

PVA / BLB Reading Spine

‘Early reading, whether it is in a parent’s lap, on the carpet of a classroom, or in a snug reading corner, gently but indelibly imprints upon us the mould from which will cast a lifetime of communication in the world.’

Alex Quigley – Closing the Reading Gap, 2020

Reading is at the very heart of our curriculum. It is the focal point in all aspects of the children’s work; it is encouraged, developed and nurtured from the very first days of school. Our Reading Spine books are carefully selected and support children in their personal development as well as making links between all aspects of the curriculum. This provides our pupils with exposure to different cultures, experiences and real-life events within the world.



EYFS – Nursery and Reception

EYFS are pivotal year groups for developing the skill of reading and immersing children in the wonder of stories. Children will have daily exposure to stories, and an introduction to the world of children’s literature. At Park View and Blacklow Brow, we have chosen some key picture books that will help lay the foundation for engagement and enjoyment towards reading. For the class books, the teachers have chosen many books that they use to enrich the EYFS curriculum and prepare children for the National Curriculum in Year 1.

Nursery Reading Spine – Class Books

Autumn

A Little Bit Brave
Can’t You Sleep Little Bear
After Fall
The Three Little Pigs
Room on the Broom
Winnie the Witch
The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark
Hansel and Gretel



Spring

Six Dinner Sid
The Lion Inside
Perfectly Norman
The Ugly Duckling
Handa’s Hen
The Scarecrow’s Wedding
The Giant Jam Sandwich
The Little Red Hen



Summer

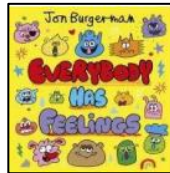
Billy’s Bucket
Anna Hibiscus
Elmer
The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Billy and the Dragon
Zog
George and the Dragon
The Enormous Turnip



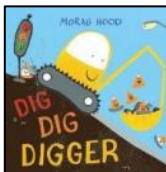
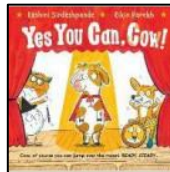
The books below are used to facilitate further reading and learning within the children. The books are appropriately selected to expose the children to different cultures and experiences. These books are shared with parents during transition meetings and Stay and Play events held throughout the year. This is not an exclusive list and we recommend to teachers that they have flexibility in their recommended reads to engage children further with reading.

Nursery Reading Spine – Recommended Reads

Everyone has Feelings
Colours, Colours Everywhere
Pip and Egg



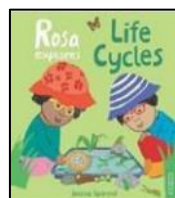
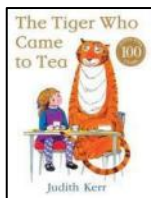
Yes You Can, Cow
Dig Dig Digger
Look What I Found



Family and Me
Kindness Makes Us Strong
All Kinds of Families



The Tiger Who Came to Tell
Rosa Explores Life Cycles
It's Mine





Reception

Books in Reception cover a range of topics and themes that engage the children in their learning. Books are in every provision area to support the children’s learning and development. There are activities in the learning area linked to the topics and books to support cross-area links.

Reception Reading Spine – Class Books

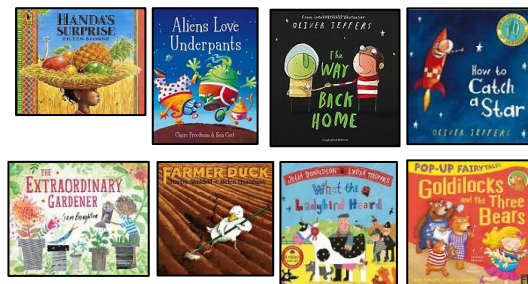
Autumn

- Owl Babies
- The Rainbow Fish
- Lost and Found
- The Gingerbread Man
- Billy and the Beast
- One Snowy Night
- Stick Man
- Little Red Riding Hood



Spring

- Handa’s Surprise
- Aliens Love Underpants
- The Way Back Home
- How to Catch a Star
- Extraordinary Gardener
- Farmer Duck
- What the Ladybird Heard
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Summer

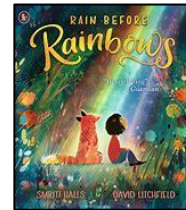
- Tiddler
- Gecko’s Echo
- Ravi’s Roar
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Supertato
- Cops and Robbers
- Ruby’s Worry
- The Hare and the Tortoise



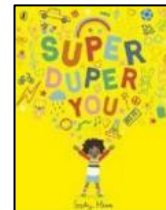
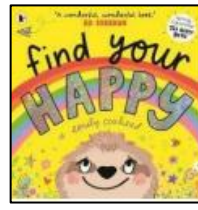
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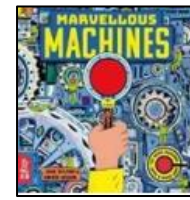
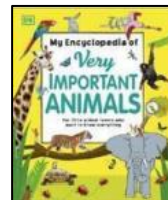
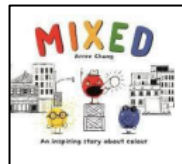
The Heart of the Giant
Fair Shares
Rainbows



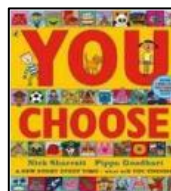
Meet the Weather
Find Your Happy
Super Duper You



Mixed
Very Important Animals
Marvellous Machines



You Choose
Tad
Luna Loves Art



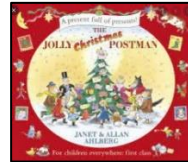
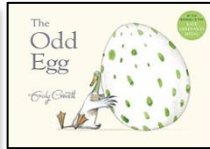
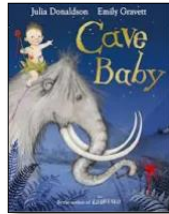
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Year 1 Reading Spine – Class Books

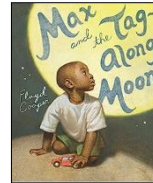
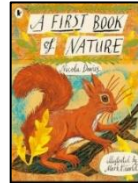
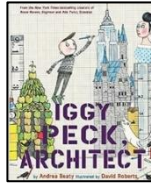
Autumn

Cave Baby
The Odd Egg
Meerkat Mail
The Jolly Postman
At Christmas



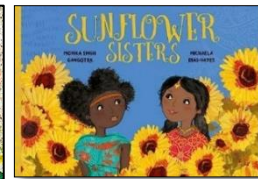
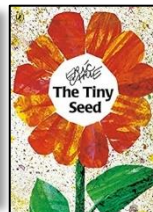
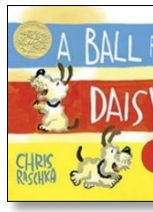
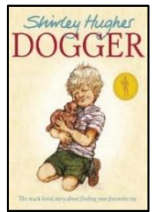
Spring

Iggy Peck Architect
My First Book of Nature
Max and the Tag-along Moon
The Giant Jam Sandwich (re-visited)



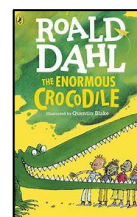
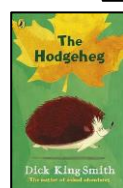
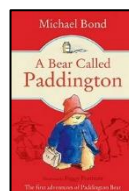
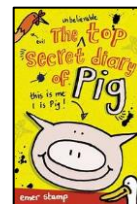
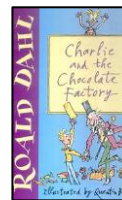
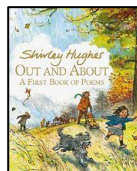
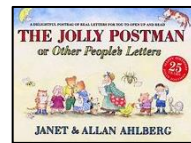
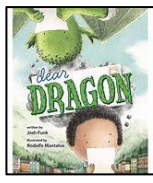
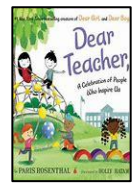
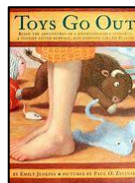
Summer

Dogger
A Ball for Daisy
The Tiny Seed
Sunflower Sisters



Year 1 Reading Spine – Recommended Reads

Toys Go Out
Dear Teacher
Dear Dragon
The Jolly Postman
Out and About
The Magic Faraway Tree
Stuart Little
Charlie and The Chocolate Factory
The Top-Secret Diary of Pig
A Bear Called Paddington
The Hodgeheg
The Enormous Crocodile
The Gifts That Grow



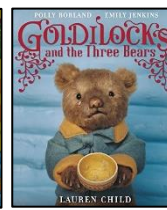
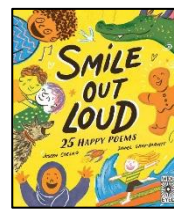
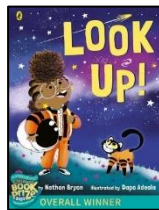
Year 2

Year 2 is a transition year where children are going from emergent readers learning to decode and to acquiring more skills such as fluency and accuracy. The books included are to illustrate the range of reading skills our Y2 children have but also to challenge them, exposing them to new words and themes. The class books in Year 2 are selected to link to other subjects in our curriculum and they facilitate many cross-curricula links and make learning more purposeful and relevant.

Year 2 Reading Spine – Class Books

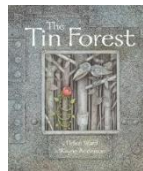
Autumn

Look Up
Clean Up
Smile Out Loud
Goldilocks



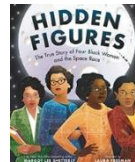
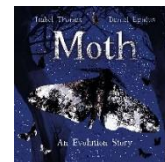
Spring

Great Fire of London
Tin Forest



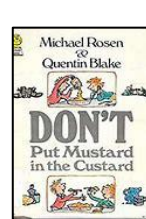
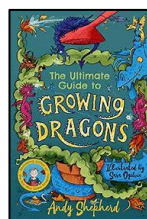
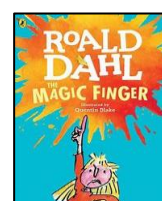
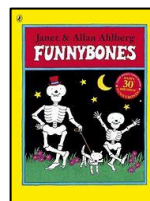
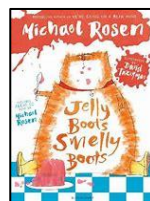
Summer

Moth
Courage
Hidden Figures



Year 2 Reading Spine – Recommended Reads

Smelly Feet, Jelly Feet
Funny Bones
Pirate Pug
Man on the Moon
Don't Put Mustard in the Custard
The Magic Finger
How to Grow a Dragon
Flat Stanley
Matilda





Year 3

'Books crowbar the world open for you – every book you read makes your imagination larger'

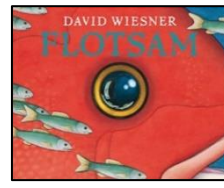
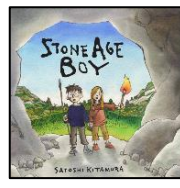
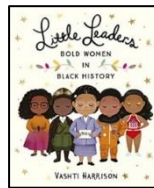
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Year 3 Reading Spine – Class Books

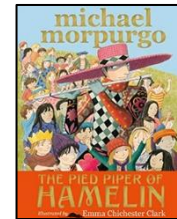
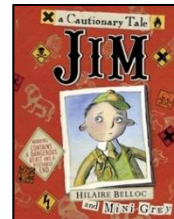
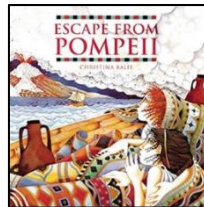
Autumn

Little Leaders
Stone Age Boy
Flotsam



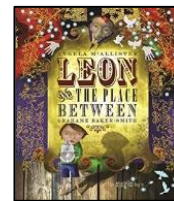
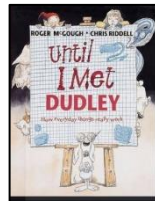
Spring

Escape From Pompeii
Jim – A Cautionary Tale
Hamelin – Michael Morpurgo



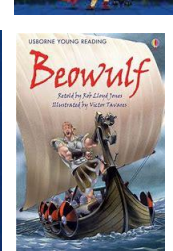
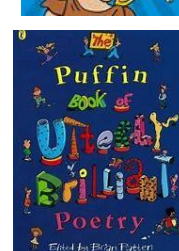
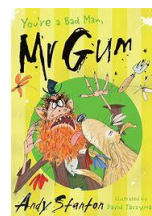
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Until I Met Dudley
Mr. Penguin
Leon and the Place Between



Year 3 Reading Spine – Recommended Reads

You're a Bad Mr. Gum
Nothing to see Here Hotel
The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry
Romans on a Rampage
Who are you calling weird?
A celebration of weird and wonderful animals
Beowulf





Year 4

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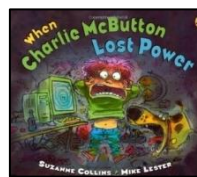
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Year 4 Reading Spine – Class Books

Autumn

When Charlie McButton Lost Power
Arthur and the Golden Rope



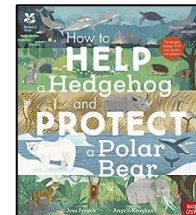
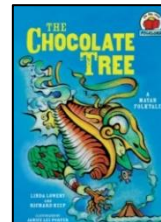
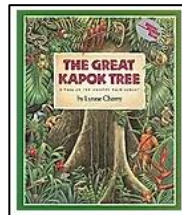
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Marcy and the Riddle of the Phoenix
The Magic School Bus



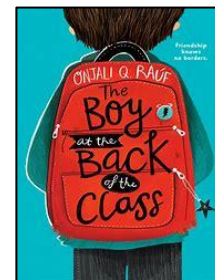
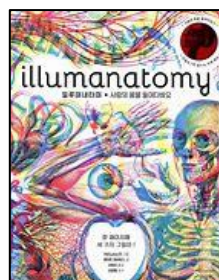
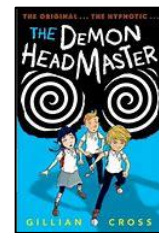
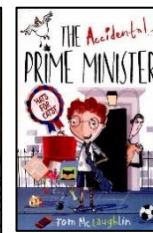
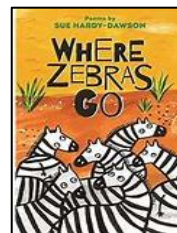
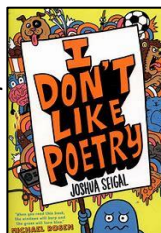
Summer

The Great Kapok Tree
The Chocolate Tree
How to Help a Hedgehog and
Protect a Polar Bear



Year 4 Reading Spine – Recommended Reads

I don't Like Poetry
Where Zebras Go
The Accidental Prime Minister
The Demon Headmaster
Illumanatomy
The Danger Gang
Boy at the Back of the Class





Year 5

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Year 5 Reading Spine – Class Books

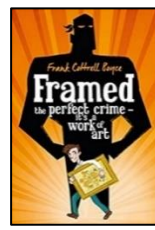
Autumn

Who Let the Gods Out
A Galaxy of Her Own
Cosmic and The Giant Leap



Spring

Brightstorm
Framed
Survivors



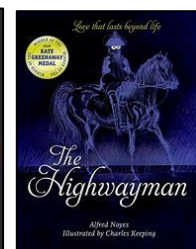
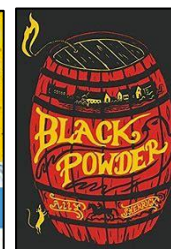
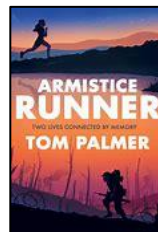
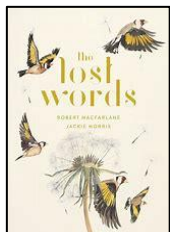
Summer

Explorer
MacBeth



Year 5 Reading Spine – Recommended Reads

The Lost Words
Armistice Runner
The Nowhere Emporium
There is a Boy in the Girls Bathroom
Bathroom
Things You'll Find in a Poets' ...
The Diver's Daughter
The Highwayman
Black Powder



Year 6

'Books crowbar the world open for you – every book you read makes your imagination larger'

Katherine Rundell

The class books in Year 6 are selected to link to other subjects in our curriculum and they facilitate many cross-curricula links and make learning more purposeful and relevant, for example: War Horse is linked to History and the events of World War One.

Year 6 Reading Spine – Class Books

Autumn

Gaslight
Street Child



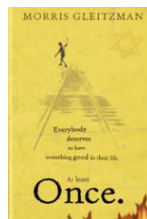
Spring

Warhorse
Poems from the First World War



Summer

Once
The Arrival



Year 6 Reading Spine – Recommended Reads

The Raven
Nelson Mandela -
Long Walk to Freedom
Room 13
The Last Spell Breather
Wildspark
Holes
Skellig

