

NCSF Reading Spine

Year A/1: How am I special?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Not now Bernard David McKee Owl Babies Martin Waddell	The Owl and the Pussy Cat Edward Lear	Ruby's Worry Tom Percival	Human Body		Traditional Nursery Rhymes A Squash and a Squeeze Julia Donaldson	The Tale of Peter Rabbit The Tale of Gloucester Beatrix Potter	Roald Dahl Day The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me Yr2: George's Marvelous Medicine

Year A/1: What is beyond the sea?

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The Proudest Blue Ibtihaj Muhammad Flotsam David Wiesner	On the Beach Michael Rosen Ning Nang Nong Spike Milligan	Lost and Found Oliver Jeffers Clean up Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola	UK Coasts and Beaches My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell	The Little Mermaid Hans Christian Anderson (waterproof materials-mermaids tale)	Where the Wild Things Are Maurice Sendak The Storm Whale Benji Davies Grandad's Island Benji Davies		World Book Day Reading challenge Poetry Competition

Year A/1: Why is food so fab?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Mrs Noah's Garden Jackie Morris Tree: Seasons come, seasons go Patricia Hegarty	The More it Snows AA Milne Who has seen the wind? Christina Rossetti (Poem comparison and	Oliver's Vegetables Vivian French	Weather and seasonal changes		The Little Red Hen		Reading Challenge Poetry Competition Reading for Pleasure event

Jack and the Beanstalk	poetry competition-Summer)						
Year B/2: Where would you rather live: England or Kenya?							
Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Meerkat Mail Toby and the Great Fire of London	The Frog T'was the Night Before Christmas	The Ugly Five <i>Julia Donaldson</i>	<i>The Great Fire of London</i> <i>Living things and their habitats</i> <i>Kenya</i> <i>One Day in Our Blue Planet:In the Savannah</i>	The Hare and the Tortoise <i>Aesop's Fables</i>	No Bot Supertato Amazing Grace Handa's Surprise		Roald Dahl Day - George's Marvellous Medicine Poetry Competition Non-fiction November
Year B/2: How have Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole helped to make the world a better place?							
Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extract	Enrichment Days
Come Away from the Water, Shirley Funny Bones	I do not mind you winter wind.	The Heart in the Bottle	Amazing Women that Have Changed the World Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World	Three Brave Women	Slug Needs a Hug Avocado Baby Bog Baby Nurse Clementine		Poetry Competition Reading challenge World Book Day
Year B/2: How could we advise the three little pigs?							
Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
The three little pigs The Tiny Seed The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Scissors	Have you filled a bucket today?	Plants Everyday materials Home	The Tin Forest <i>Helen Ward</i>	The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. The Enormous Turnip		Poetry Competition Reading for Pleasure event Reading Challenge

Mixed up Fairy Tales							
Year A/3: What does it mean to be alive?							
Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Stone Age Boy This is How We Do It Matt Lamothe	Catch a Little Rhyme Eve Merriam	Huge Bag of Worries Virginia Ironside	Stone Age to Iron Age Animals including humans The Clue is in the Pooh Andy Seed Rocks Dinosaur Lady by Linda Skeers		Winnie the Pooh AA Milne Stig of the Dump Clive King	Just William Richmal Crompton	Non-fiction November Roald Dahl Day – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Poetry Competition
Year A/3: Where shall we go on holiday?							
Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Malala's Pencil Malala Yousufzai (VIPERS) Year 3/4: Beasts of Olympus Lucy Coats	Please Mrs Butler Allan Ahlberg There was a young lady whose nose There was an old man with a beard Edward Lear	The Lighthouse Keeper's Catastrophe Ronda and David Armitage	<i>Ancient Greece</i> <i>Light</i> <i>Forces and Magnets</i>	Icarus was Ridiculous Pamela Butchart (Ancient Myths) (VIPERS)	Year 3/4 Fleeced Julia Wills Year 5/6: Who let the gods out? Maz Evans	Peter Pan JM Barrie	Poetry Competition World Book Day Reading Challenge
Year A/3: How do we support our community?							
Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days

Belonging <i>Jeannie Baker</i> The Promise <i>Nicola Davies</i>	The Ducks Ditty <i>Kenneth Grahame</i>	Max and the Millions <i>Ross Montgomery</i> *Dominic Grows Sweetcorn <i>Mandy Ross</i>	Plants	The Last Tree <i>Emily Haworth-Booth</i> Kids Fight Plastic <i>Martin Dorey</i>	The Butterfly Lion <i>Michael Morpurgo</i>	The Iron Man <i>Ted Hughes</i>	Poetry Competition Reading for Pleasure event
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Year B/4: Where would you choose to build a city?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Romulus and Remus The Hodgeheg <i>Dick King-Smith (VIPERS)</i> Last Stop on Market Street <i>Matt De La Pena</i>	<i>Year 3:</i> Catch a Little Rhyme <i>Eve Merriam</i> <i>Year 4 :</i> Topsy Turvy World <i>William Brighty Rands</i>	Beautiful Oops! <i>Barney Salzberg</i> Weslandia <i>Paul Fleischman</i>	The Founding of Rome	The Roman Soldiers Handbook <i>Lesley Sims</i>	The Velveteen Rabbit <i>Margery Williams</i> The Legend of Podkin One Ear <i>Kieran Larwood</i> Year 5 and 6 Where the World Turns Wild <i>Nicola Penfold</i>	Revolting Rhymes <i>Roald Dahl</i> Charlotte's Web <i>EB White</i> Year 5 and 6 The Thieves of Ostia <i>Caroline Lawrence</i>	Roald Dahl Day – Revolting Rhymes Poetry Competition Non-Fiction November

Year B/4: What was it like to be evacuated?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Friend or Foe <i>Michael Morpurgo</i>	Something Told the Wild Geese <i>Rachel Field</i> Year 5/6	Kind <i>Alison Green</i>	<i>Morse Code</i> <i>Electricity WWII</i>	(The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe <i>CS Lewis</i>)	Year 5/6: An Eagle in the Snow <i>Michael Morpurgo</i>	(The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe <i>CS Lewis</i>) Year 5/6	Poetry Competition World Book Day Reading Challenge

My Secret War Diary Marcia <i>Williams</i>	Dream Variations <i>Langston Hughes</i>			Year 5/6: Carries War <i>Nina Bawden</i>	Windrush Child <i>Benjamin Zephaniah</i>	(Railway Children <i>Edith Nesbit (1905 pre-war)</i>) Letters from the Lighthouse <i>Emma Carroll</i>	
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Year B/4: What if we ran out of water?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
The Rhythm of the Rain <i>Grahame Baker-Smith</i> The Mousehole Cat <i>Antonia Barber</i>	The Crocodile	Year 5/6 *A Long Walk to the Water <i>Linda Sue Park</i>	<i>States of Matter</i> <i>Living things and habitats</i>	Why Water's Worth It <i>Lori Harrison</i>	The Great Wave: A Children's Book <i>Hokusai</i>	Year 5/6 Floodland <i>Marcus Sedgewick</i>	Poetry Competition Reading for Pleasure Reading Challenge

Year C/5: Why should the forests be important to us all?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Otto Tattercoat and the Forest of Lost Things <i>Matilda Woods</i> The Great Kapok Tree <i>Lynne Cherry</i>	Silver <i>Walter De La Mare</i> Sky in the Pie <i>Roger McGough</i>	You are Awesome <i>Matthew Syed</i>	<i>Anglo Saxons and Scots</i> <i>Living things and habitats</i> <i>Animals including humans</i>		Sky Song <i>Abi Elphinstone</i> The Explorer <i>Katherine Rundell</i>	(The Jungle Book) (The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood) (The Secret Garden) Anglo Saxon Boy <i>Tony Bradman</i>	Non-Fiction November Poetry Competition Roald Dahl Day – Danny the Champion of the World

Year C/5: Is the Earth angry?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
King of the Cloud Forests <i>Michael Morpurgo</i> Flood <i>Alvaro F Villa</i>	The Lost Words <i>Jackie Morris and Robert MacFarlane</i>	The Huge Bag of Worries <i>Virginia Ironside</i>	Earth Shattering Events <i>Sophie Williams and Robin Jacobs</i> Natural Disasters Ancient Egypt The Story of Tutankhamun <i>Patricia Cleveland-Peck</i>	The Earth Story <i>Sington and Lamb</i>	Year 3/4 Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphynx <i>Joe Todd Stanton</i> A Mummy ate my homework <i>Thiago De Moraes</i> Year 5/6 Time Travelling with a Hamster <i>Ross Welford</i>	Journey to the Centre of the Earth and Around the World in 80 Days <i>Jules Vernes</i>	Poetry Competition World Book Day Reading Challenge

Year C/5: What makes a hero?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
No one is too small to make a difference <i>Greta Thunberg</i> The Extraordinary Life of Greta Thunberg <i>Devika Jina and Petra Braun</i>		The Girl of Ink and Stars <i>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</i>	<i>Local history study</i> Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall <i>Properties and changes of materials</i>	Earth Heroes – by Lily Dyu and Amy Blackwell	War Horse <i>Michael Morpurgo</i>		Poetry Competition Reading Challenge Reading for Pleasure Day

Year D/6: What if the Vikings had never invaded?

Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Beowulf <i>Michael Morpurgo</i> Dragon's Hoard <i>Lari Don</i>	Year 5/6 Daffodils <i>William Wordsworth</i> In Flanders Fields <i>John McCrae</i> Charge of the Light Brigade <i>Lord Alfred Tennyson</i> The Listeners <i>Walter de La Mare</i>	Huge bag of Worries <i>Virginia Ironside</i>	<i>Vikings and Anglo Saxons</i> <i>Living things</i>	Viking Boy <i>Tony Bradman</i>	Arthur and the Golden Rope <i>Joe Stanton</i> 1000-year-old boy <i>Ross Welford</i> The Boy at the Back of the Class <i>Onjali Ruaf</i>	(Holes <i>Louis Sachar (settings))</i> A Christmas Carol <i>Charles Dickens</i>	Poetry Competition Non-fiction November Roald Dahl Day – The Witches
Year D/6: Evolution? Prove it!							
Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' Texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale <i>Linda Lowry and Janice Lee Porter</i> Curse of the Maya	If <i>Rudyard Kipling</i>	Wonder <i>RJ Palacio</i>	Mayans: History in Infographics <i>Jon Richards</i> Moth <i>Isabel Thomas</i> The Story of Life: A first book about Evolution	Lots <i>Marc Martin</i> On the Origin of Species <i>Sabina Radeva</i>	Skellig <i>David Almond</i> The Girl Who Stole an Elephant <i>Nizrana Farook</i>	Just so Stories <i>Rudyard Kipling</i> (Why the cheetah lost its spots)	Poetry Competition World Book Day Reading Challenge

			<i>Catherine Barr and Steve Williams</i> Story of Life: <i>Evolution Katie Scott</i>				
Year D/6: The Victorian Era: The Dark Age or the Golden Age?							
Key Texts for writing	Poetry	PSHCE	Non-Fiction	'Big Question' texts	Reading for Pleasure	Extracts	Enrichment Days
Clockwork <i>Philip Pullman</i>	Fog <i>Carl Sandburg</i> A Ballad of London <i>Richard Le Gallienne</i>	Michael Rosen's Sad Book <i>Michael Rosen</i>	The Victorians Vile Victorians: Horrible Histories	Street Child <i>Berlie Doherty</i>	Freedom <i>Catherine Johnson</i>	(Oliver Twist) <i>Charles Dickens</i> (Cogheart) <i>Peter Bunzl</i>	Reading for Pleasure Poetry Competition Reading Challenge