At East Sheen Primary School, we believe that exposure to high-quality texts leads to the best results in terms of children's love and understanding of English. We provide children with real-world experiences and contexts, about which they base writing, or we expose children to high-quality texts so that their writing is purposeful and is written in a context that all children can access.

We explore and analyse texts to develop all strands of reading comprehension and use modelling, shared writing and 'Thinking Map' strategies to plan, edit and improve writing. We compose shared success criteria using the 'Who, What, How' strategy, with audience and purpose at the heart of writing tasks.
Key texts studied:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
• Harry and his bucketful of Dinosaurs – Starting School • The Family Book • All are Welcome • Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What can you see? • Five Minutes Peace • Why we Exercise • Room on the Broom • The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark • Aliens Love Underpants • The Jolly Postman • One Snowy Night • Christmas Story • People who Help Us • When I grow up • What will I be? • Real Superheroes • When you're fast asleep • We're going on a bear hunt • Endangered animals fact file	• Mamma Panya's Pancakes – Mary Chamberlin and Rich Chamberlin • Katie in London – James Mayhew • The Magic Bed - John Burningham • The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr • Pick a Pumpkin by Patricia Toht • Traction Man – Mini Grey • Tuesday – David Weisner • Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett • Dear Green Peace – Simon James	• The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch – David and Ronda Armitage • Solo – Paul Geraghty • The Tunnel – Anthony Browne • The little bear book –Anthony Browne • Willy's pictures – Anthony Browne • The shape game – Anthony Browne • Oliver Jeffers- Lost and Found • Clean up by Nathan Byron • No Room for Napoleon • Life Cycles – Butterflies and moths by Julie K. Lundgren	• George's Marvellous Medicine • The Lost Words Poems • Charlie and the Chocolate - Roald Dahl • Stone Age Boy - Satoshi Kitamura • Greek Myths - a selection mainly Theseus and the Minotaur • The Tortoise and the Hare – Aesop's fables	• Friend or Foe – Michael Morpurgo • The Iron Man – Ted Hughes • Escape from Pompeii - Christina Balit • Cloud Tea Monkeys - Elspeth Graham and Mal Peet • Little People Big Dreams, Greta Thunberg by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara	• Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo • How to Train your Dragon – Cressida Cowell • The Highwayman – Alfred Noyse • Midsummer Night's Dream – William Shakespeare • Blackberry Blue – Jamila Gavin • The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Q. Raúf • Quest – Aaron Becker	• The Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll • Macbeth – William Shakespeare • Oliver Twist – Charles • The Arrival by Shaun Tan • Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo
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• 10 things I can do to Save the world • Life Cycles (various non-fiction) • Jack and the Beanstalk • Books about growing (variety of non-fiction) • Mad about Minibeasts poem • The Very Hungry Caterpillar • Snail and the Whale • Floating and Sinking (various non-fiction) • Commotion in the Ocean • Sharing a Shell • An Odd Fish	• Too Much Staff – Emily Gravett	• Florence Nightingale by Lucy Lethbridge • Little People, BIG DREAMS Florence Nightingale by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara	• Guardians of the planet – How to be an eco hero • Rainforests in 30 seconds by Dr Jen Green • Eco Girl by Ken Wilson-Max • Greta and the Gaints by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persic • Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe • Various poems • Script	• Talking Turkeys – Benjamin Z • School tomorrow – Joseph Coelho • Thousand Years (lyrics) – Christina Perri • Question Time – Julia Donaldson • Today I Read a Bus Stop – Kathy Henderson • The Lost Lost-Property Office – Roger McGough • Tyger – William Blake • Gangster's Paradise (lyrics) – Coolio • The Magic Box – Kit Wright • Talk to Her (lyrics) – India Arie • Please Mrs Butler – Allan Ahlberg	• The Invisible Man - H.G. Wells • Two Birds – Joshua Seigal • Birdsong -Katya Balen • Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen • Clockwork – Philip Pullman	• Non-fiction text on Windrush • Windrush Child by John Agard Agard • Island Man by Grace Nichols • The Girl of Ink and Stars – Karen Milwood Hargrave • *How To Live Forever* — Colin Thompson (Picture Book)