



Stories for Nursery and Reception: a few recommendations

		Autumn		Spring		Summer	
		1 st half term	2 nd half term	1 st half term	2 nd half term	1 st half term	2 nd half term
Nursery	Poetry	Nursery rhymes Plus: songs and rhymes about animals	Nursery rhymes Plus: songs and rhymes about food	Nursery rhymes Plus: Brown Bear, Brown Bear: Eric Carle [rhyming text]	Nursery Rhymes	Nursery Rhymes Plus: Hooray for Fish: Lucy Cousins [rhyming text]	Nursery rhymes
	Fiction	Rosie's Walk: Pat Hutchings	The Enormous Turnip	We're going on a bear hunt: Michael Rosen	The Gingerbread Man	Come on Daisy: Jane Simmons	The 3 Billy Goats Gruff
Plus other <i>forms</i> of writing [e.g. poster] when appropriate and in the provision	Non-fiction	Instructions Text: simple class activities, e.g. how to do something; how to get from one place to another	Recount Text: cooking activity e.g. making vegetable soup	Information Text: letter of invitation to the bear to come into school	Instructions Text: how to make gingerbread	Information Text: report on ducks	Recount: Text: trip to the woods to find the troll!
Reception	Poetry	Rhymes and poem Suggested texts: Playtime Rhymes: Sally Gardener	Rhymes and poems Plus: Monkey and Me: Emily Gravett [rhyming text]	Rhymes and poems Plus: Aliens love underpants: Claire Freedman and Ben Cort	Rhymes and poems Suggested texts: The Walker Book of First Rhymes	Rhymes and poems Suggested texts: The Booktime Book of Fantastic First Poems edited by June Crebbin	Rhymes and poems Suggested texts: A First Poetry Book: Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan
	Fiction	Little Red Hen	Elmer: David McKee	How to catch a star: Oliver Jeffers	The 3 Little Pigs	Little Red Riding Hood	Mr Gumpy's Outing: John Burningham
Plus other <i>forms</i> of writing [e.g. poster] when appropriate and in the provision	Non-fiction	Recount Text: trip to the farm	Information Text: report on elephants	Instructions: Text: how to catch a star	Information Text: report on wolves	Information: Text: letter/email to persuade the wolf not to eat people and come to class party	Recount: trip to the

Reasons for selection:

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Nursery	Fiction	Rosie's Walk: Pat Hutchings	The Enormous Turnip	We're going on a bear hunt: Michael Rosen	The Gingerbread Man	Come on Daisy: Jane Simmons	The 3 Billy Goats Gruff
		Simple, sparse text which could have a story 'laid on top'. Good way to introduce prepositions. Fits well with simple oral instructions.	Simple traditional tale with plenty of repetition. Can be linked with other 'food' traditional tales or helping each other and can be adapted for any culturally relevant food. Fits well with recount of usual cooking activities in Nursery.	Bears are a winner every time and so is Michal Rosen! So many other incidental writing forms arise from role play e.g. signs for the bear's cave, lists of items to take etc	Simple traditional tale with plenty of repetition. Can be adapted to different cultural versions e.g. The Runaway Chapatti. Simple instructions from making gingerbread.	Fantastic illustrations, and simple plot which children understand [about not listening to their parents – getting lost]. It's also part of a series of books about the main character. Can be adapted very easily as T4W text. Could be linked into a theme on Water/ Farms. Very simple, one line of information reports could be used as a model text.	Slightly more challenge to this traditional tale - so put at end of year. Fits well with trips out to the woods.
Reception	Fiction	Little Red Hen	Elmer: David McKee	How to catch a star: Oliver Jeffers	The 3 Little Pigs	Little Red Riding Hood	Mr Gumpy's Outing: John Burningham
		Easier traditional tale at start of year. Fits well with harvest celebration/ helping others. Could also link into trip to farm [city or country!]	Loved by so many! Fits well with 'jungle animals' theme or just children's interest in animals! Simple report – can then be innovated on easily.	Great book! Easy to link into children's interest in aliens, space etc. Easy to adapt to a T4W text. Simple to innovate for instructions.	Slightly more complex traditional tale but easy plot to use. Useful for linking into 'Where we live' theme. Great for a very simple report on wolves.	Evil wolf strikes again! Lots of opportunities for different forms of writing and creative drama.	Simple but classic plot. Good for incorporating recounts of trips.