




Pevensey and Westham CE Primary's Reading Spine

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These books provide 'windows' to the world, introducing and approaching 'tricky' subjects such as bereavement, divorce, immigration, democracy and politics, broadening and challenging the children's perception of the world they live in.	Stories that challenge the children beyond the theme and require careful guidance from a teacher, preparing them for reading these stories independently. e.g. non-linear time sequence, archaic language, unreliable narrator.	Stories that exemplify our school's values. 	Books with minority ethnic main characters, books that celebrate difference and books with representations of cultural diversity, different types of families, hearing loss, physical disabilities, medical conditions and neurodiversity.	Classic texts that have inspired more contemporary fiction.	Strong links to our local area. Themes that support a school topic. Reading-into-writing opportunities. Rippin' good yarn!

Yr 2	TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Class Reader	<p>The owl who was afraid of the dark by Jill Tomlinson</p> 	<p>Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith</p> 	<p>The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo</p> 	<p>The Twits by Roald Dahl</p> 	<p>The day I fell into a fairy tale by Ben Miller</p> 	<p>The Truth Pixie by Matt Haig</p> 
	<p>The proudest blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K Ali</p> 	<p>Aaron Slater Illustrator- Andrea Beaty</p> 	<p>The most important animal of all by Penny Worms</p> 	<p>The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling</p> 		<p>Anansi and the Golden Pot by Taiye Selasi</p> 



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The owl who was afraid of the dark by Jill Tomlinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled with gentle humour and giving comforting reassurance to night time fears and anxieties.
The proudest blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K Ali	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad. Links to our Islam topic in RE this term.
Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	With short chapters, clear text and comical black-and-orange illustrations, this rip-roaring adventure will be a big hit with newly independent readers who are looking for more challenging stories. Fast-paced and funny, with plenty of twists and turns, this is a fantastic first story in an extremely entertaining series. A fun book to engage year 2 readers in longer, more challenging texts.
Aaron Slater Illustrator- Andrea Beaty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This story follows Aaron, a boy who loves stories but struggles with writing due to his difficulty in deciphering letters. But when his turn to write a story for the class comes around, inspiration strikes, and he finds another way to share his tale through the pictures he draws. This book gives validity to the talents and strengths of each individual. It is an empowering story time read that can also lead to discussions about helping individuals find ways to personally thrive as well as touching on themes of dyslexia and the power of art.



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The rainbow bear by Michael Morpurgo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Rainbow Bear is a thoughtful story that follows a polar bear in its natural habitat on its journey to catch a rainbow. This lyrical story with beautiful illustrations will fit perfectly with our science topic when teaching key concepts about living things and their adaptations and habitats. A moving tale of hopes and dreams. Links to our habitats topic in Science and Geography in term 3.
The most important animal of all by Penny Worms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a positive and gentle primer for young children about the more worrying issues of habitat loss, endangered species and climate change. Links to our habitats topic in Science and Geography in term 3.
The tantrum that saved the world – by Megan Herbert and Michael E. Mann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The book consists of three parts. The first part is a story about a little girl who inherits a huge problem she didn't ask for, feels all kinds of frustration as she tries to solve it, and then channels those strong emotions into positive action, inspiring all those around her to do the same. The second part explains the science of climate change to children in language they can understand, telling the stories of the climate refugees that appear in the story, and how all their lives are interconnected. An Action Plan then outlines simple and positive actions every person can take to make a real difference and to become the heroes of their own stories. Links to our habitats topic in Science and Geography in term 3.
The Great Explorer by Chris Judge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	When a famous explorer goes missing in the North Pole, his son, Tom, decides he must find him. And so a daring adventure begins across the treacherous icy terrain of the North Pole. Will Tom be able overcome the many challenges ahead and find his father? Links with Geography expedition focus in term 3.
The twits by Roald Dahl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a fun and enjoyable book that readers will just love the silliness of. Under the silliness is also a message of how being rude, horrible and unkind



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							will see you pay for it in the long run and that kindness is the way to go – good will always triumph over evil.
The day I fell into a fairy tale by Ben Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a story about stories, but it's also about a brother and a sister finding their way back to each other through the power of imagination. The clever way traditional tales and their characters are woven into this text will support our 'Twisted Tales' topic in term 5.
The Truth Pixie by Matt Haig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A very funny and lovable tale of how one special pixie learned to love herself.
Anansi and the Golden Pot by Taiye Selasi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anansi is a trickster character from traditional West African folklore. This picture book reimagines the story of Anansi for a new generation. This charming retelling of a West African story teaches readers about the dangers of greed, and the importance of being kind.