

Our Rationale

We are reading schools, with a passion for ensuring that every Y6 pupil leaves us, able to read and with a love of literature. Learning to read is pivotal in raising children's self-esteem and the wider characteristics of effective learning, including resilience, concentration and perseverance. We want our pupils to be able to read easily, fluently and with good understanding; to acquire a wide vocabulary; to develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information; and to have an appreciation for our rich and varied literary heritage. Sharing class novels and reading for pleasure is an essential part of this vision, introducing pupils to more challenging texts with more demanding sentence structures, vocabulary and themes, often that are beyond their own independent reading abilities. It provides a means of shared enjoyment and a rich source for conversation, as well as facilitating the creation of a wider reading community in our classes and school.

"Books are transformative because of their unique ability to develop three key magical powers: intelligence, creativity and, most important of all, empathy. Words are power; let's take magic seriously." Cressida Cowell, Children's Laureate 2019-21

This text list works alongside and in addition to the core texts that we will be using in our English and Group Reading lessons during the year. It aims to provide a list of high-quality and engaging texts to be used during daily Class Reading for Pleasure time.

Bold = texts that promote understanding of inclusion and diversity

EYFS

The Jolly Postman - Janet and Allan Ahlberg
***Handa's Surprise* - Eileen Brown**
Mr Gumpy's Outing - John Burningham
One Snowy Night - Nick Butterworth
The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle
***Zim Zam Zom* - James Carter**
Pumpkin Soup - Helen Cooper
***Tad* - Benji Davies**
***Leaf* - Sandra Dieckmann**
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy - Lynley Dodd
The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson
What the Ladybird Heard - Julia Donaldson
***Pokko and the Drum* - Matthew Forsythe**
Tree - Patricia Hegarty
Alphonse, There's Mud on the Ceiling - Daisy Hirst
The Cave - Rob Hodgson
Dogger - Shirley Hughes
Rosie's Walk - Pat Hutchins
Time for Bed, Fred! - Yasmeen Ismail
***The Way Back Home* - Oliver Jeffers**
***The Colour Monster* - Anna Llenas**
***Elmer* - David McKee**
Not Now, Bernard - David McKee
Six Dinner Sid - Ingra Moore
Five Minutes Peace - Jill Murphy
A Quiet Night In - Jill Murphy
***Ruby's Worry* - Tom Percival**
Augustus and His Smile - Catherine Rayner
We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen
Shark in the Park - Nick Sharratt
***Rain* - Manya Sotjic**
There's a Tiger in the Garden - Lizzy Stewart
Snow - Sam Usher
Can't You Sleep Little Bear? - Martin Waddell
Farmer Duck - Martin Waddell
Owl Babies - Martin Waddell

Y1 & Y2

The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon - Richard Adams
Each Peach Pear Plum - Janet and Allan Ahlberg
Funnybones - Janet and Allan Ahlberg
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch - David and Rhonda Armitage
The Mousehole Cat - Antonio Barber
Mrs Armitage on Wheels - Quentin Blake
Mr Magnolia - Quentin Blake
***The Lion Inside* - Rachel Bright**
***Look Up!* - Nathan Bryan & Dapo Adeola**
Oil Get Off My Train! - John Burningham
***Zim Zam Zom* - James Carter**
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book? - Lauren Child
The Storm Whale - Benji Davies
***Lila and the Secret of Rain* - David Conway & Jude Daly**
***Emily Brown and the Thing* - Cressida Cowell**

The Day the Crayons Quit - Drew Daywallt

The Snail and the Whale - Julia Donaldson

Up the Mountain - Marianne Dubac

One World - Michael Foreman

The Littlest Yak - Lu Fraser

Tidy - Emily Gravett

Hermelin: The Detective Mouse - Mini Grey

Old Bear - Jane Hissey

The Magic Bojabi Tree - Piet Grobler & Dianne Hofmeyr

Katie Morag stories - Mairi Hedderwick

Supertato - Sue Hendra

Goldilocks and Just the One Bear - Leigh Hodgkinson

Amazing Grace - Mary Hoffman

The Wild Wood - Simon James

The Emperor's Egg - Martin Jenkins

I Want My Hat Back - Jon Klassen

Lights on Cotton Rock - David Litchfield

Suddenly! - Colin McNaughton

Mrs Noah's Pockets - Jackie Morris

The Paperbag Princess - Robert Munsch

Somebody Swallowed Stanley - Sarah Roberts & Hannah Peck

After the Fall - Dan Santat

On Sudden Hill - Linda Sarah

Where the Wild Things Are - Maurice Sendak

The Cat in the Hat - Dr Seuss

The Dark - Lemony Snicket

Winter Sleep: A Hibernation Story - Sean Taylor

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig - Eugen Trivizas & Helen Oxenbury

How to be a Lion - Ed Vere

The Dragon Machine - Helen Ward

Little Red Riding Hood - Bethan Woollvin

George and the Dragon - Chris Wormell

Dragon Post - Emma Yarlett

The Big Book of Bugs - Yuval Zommer

Chapter Books for Y2

A Bear Called Paddington - Michael Bond

Esio Trot - Roald Dahl

The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me - Roald Dahl

Rabbit & Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits - Julian Gough & Jim Field

Bad Nana: Older Not Wiser - Sophy Henn

My Animal Friends - Dick King-Smith

Genie and Teeny Make a Wish - Steven Lenton

Frog and Toad Are Friends - Arnold Lobel

The Legend of Kevin - Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre

Claude - Alex T. Smith

Y3 & Y4

The Train to Impossible Places - PG Bell
Gregory Cool - Caroline Binch
Flat Stanley - Jeff Brown
The Wild Robot - Peter Brown
Secrets of the Sun King - Emma Carroll
The BFG - Roald Dahl
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - Kate DiCamillo
Framed - Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Tear Thief - Carol Ann Duffy
Wed Wabbit - Liss Evans
Stormhound - Clare Fayers
Atticus Claw Breaks the Law - Jennifer Gray
The Guard Dog - Dick King-Smith
The Sheep Pig - Dick King-Smith
The Wild Way Home - Sophie Kirtley
Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster - Gill Lewis
Land of Roar - Jenny McLachlan
Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet - Zanib Mian
The Worst Witch - Jill Murphy
Anisha Accidental Detective - Serena Patel
The Adventures of Harry Stevenson - Ali Pye
Pugs of the Frozen North - Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre
Oliver and the Seawigs - Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre
Varjak Paw - SF Said
Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure - Alex T. Smith
Ice Palace - Robert Swindells
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark - Jill Tomlinson
Charlotte's Web - EB White

Y5 & Y6

The House with Chicken Legs - Sophie Anderson
The Middler - Kirsty Applebaum
Troofriend - Kirsty Applebaum
Wonder - RJ Balacio
Running on the Roof of the World - Jess Butterworth
The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd
Running on Empty - SE Durrant
When the Sky Falls - Phil Earle
Who Let the Gods Out? - Maz Evans
The Wind in the Wall - Sally Gardner
When Life Gives You Mangoes - Kereen Getten
Shackleton's Journey - William Grill
Freedom - Catherine Johnson
Crater Lake - Jennifer Killick
The Nowhere Emporium - Ross MacKenzie
Goodnight Mister Tom - Michelle Magorian
The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Tom's Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce
The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Rauf
Rooftoppers - Katherine Rundell
The Explorer - Katherine Rundell
Holes - Louis Sachar
Malamander - Thomas Taylor