



Reading 'Spine'

September 2021

Introduction:

The texts below form a part of our 'reading spine' at Little Melton Primary. They are high quality texts comprising both fiction and non-fiction. They are shared with the children through an age and ability appropriate mix of whole class, small group and individual reading. This document is regularly updated and reviewed as new engaging texts are discovered and adopted by teachers.

In addition, the teaching of early reading follows the Little Wandle Phonics scheme, and all of the supporting texts and resources. Full details of this are available on our school website.

As children become increasingly independent readers, we use the Accelerated Reader library system to help guide free choice of texts and provide ongoing diagnostic reading data for teachers to use to support children's development. The system also gives children motivational feedback on their reading progress through regular comprehension tests and updated progress scores. The system works by grading the difficulty level of the books, and giving children a 'reading range' to select from.

In addition, we have invested considerably in our library and book resources over a number of years, and also have a parent volunteer librarian in school two days a week. Reading is celebrated and encouraged throughout the school, including through the use of reading books as house point prizes, a designated outdoor 'reading shack' for the summer months, and through events such as World Book Day, our Assembly themes and sometimes invited speakers.

Early Years

Reception High Quality Texts/Authors used at Storytime

- Owl Babies – Martin Waddell
- The Squirrels who Squabbled and other Rachel Bright stories
- What the Ladybird Heard & other stories Julia Donaldson stories
- Lost & Found and other Oliver Jeffers stories
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle
- Emily Gravett stories
- Hairy Maclary stories by Lynley Dodd
- How Many Legs? - Kes Gray
- The Jolly Postman – Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- Blown Away – Rob Biddulph
- Elmer – David McKee
- Traditional Tales, including The Three Little Pigs, Red Riding Hood, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Cinderella...

Emotional Literacy/Mindset

- Ruby's Worry – Tom Percival
- Tilda Tries Again – Tom Percival
- Perfectly Norman – Tom Percival
- The Invisible – Tom Percival
- The Squirrels who Squabbled – Rachel Bright
- The Whale who Wanted More – Rachel Bright
- The Way Home for Wolf – Rachel Bright
- The Koala who Could – Rachel Bright
- The Lion Inside – Rachel Bright
- The Worrysaurus – Rachel Bright
- Mine! – Rachel Bright
- The Colour Monster – Anna LLenas
- A Book of Feelings – Amanda McCardie
- Who is Happy? – Little Thinkers
- My Monster and Me – Nadiya Hussain
- Today I'm strong – Nadiya Hussain

EYFS/KS1 Topic Books

Starting at School	On the Farm	Houses and Homes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Owl Babies – Martin Waddell● Whiffy Wilson: The wolf who wouldn't go to school – Caryl Hart/Leonie Lord● Going to School – Rose Blake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● What the Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson● What the Ladybird Heard Next – Julia Donaldson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In Every House on Every Street – Jess Hitchman● This is My Home – Angela Royston

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am absolutely too small for school – Lauren Child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday – Julia Donaldson • Cows – Sheri Doyle • Farm Animals – DK • Farm Animals – Usborne • Missing Milk – Steve Smallman • Old MacDonald had a farm – Jane Chapman • Mechanic Mike’s Machines – Farm Machines • Tremendous Tractors – Tony Mitton/Ant Parker • Farmyard Hullabaloo – Giles Andreae • Farm – Penelope Arlon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No matter who you are... everybody’s welcome – Patricia Hegarty • Homes – Joanna Brundle • Grandma’s House – Alice Melvin • Bricks – Katie Cotton • The Three Little Pigs • Home Tweet Home – Courtney Dicmas • Home Sweet Home – Moira Butterfield
Antarctica	Seaside	Superheroes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blown Away – Rob Biddulph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who’s Hiding at the Seaside? – Katharine McEwen • Danny McGee Drinks the Sea – Andy Stanton • The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch – Ronda and David Armitage • The Seashore – Peter Riley • Why do crab’s walk sideways? – Miles Kelly • The Lighthouse Keeper’s Rescue – Ronda and David Armitage • Info Buzz: The seaside – Izzi Howell • Fact Cat: Seashore – Izzi Howell • The See Saw – Tom Percival • Seaside Holidays Then and Now – Clare Hibbert • One is a snail, ten is a crab – April Pulley Sayre • Secrets of the Seashore: A shine and light book – Carron Brown/Alyssa Nassner • Mister Seahorse – Eric Carle • Living and non-living in the Ocean – Rebecca Rissman • Can you guess what I am? At the seaside – JP Percy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superhero Mum – Joe Berger • Superhero Dad – Joe Berger • Juniper Jupiter – Lizzy Stewart • Super Rabbit – Stephanie Blake • Superhero Hotel – Abie Longstaff/Migy Blanco • Superhero Kid – Claire Freedman/Sarah McIntyre • Eliot Midnight Superhero – Anne Cottringer/Alex T.Smith • Isaac and his Amazing Asperger Superpowers – Melanie Walsh • Superbat – Matt Carr • Superhero Gran – Timothy Knapman/Joe Berger • How to save a superhero – Caryl Hart/Ed Eaves

Let's Look After Our Planet	All about Me – Human Body	Autumn Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Things I can do to help my World – Melanie Walsh • Go Green! A lift-the-flap book – Jessie Eckel • DK What a Waste – Jess French • George Saves the World by Lunchtime – Jo Readman • Somebody Swallowed Stanley – Sarah Roberts • The World Came To My Place Today – Jo Readman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways into Science: Keeping Healthy – Peter Riley • Human Body – Deborah Chancellor • Keeping Safe – Ryan Wheatcroft/Katie Woolley • The Great Big Body Book – Mary Hoffman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree – Britta Tekentrup • Say Hi to Hedgehogs – Jane McGuinness • Herbie's Big Adventure – Jennie Poh • Hedgehogs Don't Live in the City! – Lucy Reynolds • Storm – Sam Usher • I love Seasons: Autumn – Lizzie Scott • Pick a Pumpkin – Patricia Toht • We Found a Seed – Rob Ramsden • It was a cold, dark night – Tim Hopgood • The Leaf Thief – Alice Hemming • Leaf Man – Lois Ehlert

Key Stage 1

Whole Class Reading Books

CYCLE A		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Homes/Once Upon a Time Christmas	Frozen Antarctica How Does Your Garden Grow?	Nature Detectives Oh I Do Like To Be Beside the Seaside
Main Text(s)- The Large Family (Murphy) Whatever Next! (Murphy) Main Little Red Riding Hood Main Christmas poems (Various)	Lost and Found (Jeffers) Penguins (Bone) The Emperor's Egg (Jenkins) Jack and the Beanstalk How do Plants grow? Poems on a theme - plants	Superworm (Donaldson) The Bee Book (Milner) Mad about Minibeasts (Andrae) The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch (Armitage)

CYCLE B		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Superheroes Space	Weather & Nature Healthy Me Fighting Fit	Blue Planet Go Wild
Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly (Nick Sharratt & Sue Heap) Supertato (Sue Hendra) Superhero poetry (Various) Non-fiction Space (Various)	One Snowy Night (Percy the Parkkeeper) Nick Butterworth The Drop Goes Plop: A First Look at the Water Cycle (Sam Godwin)	

The Way Back Home (Oliver Jeffers)	'Weather' National Geographic Reader book 'Jump or Jiggle' and other poems. 'Bears don't eat egg sandwiches!' by Julie Fulton	
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Class Authors (Whole Class Reading)	
Roald Dahl - The Twits, Esio Trot, Georges Marvellous Medicine	
Oliver Jeffers - Stuck, How To Catch A Star, Lost and Found	
Julia Donaldson - Room on the Broom, Stick Man, Highway Rat	
Nick Butterworth - Percy The Park Keeper (various)	

Lower Key Stage 2

Whole Class Reading Books

CYCLE A		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
The Stone Age	Local study - Norwich	Rainforests Volcanoes and earthquakes
Stone Age Bone Age (Manning & Granstrom), Little Nose (Grant) How to Cook Children by Esmelia Sniff	The Hodgeheg (King-Smith) Humorous poems about school	Vanishing Forest (Platt), Great Kapok Tree (Cherry) Aesop Fables Image poetry

CYCLE B		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Ancient Egypt	Around the World in 80 Days	Monarchs – Henry VIII and Queen Victoria
Time Travelling Cat (Jarman) The Time-slip Scarab (Pie Corbett) The Shirt Machine (Animation) Wallace and Gromit Cracking Inventions (Park & Burton)	Shape Poems (Egyptian theme) Aunty Dot's Incredible Adventure Atlas (Yildirim) Around the World in 80 Days Expedition Diaries by Simon Chapman	Leon and the Place In-between The Magic Box Performance poetry by Michael Rosen and Brian Moses Range of current persuasive adverts from magazines 'Crunchbowls' advert

Group reading books

CYCLE A		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Purple Class and the Skellington by Paul Taylor	Ollie by Irene Yates	Rainforest by Meredith Cooper

Bones by Paul Shipton Jumble Power by Rosemary Hayes The Terrible Power of the House Rabbit by Susan Gates The Grabbing Bird by Rosemary Hayes Make it with Paper by Stupid Trousers by Susan Gates It's Party Time by Irene Yates	Very Best Friend by Rowena Beckles Wilson The Bug Shrink by Rosemary Hayes The Amazing Mr Mulch by Rosemary Hayes The Magic Sword by Rosemary Hayes	Twinkl 60 Second reads about the rainforest How Rabbit Stole the Fire by Twinkl Guided Reading – earthquakes and volcanoes
CYCLE B		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Quests and Tests - The Pharaoh's Eye by Janet Woods Nebamun by Meredith Hooper The Egyptian Echo by Paul Dorswell	Tudor Travellers by Haydn Middleton Letters to Edward by Wendy Body Twinkl Guided Reading – famous explorers, continents	

Topic related books

CYCLE A		
AUTUMN The Stone Age	SPRING Local study - Norwich	SUMMER Rainforests Volcanoes and earthquakes
The Secrets of Stonehenge by Mick Manning The First Drawing by Mordicai Gerstain Ug by Raymond Briggs Whose Bones? By Gabrielle Balkin	Children's History of Norwich by Peter Kent Once Upon a Street by Isabelle King	Rainforests in 30 Seconds by Jen Green Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit The Pebble in my Pocket by Meredith Cooper The Street Beneath my Feet by Charlotte Guillian Stone Girl Bone Girl by Laurence Anholt This Little Pebble by Anna Claybourne
CYCLE B		
AUTUMN Ancient Egypt	SPRING Around the World in 80 Days	SUMMER Monarchs – Henry VIII and Queen Victoria

The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx by Joe Todd Stanton Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs by Marcia Williams The Story of Tutankhamun by Patricia Cleveland-Peck Plot on the Pyramid by Terry Deary	Expedition Diaries by Simon Chapman	
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Mindset/Emotional Literacy

Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
 After the Fall by Dan Santat
 Dave’s Cave by Frann Preston-Gannan
 The Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers

Upper Key Stage 2

Whole Class Reading Books

CYCLE A		
AUTUMN The Stars	SPRING Dragons	SUMMER Our Natural World
Cosmic (CottrellBoyce), What’s Up? (Mick Manning, Brita Granstrom) Have I Got News for You (Watt), Letters to Mrs LaRue (Teague), I Wanna Iguana (Karen Kaufman Orloff) Daisy and the Trouble with .. (Gray) You wouldn’t want to be a Roman Gladiator (John Malam)	How to Train Your Dragon (Cowell), Compendium of Dragonology (Steer) The Dragons are Singing Tonight (Prelutsky) and a range of poetry books to support children’s personal choices	Secret Garden (Hodgson/Burnett), selection of example biographies

CYCLE B		
AUTUMN Technical World	SPRING The natural world	SUMMER The Classics
Spy School (Gibbs) Stormbreaker (Horowitz) Daisy and the Trouble with Burglars (Gray)	Running Wild (Morpurgo) Zoo (Browne) Kensuke's Kingdom (Morpurgo)	Animalium (Broom) Romeo & Juliet (Shakespeare) Tadpole’s Promise (Willis)

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CYCLE A		
AUTUMN The Stars	SPRING Dragons	SUMMER Our Natural World
Feel the Force (Super Science) DK Children's Cookbook	Anglo Saxon Boy (Bradman) Riddle of the Runes (Ramirez) Matthew Reinhart pop-up books: Dragons & Monsters, Encyclopedia Prehistorica series (DT pop-up topic) Complete Book of Dragons (Cowell)	
CYCLE B		
AUTUMN Technical World	SPRING The Natural World	SUMMER The Classics
Daisy and the trouble with Christmas (Gray) DK Children's Cookbook	When the Whales Walked (Dixon) Kensuke's Kingdom (Morpurgo)	Botanicum & Dinosaurium (Broome)

All year:

Magazines, including First news, National Geographic Kids & Aquilla

Mindset/Emotional Literacy

