

## **Winston Way Reading Spine 2025-2026**

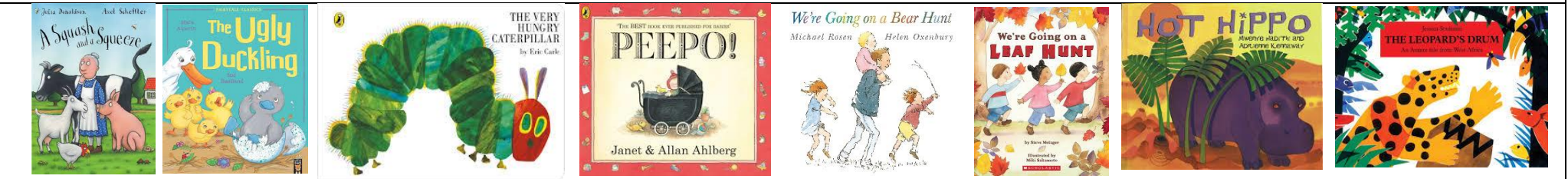
The overall aim and purpose of this book spine is to provide an extensive list of books that all the pupils will be exposed to throughout their learning journey at Winston Way. These books are read by the children during reading lessons, English lessons and class reader. The intention is that by the time they reach Year 6 and beyond, they have developed a wide range of literature and broader knowledge of the world.

The books have been selected to consider three key areas: learning to read, access to high quality texts to enable access for all, and to promote reading for pleasure through fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Class readers



Additional challenge recommended reads



Autumn

Spring

Summer

**Literacy:**

*Lulu's First Day* by Anna McQuinn (F)  
*A Splendid Friend Indeed* by Suzanne Bloom (F)  
 The enormous turnip (F)

**When it rains**

*Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers (F)

**Arctic Animals by Jill McDonald**

*Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara Joose (F)

**Maths:**

*Jasper's beanstalk* (F)

**Wider curriculum:**

*Puffin Peter, ' by Petr Horáček. (F)*  
*The Cloudspotter, ' by Tom McLaughlin. (F)*  
*Rain, by Manya Stojic (F)*  
**Hibernation by Margaret Hall**  
*Why Do Bears Sleep All Winter by Mary Englar*  
*The Bear's Winter House by John Yeoman (F)*

**Literacy:**

*The Train Ride* by June Crebbin (F)  
*Mr Gumpy's Motor Car* by John Burningham (F)  
*Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke (F)  
*Duck in the Truck* by Jez Alborough (F)  
*Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw (F)  
*Farm Yard Hullabaloo* by Giles Andreae (F)  
*Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell (F)  
*Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchinson (F)  
*What the ladybird heard* by Julia Donaldson (F)

**Maths:**

**Shapes**  
**Patterns**  
**Numbers 1-5**

**Wider curriculum:**

**At the Garage** by Carron Brown  
**Amazing Machines series** by Tony Mitton

**Literacy:**

*The Three Little Pigs* (F)  
*Little Red Riding Hood* (F)  
*The Gingerbread Man* (F)  
*The Runaway Rice Cake* by Ying Chang Compestine and Tungwai Chau. (F)  
*We're Going on a Lion Hunt* by David Axtell (F)  
*Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell (F)

**Maths:**

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Jnr Martin (F)

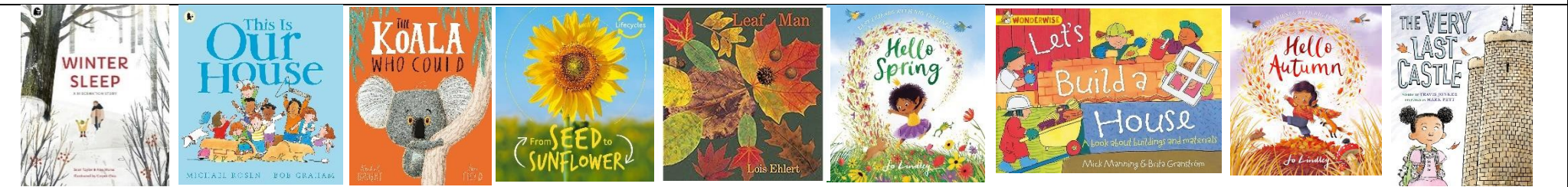
**Wider curriculum:**

**Piglet to Pig (How Do They Grow?)** by Jillian Powell  
**Our Very Own Dog** by Amanda McCardie  
**Animals: Lions** by Catherin Ipcizade (or similar)

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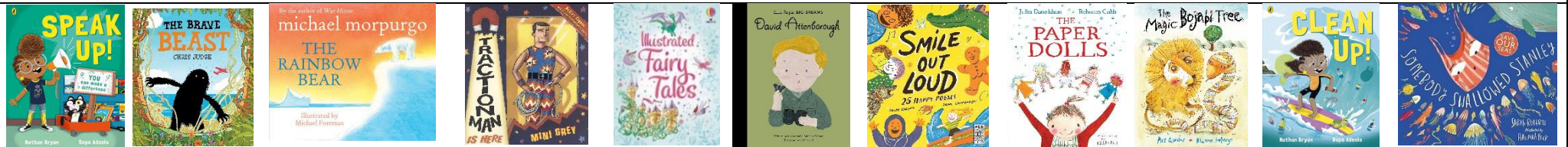
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<p><b>Literacy</b>                      Who are you, Smitri Halls (NF)  <b>All about families, Usbourne Books</b>                      The Leaf Thief, Alice Hemming (F)                      Pumpkin Soup, Helen Cooper (F)                      Clean up, Nathan Byron (F)                      Chapatti Moon, (F)                      How to hide a lion, Helen Stephens (F)                      Supertato, Sue Hendra (F)                      One snowy night, Nick Butterworth (F)</p> <p><b>Maths</b>                      Goldilocks and the three bears                      The button box                      Simon sock                      Ten superheroes                      Odd one out</p> <p><b>Wider curriculum</b>                      Colour monster  <b>Types of families</b>                      Rama and Sita</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b>                      Oi Frog!  <b>Peep Inside the Castle</b>                      The Extraordinary Gardener (F)                      Jack and the Beanstalk (F)                      The Very Hungry Caterpillar (F)  <b>How Does A Butterfly Grow?</b></p> <p><b>Maths</b>                      Six dinner Sid                      Jasper's beanstalk                      Ten black dots                      Kipper's toybox</p> <p><b>Wider curriculum</b>  <b>Lifecycles</b>                      Hello spring  <b>Growing and planting</b>                      Oliver's vegetables                      Snail trail  <b>Homes (around the world)</b></p>	<p><b>Literacy</b>                      Goldilocks and the Three Bears (F)                      The Train Ride (F)                      Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention (F)                      The Night Pirates (F)                      The Sea Saw (F)                      The Growing Story (F)</p> <p><b>Maths</b>                      Ten little pirates                      Ten little fingers and toes                      Pattern fish                      How many legs                      Mr Grumpy's outing</p> <p><b>Wider curriculum</b>                      Ruby's worry                      Rainbow fish  <b>Festivals</b>                      Huge bag of worries</p>

# Year 1

## Class Readers



## Additional challenge recommended reads



### Autumn

### Spring

### Summer

#### English

Lost in the Toy museum- David Lucas (F)  
 Little Red / Rapunzel – Bethan Woollvin (F)  
 Peace at Last by Jill Murphy (F)  
 Owl Babies by Martin Wardell (F)

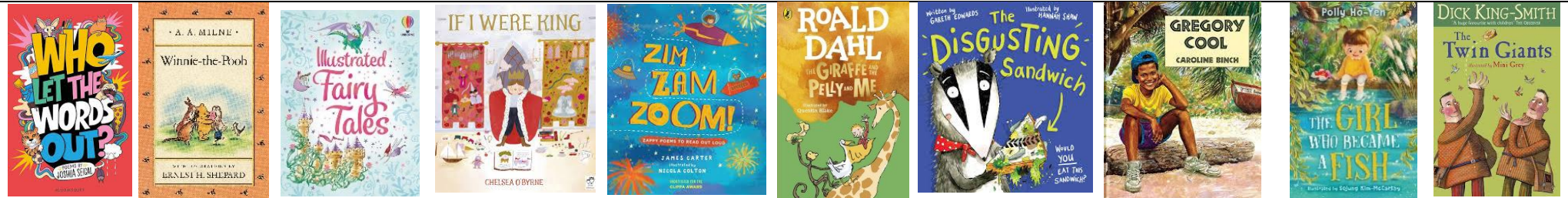
#### English

Look up- Nathan Byron (F)  
 Stanley's Stick Book by John Hegley (F)  
 Nimesh the Adventurer by Ranjit Singh (F)  
 The Lonely Beast Book by Chris Judge (F)

#### English

Too Much Talk, Angela Medearis (F)  
 The Night Pirates by Peter Harris (F)

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**Guided reading**

A First Poetry Book, Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan (P)  
 Dogger, Shirley Hughes (F)  
**Recipes (Curriculum link: D&T and Food, A1)**  
 The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, Jill Tomlinson (F)  
**Black History Month (Curriculum link: History, A2)**  
 Lost and Found, Oliver Jeffers (F)  
 The Name Jar, Yangsook Choi (F)  
 Revolting Rhymes, Roald Dahl (P)  
**Remembrance Day (Curriculum link: History, A2)**  
 Hansel and Gretel (F)  
**Countries (Curriculum link: Geography, A2)**  
 The Magic Finger, Roald Dahl (F)

**English**

The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad (F)  
 Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram (F)  
 Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour (F)  
 The Pirates Next door- Jonny Duddle (F)

**Guided reading**

Revolting rhymes (P)  
 The Elves and the Shoemaker (F)  
**Everyday Materials (Curriculum link: Science, Sp1)**  
**Hot and cold deserts (Curriculum link: Geography, Sp1)**  
 Poetry collection (P)  
**Easter (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Sp1)**  
**Picasso (Curriculum link: Art & Design, Sp1)**  
 Isadora Moon Goes to School, Harriet Muncaster (F)  
**Living things (Curriculum link: Science, Sp2)**  
**The Great Fire of London (Curriculum link: History, Sp2)**  
**Transport (Curriculum link: D&T and Food, Sp2)**  
**English**  
 The King Who Banned the Dark by Hasworth Booth (F)  
 Leaf- by Sandra Dieckman (F)  
 A Walk in London- Salvatore Rubbico  
 The Night Gardener by Terry and Eric Fan

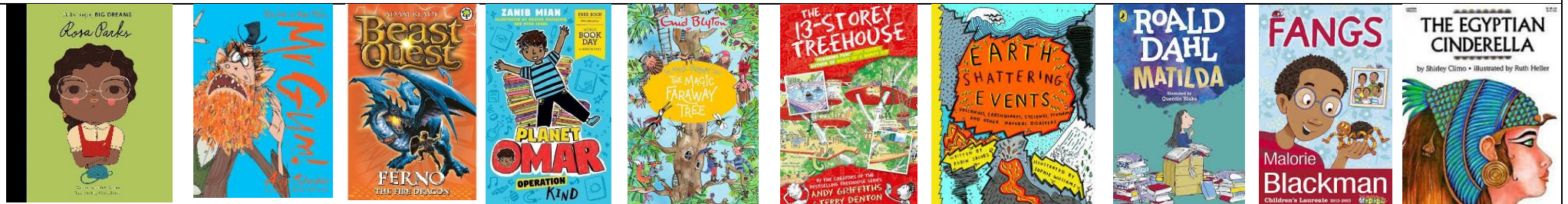
**Guided reading**

**Solids, liquid and gases (Curriculum link: Science, Su1)**  
 An Emotional Menagerie, (P)  
**Explorers: Sacagawea and Michael Collins (Curriculum link: History, Su1)**  
 Magic Faces: Heroes of the Pirate Ship (F)  
**Hinduism (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Su1)**  
**The big book of blooms (Curriculum link, English Su1)**  
  
**Artists: Katsushika Hokusai, David Hockney, Claude Monet (Curriculum link: Art & Design, Su2)**  
**Habitats (Curriculum link: Science, Su2)**  
 Words can fly, (P)  
**Textiles (Curriculum link: D&T and Food, Su2)**  
**Rivers, seas and oceans (Curriculum link: Geography, Su2)**  
 The missing bunny (F)  
  
**English**  
 Wild by Emily Hughes  
 The Tunnel by Anthony Browne  
 Grace and Family by Mary Hoffman

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Autumn

**Guided reading**

- Chocolate cake, Michael Rosen (P)
- Gorilla, Anthony Browne (F)
- Billy the Kid, Dick Kind Smith (F)
- Recipes (Curriculum link: D&T and Food, A1)**
- Peter Rabbit (F)
- Black History Month (Curriculum link: History, A2)**
- The Witches spell, Shakespeare (P)
- The Railway Children (F)
- Fantastic Mr Fox(F)
- Habitats ( Curriculum link: Geography, A1)**
- Ellie the cat, Malorie Blackman (F)
- Charlotte's Web (F)
- Explorers (Curriculum link: Geography, A2)**

**English**

- 'Ug', by Raymond Briggs
- 'Farther', by Grahame Baker-Smith
- 'Rama and the Demon King', by Jessica Souhami
- 'The Promise', by Nicola Davies and 'Just a Dream' by Chris Van Allsburg.
- 'The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

Spring

**Guided reading**

- Volcanoes (Curriculum link: Geography, Sp1)**
- Poem collection about living things (Curriculum link: Science, Sp1)
- Organisms (Curriculum link: Science, Sp1)**
- The Enchanted Wood- Enid Blyton (F)
- Plants (Curriculum link: Science, Sp1)**
- Poetry collection
- Ancient Egypt (Curriculum link: History, Sp1)**
- The Boy who grew dragons –Andy Sheperd (F)
- Philosophy – Christianity and Utilitarianism (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Sp1)**
- Theology – Islam (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Sp2)**

**English**

- 'The Iron Man by Ted Hughes
- 'A Pebble in my Pocket', by Meredith Hooper
- 'Coming to England', by Floella Benjamin
- 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs', by Jon Scieszka
- 'Escape to Pompeii by Cristina Balit

Summer

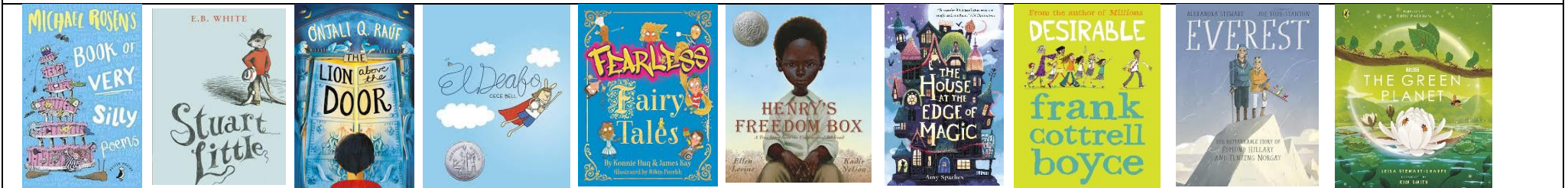
**Guided reading**

- The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morphogen (F)
- Food (Curriculum link: D&T and Food, Su1)**
- Midnight feasts by A.F Harold (P)
- Muslim beliefs (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Su1)**
- Europe (Curriculum link: Geography, Su1)**
- Physics: Forces and Motions (Curriculum link, Science Su1)**
- The Happy Prince (F)
- Mythology (Curriculum link, Art & Design, Su2)**
- The Shape of Rainbows (P)
- Ancient Greece (Curriculum link: History, Su2)**
- Wild Animals of the World (Curriculum link, English Su2)**

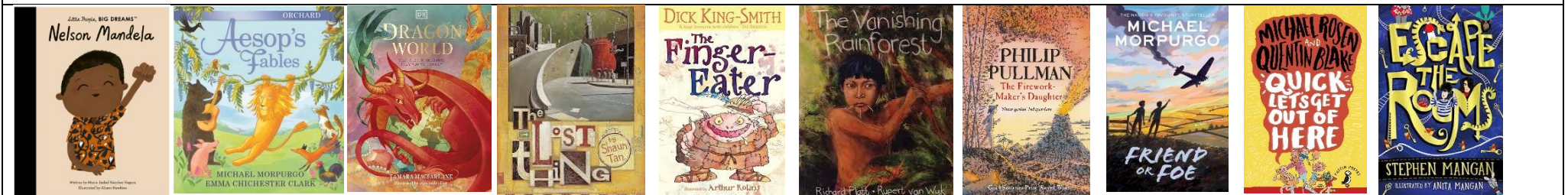
**English**

- 'Lob', by Linda Newby
- Animal Poetry: 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear
- 'The Porcupine' by Roald Dahl, 'Jim' by Hilaire Belloc
- 'The Six Blind Men and the Elephant' by John Godfrey Saxe
- 'The Chocolate Tree', by Linda Lowery and Richard Keep
- 'The Wild Robot,' by Peter Brown

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**Guided reading**

The sound collector (P)  
 Alice in Wonderland (F)  
 The land of Roar – Jenny Maclaen (F)  
**Interviews (Curriculum link: History, A1)**  
 How to train your dragon (F)  
**Black History Month (Curriculum link: History, A1)**  
 Please do not feed the animals – Robert HullBilly (P)  
 The Wind in the Willows (F)  
 The Clockwork Crow- Catherine Fisher (F)  
**Volcanoes (Curriculum link: Geography A2)**  
 Keisha Jones takes on the World (F)  
 The boy who cried wolf (F)  
**The story of Diwali (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, A2)**

**English**

The Pied Piper of Hamlyn' by Michael Marpurgo.  
 The Building Boy', by Ross Montgomery.  
 The Mysterious Giant of Barletta' by Tomie DePaola  
 Hurricane' by David Weisner'.

**Guided reading**

Please Mrs Butler (P)  
**Chemistry: States of matter (Curriculum link: Science, Sp1)**  
**Early Islamic civilisation (Curriculum link: History, Sp1)**  
 Little Matchstick Girl (F)  
**Poverty, Justice and Self-sacrifice x2 (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Sp1)**  
 The North Wind and the Sun (F)  
**Henri Rousseau Vs Abel Rodriguez (Curriculum link: Art & Design, Sp2)**  
**Physics: Sounds (Curriculum link: Science, Sp2)**  
**Tropical rainforests x2 (Curriculum link: Geography, Sp2)**

**English**

The Great Kapok Tree', by Lynne Cherry.  
 The Tale of Desperaux', by Kate De Camillo  
 The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate De Camilo.

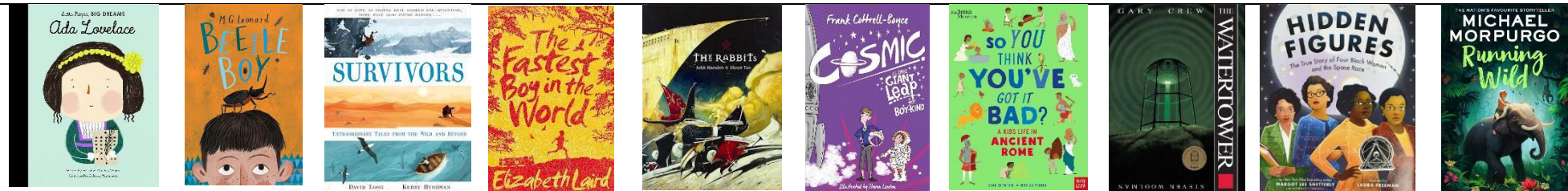
**Guided reading**

It's a No Money Day- Kate Milner (F)  
**Earthquakes and settlements, (Curriculum link: Geography, Su1)**  
**Physics: Electricity (Curriculum link: Science, Su1)**  
 Out Of This World: Poems to Make You Laugh, Smile and Think, Michael Rosen, (P)  
**Islamic diversity (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Su1)**  
**Artists Pippa Goodhart & Joseph Cornell (Curriculum link: Art & Design, Su1)**  
 Zooming the Zoo, (P)  
**Local History (Curriculum link: History, Su2)**  
 Fantastic five (F)  
**Rainforest warrior, Anita Ganeri Curriculum link: English, Su2)**  
**Chemistry: Properties of materials (Curriculum link: Science, Su1)**  
**English**  
 Krindlekrax' by Philp Ridley.  
 Secrets of a Sun King', by Emma Carroll.  
 'There's a 'Rangtan in my Bedroom', by James Sellick and Frann Preston-Gannon.  
 The Arabian Nights', by Anna Milbourne

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Rhythm and Poetry (P)  
 Lion, Witch & the Wardrobe (F)  
 The house with chicken legs – Sophie Anderson (F)  
**Adverts (Curriculum link: D&T and Food, A1)**  
 The Boy in the Stripped Pjamas (F)  
**Black History Month (Curriculum link: History, A1)**  
 In Flanders Field (P)  
 Oliver Twist (F)  
 Street child – Burlie Doherty (F)  
**Earthquakes (Curriculum link: Geography A2)**  
 Flood land – Marcus Sedgewick (F)  
 Rumaysa- Rhaida El Touny (F)  
 The Lion and the Mouse- (F)

**English**

How to Train Your Dragon', by Cressida Cowell  
 'Varjak Paw', by S. F. Said  
 Shackleton's journey  
 The Water Tower by Gary Crew  
 Varmits by Helen Ward

**Guided reading**

The Highway Man (P)  
 Black Beauty (P)  
**North America & Water (Curriculum link: Geography, Sp1)**  
**Buddhists (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Sp1)**  
 Boy In The Tower- Polly Ho-Yen (F)  
**Richard Long, Frida Kahlo, Lubaina Himid (Curriculum link: Art & Design, Sp1)**  
**Biology: Lifecycles (Curriculum link: Science, Sp1)**  
 The London Eye Mystery (F)  
**Biology: Human development (Curriculum link: Science, Sp2)**  
**Roman Empire x 2 (Curriculum link: History, Sp2)**

**English**

'The Invention of Hugo Cabret', by Brian Selznick A  
 The Orchard Book of Greek Myths A' by Michelle Magorian  
 The Orchard Book of Greek Myths B' by Michelle Magorian  
 Skellig', by David Almond

**Guided reading**

**Pattern and Sculpture: Mark Hearld & Jackie Morris (Curriculum link: Art & Design, Su1)**  
 Spin! (collection of poems on diversity and underrepresented backgrounds), Joseph Coelho & Ruthine Burton (P)  
**Global History (Curriculum link: History, Su1)**  
 High Rise Mystery – Sharma Jackson (F)  
**Climates across the world (Curriculum link: Geography, Su1)**  
**Physics: Earth and Space (Curriculum link: Science, Su2)**  
 The Secret Garden (F)  
**Christianity: Jesus (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Su2)**  
 Let's Chase Stars Together (P)  
**Sustainable products (Curriculum link: D&T and Food, Su2)**

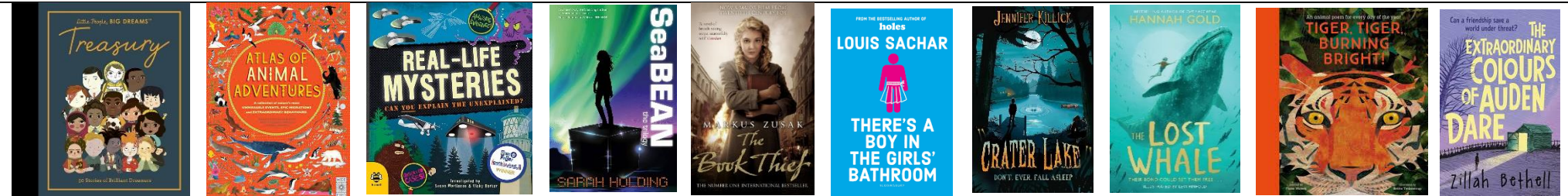
**English**

Cloud Busting' by Malorie Blackman (poetry)  
 Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton  
 Macbeth, the Animated Shakespeare', by Leon Garfield (poetry)  
 The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes (poetry)

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The Tyger – William Blake (P)  
**Biographies (Curriculum link: History, A1)**  
 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (F)  
**Black History Month (Curriculum link: History, A1)**  
 Everybody is doing it -Benjamin Zephani (P)  
 Children of Blood and Bone –Tomi Adeyemi (F)  
 King Midas (F)  
**Climates across the world (Curriculum link: Geography, A2)**

**English**

Beowulf', by Kevin Crossley-Holland  
 Goodnight Mr. Tom', by Michelle Magorian  
 No Ballet Shoes in Syria', by Catherine Bruton  
 A Christmas Carol', (abridged version) by Charles Dickens

**Guided reading**

**Hinduism (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews Sp1)**  
**Philosophers (Curriculum link: RE & Worldviews, Sp1)**  
 Poems about Migration (Curriculum link: Geography, Sp1)  
**Physics: Light (Curriculum link: Science, Sp1)**  
 The Girl who stole an Elephant (F) x2 weeks  
**Vikings (Curriculum link: History, Sp2)**  
**Biology: Further classification (Curriculum link: Science, Sp2)**  
 The Phoenix and the Carpet (F)  
**Pissarro, Wiltshire, Schwitters, Kerr (Curriculum link: Art & Design, Sp2)**

**English**

Wonder' A, by R. J. Palacio  
 Journey to the River Sea', by Eva Ibbotson  
 The Arrival

**Guided reading**

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun, Tola Okogwu x 2 weeks  
 Zak Monroe is (not) My Friend, Simon Packham x 2 weeks  
**Marcus Rashford, You are a Champion x 2 weeks**  
 The Greatest Showman, P.T Barnum (Play script) x 2 weeks  
**British Empire (Curriculum link: History, S2) x 2 weeks**

**English**

Julius Caesar, the Animated Shakespeare', by Leon Garfield (poetry)  
 The Iron Woman', by Ted Hughes  
 The Final Year' by Max Goodfellow (poetry)

