

In Y4 Children should...

- 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

Poetry

Autumn 1	 <p>The House with Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson A beautifully written exploration of the Russian myth of Baba-Yaga dealing with themes of life, death, duty, and family.</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>	Under review
Autumn 2	 <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>The Winter's Child – Angela McAllister Published in 2014, this beautifully illustrated book deals with themes of wants and needs, seasonality, friendship, and sacrifice.</p>	
Spring 1	 <p>Gorilla – Anthony Browne First published in 1983, This picture has subtle things to say about the theme of parent/child relationships.</p>	 <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>	
Spring 2	 <p>Smile – Raina Telgemeier An award winning coming of age story told in graphic novel form that was first published in 2013.</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>	
Summer 1	 <p>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – JK Rowling Regarded by many as a modern classic, this magical 1997 debut is as a must read for all primary pupils.</p>		

Summer 2



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**.



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).