>Stars with Flaming Tails by Valerie Bloom, illustrated by Ken WilsonMax Distinguished poet Valerie Bloom offers readers a book rich with cosmic mystery, earthly delights and genuine human warmth. Each poem is filled with a tingly mix of surprise, suspense and play.</p>	 <p>The Ice Palace by Robert Swindells, illustrated by June Jackson (Puffin) The language and landscape of this story evoke the atmosphere of Russian folk tales. Ivan's quest to rescue his little brother from the evil Starjik calls to mind other stories such as Hans Christian Andersen's The Snow Queen. It is a tale of mystery and illusion, on the cusp between life and death.</p>
Spring	 <p>The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q Rauf This book offers a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting themes of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense (2018).</p>	 <p>The Lost Happy Endings – Carol Ann Duffy What would happen if we lost the happy endings to stories? This complex picture book, published in 2008, answers such a question.</p>	 <p>Henry's Freedom Box – Ellen Levine The story of a young slave's flight to freedom on the underground railroad. Themes of equality, freedom and slavery are dealt with in this 2007 picture book.</p>
Summer 2	 <p>Arthur and the Golden Rope – Joe Todd Stanton Published in 2017, this picture book takes the reader on a perilous journey through the lands of Viking mythology.</p>	 <p>Shackleton's Journey – William Grill An impeccably researched and informative nonfiction text celebrating the 100th anniversary since the historic exploration by Shackleton and his crew (2014).</p>	
Supplementary Texts			