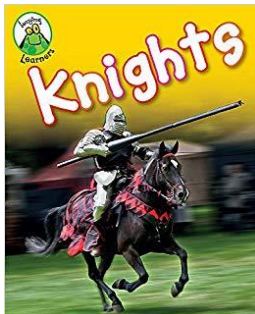
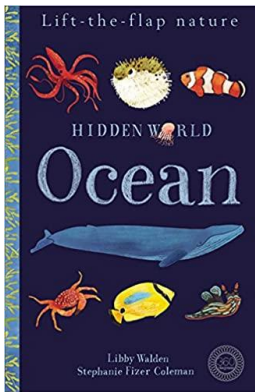

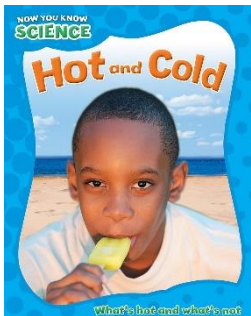


Year 1 and Year 2 Non-fiction

To support teachers with selecting appropriate texts for their year groups, the list has been annotated to indicate suitability for Y1, Y2 or both. Teachers may find that earlier texts are more suitable for the beginning of the year while those towards the end of the list are more complex in either language or concepts and therefore could be more appropriate towards the end of the year. Texts noted specifically as Y1 or Y2 are particularly useful for teaching specific grammar objectives for that year group.

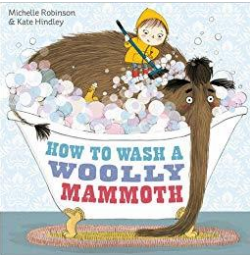

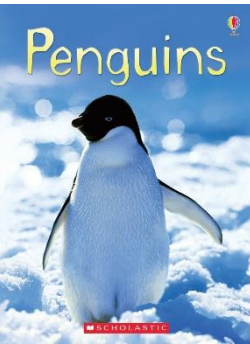
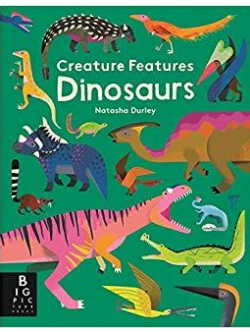
Please note, however, that the all the sequences have been written to suit both the Y1 and Y2 English curriculum and are not intended to be taught in a set sequence. In all cases, teachers need to make text choices based on the individual needs of their classes: almost all of these texts have been used successfully across both year groups in different contexts.

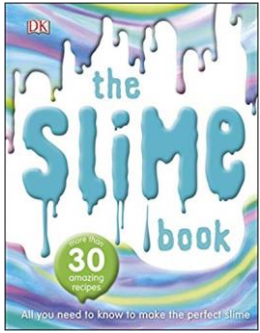
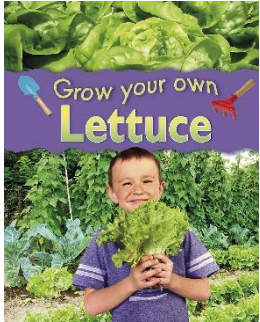
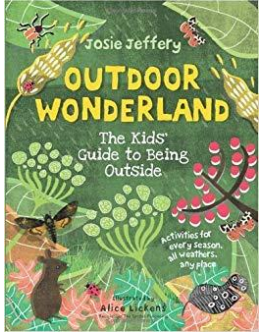
Text	Overview and possible curriculum links	Grammar	Y1	Y2
	<p>Knights (from the Leapfrog Learners series) by Annabelle Lynch</p> <p>A simple non-chronological report which can be used as a model to write about anything.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: History - roles/jobs in different historical periods</p>	<p>Sentences</p> <p>Capital letters, full stops and finger spaces</p> <p>Adding extra information to sentences</p> <p>Questions</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	<p>Hidden World: Ocean by Libby Walden, illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Coleman</p> <p>This is an attractively presented book with flaps that are lifted to reveal short sequences of sentences about ocean-dwelling creatures. Each double-page spread is organised with animals being grouped by a particular characteristic, e.g. those that are colourful, or use camouflage, or live in the deepest parts of the sea.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science – categories of living things Geography – plants and animals found in different environments History – groups of things, e.g. toys, over time.</p>	<p>Expanded noun phrases</p> <p>Using 'and' to link single-clause sentences</p> <p>Subordination, using 'so'</p> <p>Simple adverbials of where</p> <p>(The work on noun phrases and subordination could be developed further for teaching Y2, if desired.)</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

 <p>This book is part of the First Science series. Should this title go out of print, it is likely that others in the series will have similar text and sentence features and could be substituted.</p>	<p>Weather by Steffi Cavell-Clarke (First Science, The Secret Book Company)</p> <p>This is an excellent introduction to information texts - attractive and easy to navigate for Y1 but also a hybrid text (containing a set of instructions and a glossary) making it suitable for Y2 as well. The outcome is to write additional weather pages. However, children could write about the seasons or another aspect of science instead e.g. materials, light and sound.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science – weather and seasons (Y1) Geography - physical (daily and seasonal weather patterns)</p>	<p>Single clause sentences</p> <p>Multi-clause sentences (and, but, when, if, that)</p> <p>Simple cohesion in a series of sentences</p> <p>Capital letters and full stops; question marks</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Dino Dinners by Mick Manning and Brita Granström</p> <p>A dual text book using a poetic and informative voice, laid out in a particular way. Children can write about any large group of animals or objects.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - animals</p>	<p>Past and present tense, verbs</p> <p>Poetic voice</p> <p>Informative voice</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Chinese New Year by Grace Jones</p> <p>A simple non-chronological report with captions and labels about Chinese New Year. It can be used as a model to write about anything of interest to the children.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: RE – festivals</p>	<p>Sentence forms: statements and questions with punctuation</p> <p>Co-ordination with 'and'</p> <p>Subordination</p> <p>Conjunctions</p> <p>Using commas in lists</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Now you Know Science: Hot and Cold by Terry Jennings and Honor Head</p> <p>(other titles in series: Bright Light, Move it!, It's Electric, What's it Made of?, Magnet Magic)</p> <p>This is an attractive and engaging information text with a range of simple non-fiction features.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - properties of materials</p>	<p>Sentences</p> <p>Simple subordination</p> <p>Tense: simple present and present progressive</p> <p>Labels and captions</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<p>Could a Penguin Ride a Bike? by Camilla de la Bedoyere and Aleksei Bitskoff</p> <p>This is a really funny book which uses questions and answers to inform readers about the special features of the penguin.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - animal characteristics and features</p>	<p>Questions Statements Conjunctions</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>Available free on our website!</i></p> 	<p>Snow in the Garden by Shirley Hughes</p> <p>A lovely anthology of stories, poems, recipes and Christmassy things to make. The sequence focuses on instructions or poetry and you can choose to do either or both.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: RE – Christmas</p>	<p>Sentence types: commands Imperative verbs Verb choices Sentence punctuation</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p><i>Currently being revised and not available on Babcock LDP shop.</i></p> <p>What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page</p> <p>An intriguing information book exploring individual animal characteristics with questions and answers using the 'If' construction.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - animal characteristics and features; plant features</p>	<p>Subordination Questions and question marks Punctuating sentences Verbs</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Transport by Ruth Thompson</p> <p>A non-chronological text with a range of features and presentation that children can choose to use in their own writing. The series also covers rivers, homes, school, seaside and shops. It would make a great text to write after a geographical study.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Geography - human features; local area</p>	<p>Punctuating sentences Presentation and layout Subordination</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<p>Reptiles by Angela Royston from the Animal Classifications series</p> <p>This is a simple non-chronological text about reptiles that will allow children to write about any large group of animals, toys, cars etc.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - animals</p>	<p>Conjunctions</p> <p>Verbs</p> <p>Noun phrases</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Usborne: Look Inside Space by Rob Lloyd Jones, Benedetta Giaufret, et al.</p> <p>An information text with lots of flaps to lift about Space.</p> <p>A range of sentence constructions including questions and answers.</p> <p>Builds up the information in small snippets. It could be used as a model to write an information text about other science topics.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - weather; materials and properties.</p>	<p>Sentence constructions</p> <p>Using <i>and</i></p> <p>Writing questions and answers</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>I Don't Like Snakes by Nicola Davies (ill. Luciano Lozano)</p> <p>This is a delightful dual-voiced text. On one side, the little girl's family try to persuade her that snakes are amazing and on the other page, there is simple information writing. Unsurprisingly, she is persuaded!</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science – animal characteristics and features</p>	<p>Expanded noun phrases</p> <p>Coordination and subordination</p> <p>Capitalisation for proper nouns</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>This Is How We Do It by Matt Lamothe</p> <p>This is a fantastic information text which follows the lives of seven children from around the world. The book includes detail about their everyday lives, providing a genuine window into lives and traditions that may differ from our own.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Geography/PSHE: other countries and cultures</p>	<p>Present tense</p> <p>Apostrophe for contraction</p> <p>Single clause sentences and punctuation</p> <p>Noun phrases</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<p>How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley</p> <p>This is an imaginary set of instructions that are quite sparse but leave lots of room for children to write the parts that are not included. Funny.</p>	<p>Verbs Punctuation Commands, questions, statements</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>How to dress up as a book character</p> <p>This set of instructions would be great to use around World Book Day when children come into school dressed up. You could also use them with any topic where the children need to make a costume such as an assembly or school play or after an author study.</p> <p><i>Instructions included with the sequence.</i></p>	<p>Expanded noun phrases Different forms of sentences Present tense Adverbs and prepositions for time</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Penguins by Emily Bone</p> <p>A simple non-chronological text to develop sentences and their punctuation.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - animals</p>	<p>Complex sentences Verbs – past and present You could also teach simple sentences through this book although this has not been included in the sequence</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Creature Features Dinosaurs by Natasha Durley</p> <p>This is a vibrant information book about dinosaurs, organised according to their common features.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - animal characteristics</p>	<p>Sentence types: questions, commands Adjectives, noun phrases Vocabulary</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Amelia Earhart (Little People, Big Dreams) by Isabel Sanchez Vegara</p> <p>A short biography of Amelia Earhart told in small chunks with simple but effective illustrations.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: History - significant individuals</p>	<p>Sentences: subordination Verb tenses</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<p>The Slime Book: All You Need to Know to Make the Perfect Slime (Dorling Kindersley)</p> <p>All you need to know about making slime!</p> <p>Clearly set out sets of instructions including short introductions, images, methods and top tips.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science – materials DT - designing, making and evaluating products</p>	<p>Verbs for commands Co-ordination and subordination Expanded nouns</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Grow Your Own Lettuce by Helen Lanz</p> <p>Y2/3</p> <p>A set of instructions about growing lettuce surrounded by other information such as types of lettuce, harvesting and a calendar. There is a set of instructions about sowing lettuce seed but in fact the whole book is a set of extended instructions. A really useful book to move away from the one-page set of simple instructions.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Science - plants</p>	<p>Verbs, imperative Sentences with more than one clause</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Outdoor Wonderland by Jeffery and Lickens</p> <p>Y2/3</p> <p>An information text that is packed full of instructions for things to make or do outside. Each double page spread has an introduction, information and instructions.</p> <p>Possible curriculum links: Geography - human and physical features; geographical skills and field work Science - animals and plants</p>	<p>Layout of pages Contractions Conjunctions Prepositional phrases</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>