

## 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.



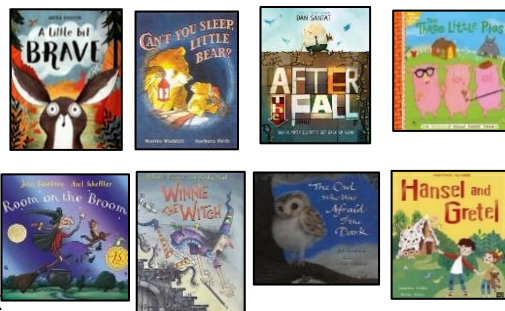
## EYFS – Nursery and Reception

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

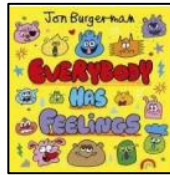
Billy’s Bucket  
Anna Hibiscus  
Elmer  
The Three Billy Goats Gruff  
Billy and the Dragon  
Zog  
George and the Dragon  
The Enormous Turnip



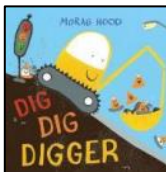
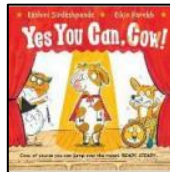
The books below are used to facilitate further reading and learning within the children. The books are appropriately selected to expose the children to different cultures and experiences. These books are shared with parents during transition meetings and Stay and Play events held throughout the year. 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



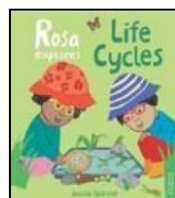
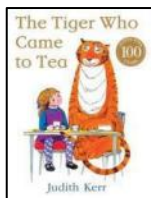
Yes You Can, Cow  
Dig Dig Digger  
Look What I Found



Family and Me  
Kindness Makes Us Strong  
All Kinds of Families



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



## Extended Nursery Reading List:



## 50 Recommended Reads for ... Preschool & Nursery (ages 3-4)



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## 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

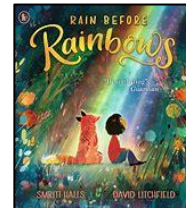
Tiddler  
Gecko’s Echo  
Ravi’s Roar  
Jack and the Beanstalk  
Supertato  
Cops and Robbers  
Ruby’s Worry  
The Hare and the Tortoise



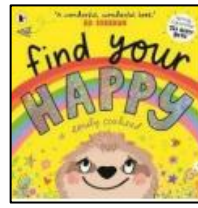
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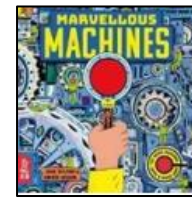
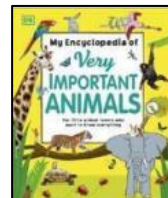
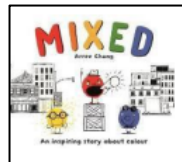
The Heart of the Giant  
Fair Shares  
Rainbows



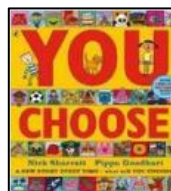
Meet the Weather  
Find Your Happy  
Super Duper You



Mixed  
Very Important Animals  
Marvellous Machines



You Choose  
Tad  
Luna Loves Art



## Extended Reception Reading List:

50 Recommended Reads for...  
**Reception**  
 (ages 4-5)



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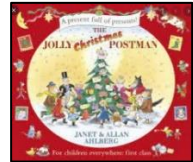
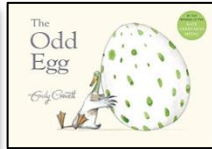
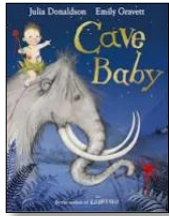
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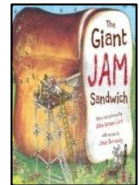
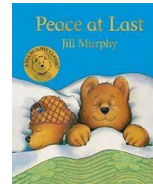
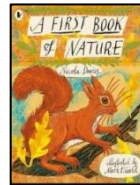
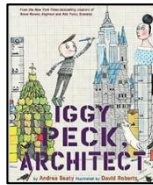
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Cave Baby  
The Odd Egg  
Meerkat Mail  
The Jolly Postman  
At Christmas



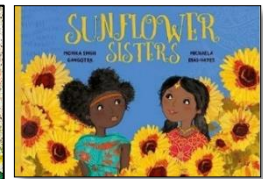
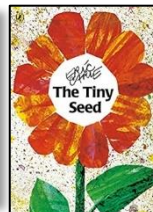
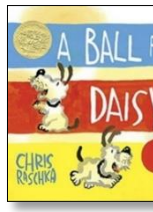
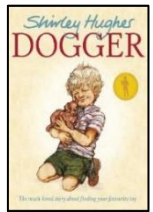
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Iggy Peck Architect  
My First Book of Nature  
Peace at Last  
The Giant Jam Sandwich (re-visited)



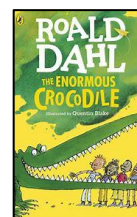
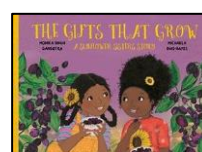
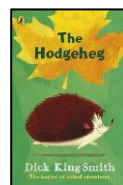
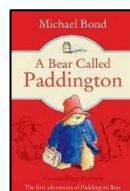
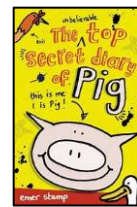
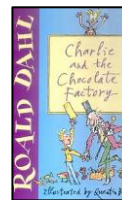
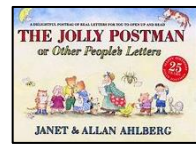
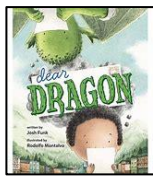
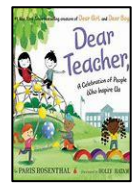
#### Summer

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





## Extended Year 1 Reading List:



50 Recommended Reads for...

# Year 1

(ages 5-6)

**Books for Topics**



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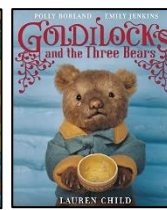
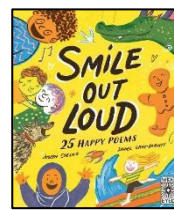
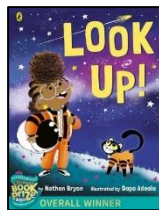
## Year 2

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

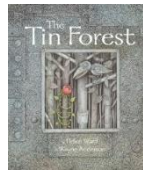
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Look Up  
Clean Up  
Smile Out Loud  
Goldilocks



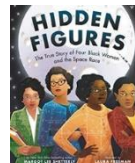
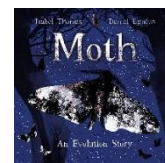
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Great Fire of London  
Tin Forest



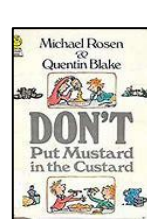
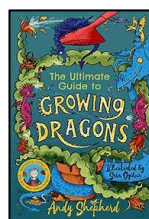
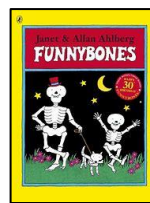
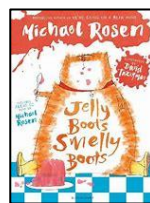
#### Summer

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

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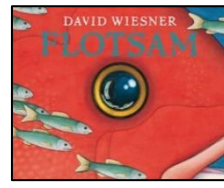
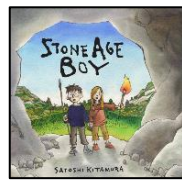
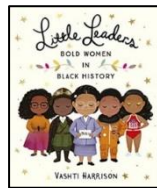
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### Year 3 Reading Spine – Class Books

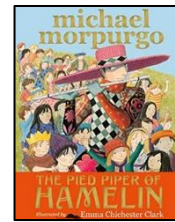
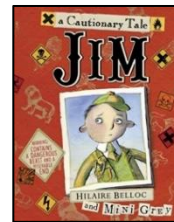
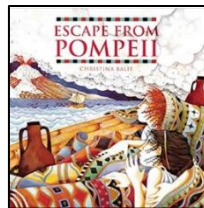
#### Autumn

Little Leaders  
Stone Age Boy  
Flotsam



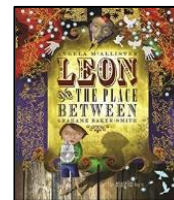
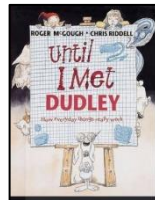
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Escape From Pompeii  
Jim – A Cautionary Tale  
Hamelin – Michael Morpurgo



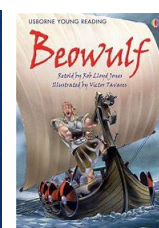
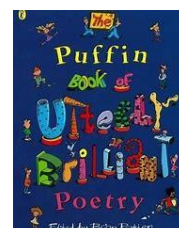
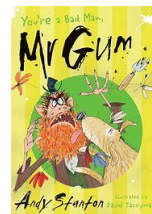
#### Summer

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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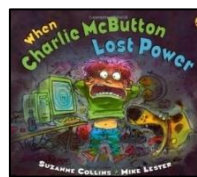
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### Year 4 Reading Spine – Class Books

#### Autumn

When Charlie McButton Lost Power  
Arthur and the Golden Rope



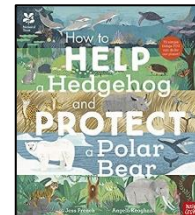
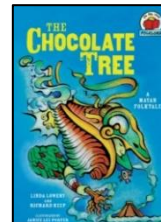
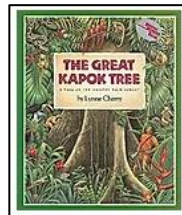
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Marcy and the Riddle of the Phoenix  
The Magic School Bus



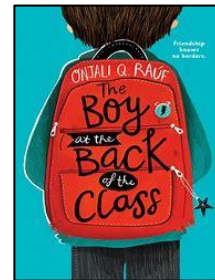
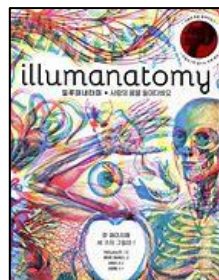
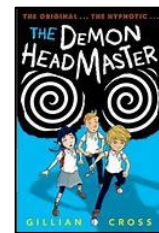
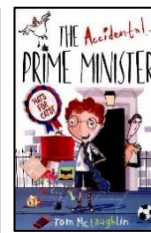
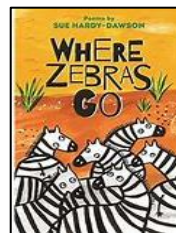
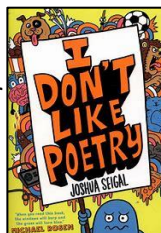
#### Summer

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

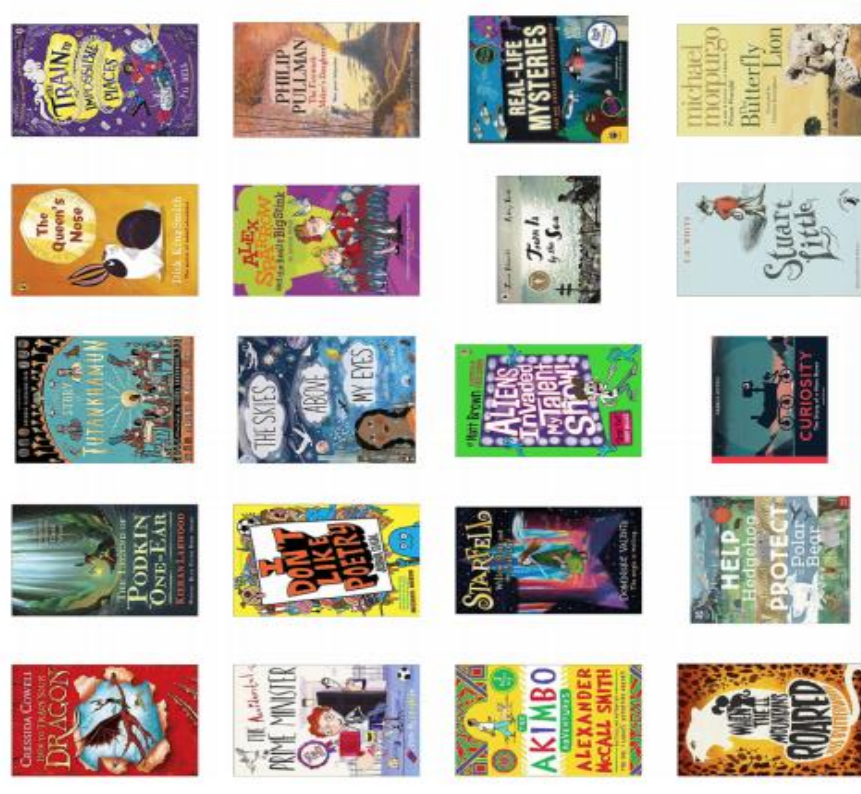


## Extended Year 4 Reading List:



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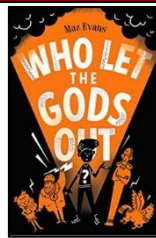
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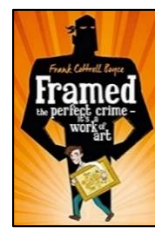
#### Autumn

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



#### Spring

Brightstorm  
Framed  
Survivors



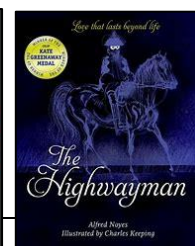
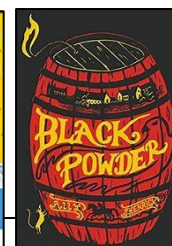
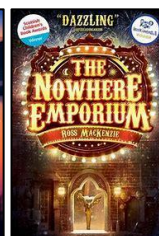
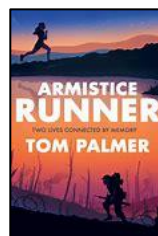
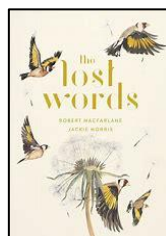
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Explorer  
MacBeth



### Year 5 Reading Spine – Recommended Reads

The Lost Words  
Armistice Runner  
The Nowhere Emporium  
There is a Boy in the Girls  
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



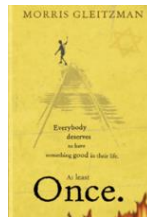
**Spring**

Warhorse  
Poems from the First World War



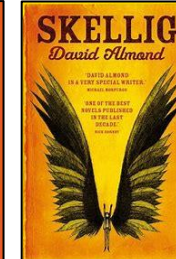
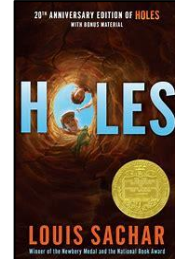
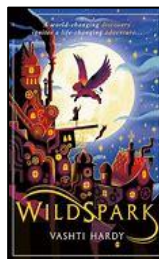
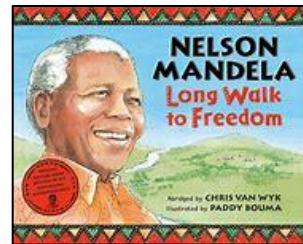
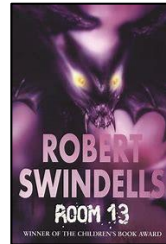
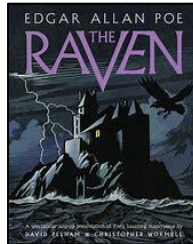
**Summer**

Once  
The Arrival

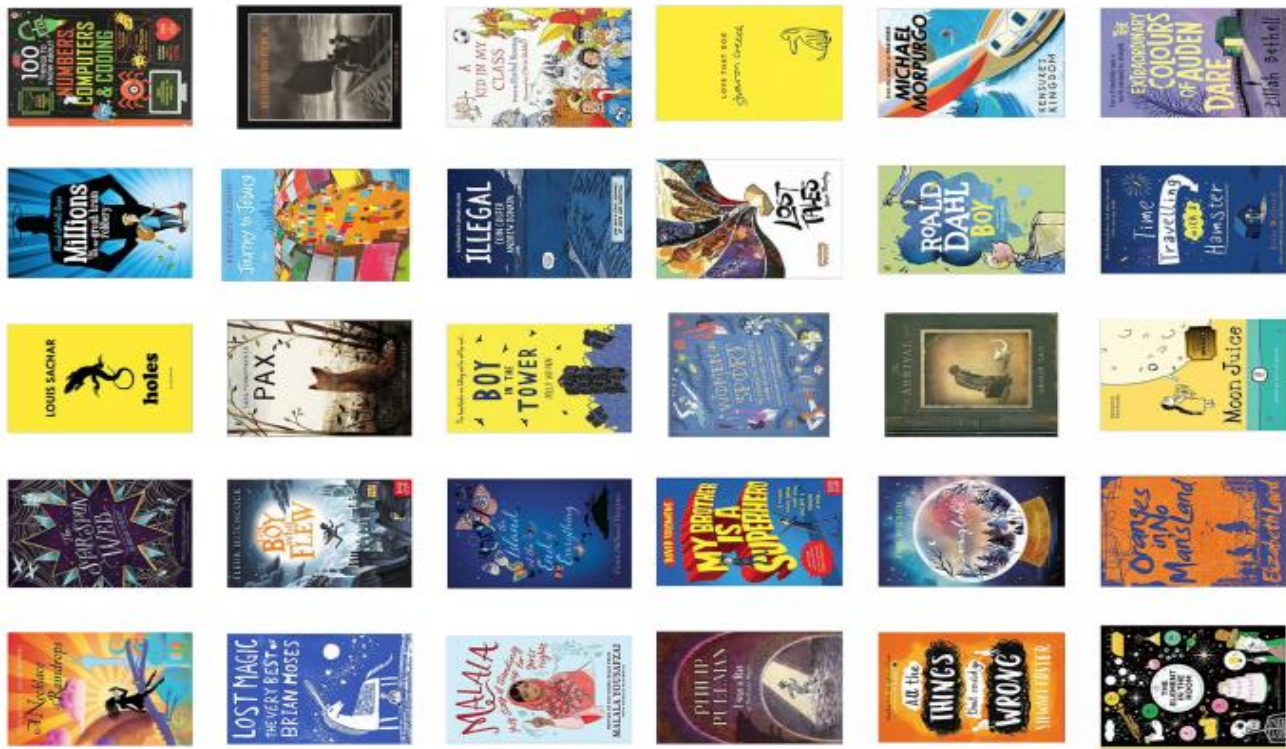


**Year 6 Reading Spine – Recommended Reads**

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

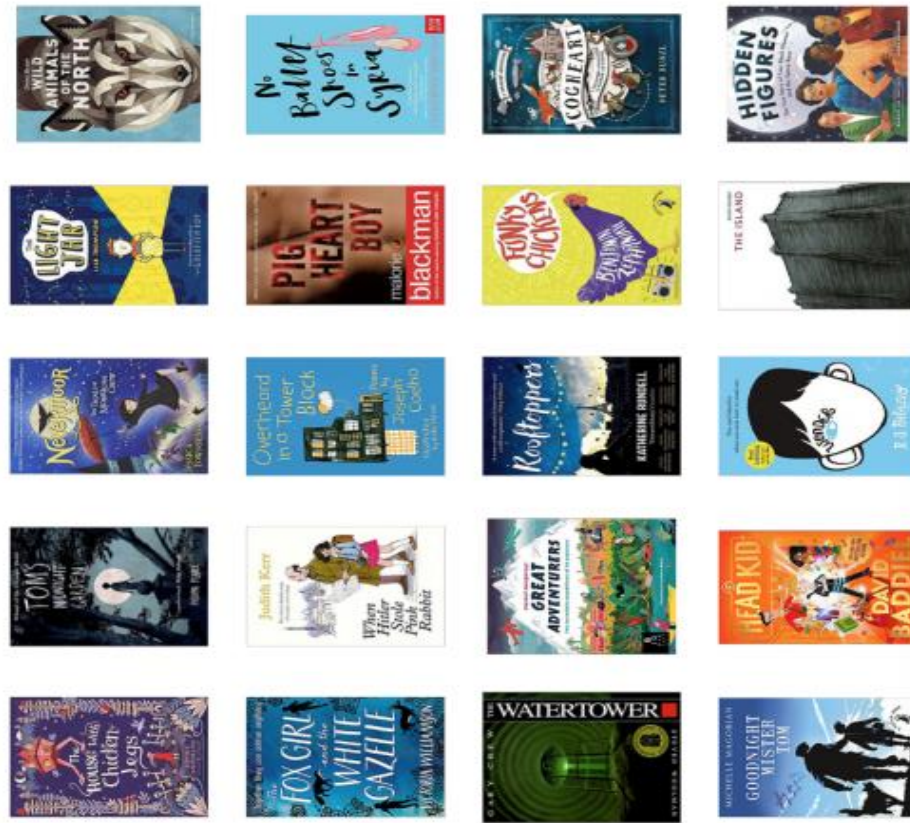


## Extended Year 6 Reading List:



## 50 Recommended Reads for... Year 6

Books for Topics



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