Teachers’ knowledge of children’s literature and other texts

Review your practice

This self-review document, adapted from the TaRs Phase I survey is designed to help you consider your knowledge of children’s literature. The TaRs research found that teachers need a rich and constantly updated knowledge of children’s literature and other texts in order to support the development of independent young readers. It is pivotal to foster RfP and a core professional responsibility.
1. **What was your favourite book as a child?**  
*(Add the author’s name if you know it)*

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2. **What two children’s books have you read recently for your own pleasure?**  
*(Name the books and the authors)*

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3. **Please indicate when this was:**

   o Within the last month □
   o Within the last 3 months □
   o Within the last 6 months □
   o Over 6 months ago □

4. **How do you usually get hold of children’s books for your own reading?**  
*(Tick as many as appropriate)*

   o Library □
   o Bookshop □
   o On-line bookshop □
   o From friend/s □
   o Other (please specify) □
5. List 6 ‘good’¹ children’s book authors

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6. List 6 good children’s picture book authors/illustrators

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7. List 6 good children’s poets

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8. How do you decide which children’s books to use in your classroom?
   *(Tick as many as appropriate)*

   o Personal interest/knowledge ☐
   o Children’s recommendations ☐
   o Library service ☐
   o Literacy coordinator’s recommendations ☐
   o Other (please specify) ☐

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¹ By ‘good’, we mean those you have found valuable and successful to use with primary-aged children.
9. List 6 other types of children’s texts of which you are aware and name one example of each

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10. How do you rate your repertoire of children’s books and other texts?
    *(Rate this on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest – circle one number)*

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Further resources

Further resources are available from the website: [www.researchrichpedagogies.org](http://www.researchrichpedagogies.org)

- For ideas on how to increase your knowledge of children’s literature and other texts, see:
  Teachers’ knowledge of children’s literature and other texts: Practical classroom strategies

- For the underpinning research on teachers’ knowledge of children’s literature, see:
  Teachers’ knowledge of children’s literature and other texts: More research details