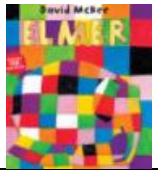
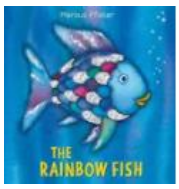
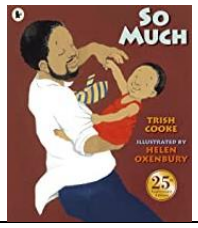
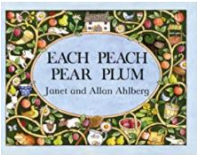
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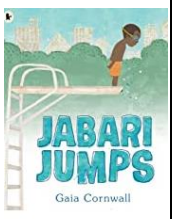
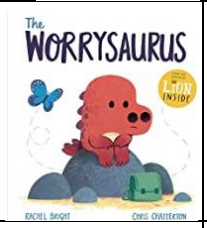
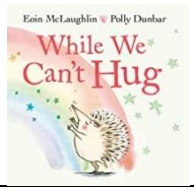
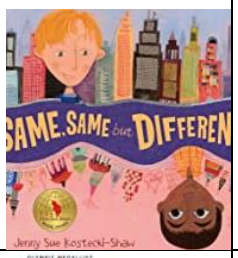
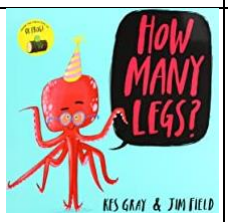
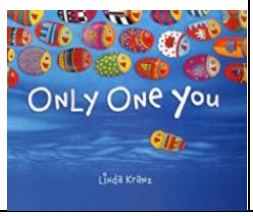
Recommended book lists to support whole class reading, story time, book corners and cross-curricular opportunities.

Below is a suggested reading book list for each year group. This list will be reviewed and updated every year to ensure the school is keeping up with current literature. Themes and opportunities to develop understanding od diversity and well-being are identified. This list is not exclusive, but a guide for appropriate books for all staff, parents and children.

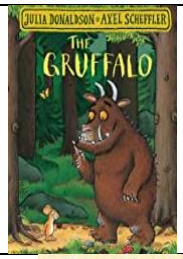
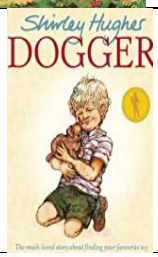
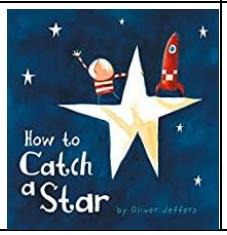
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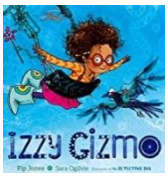
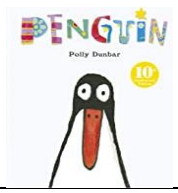
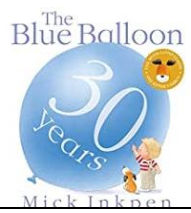
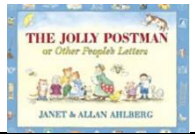
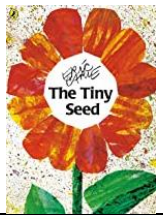
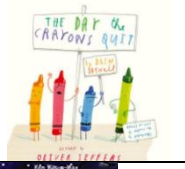
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The Rainbow Fish 	Marcus Pfister	• Kindness • Sharing	Making relationships Self-confidence and self-awareness Managing feelings and behavior
We're going on a Bear Hunt 	Michael Rosen	• Family • Exploration	The World Making relationships Self-confidence and self-awareness
Handa's Surprise 	Eileen Browne	• BAME main character • Healthy Eating • Animals • Senses	The World Numbers People and communities
Joy 	Corrine Averiss	• Empathy • Finding joy	Managing feelings and behaviour People and communities The world Being imaginative
So Much 	Trish Cooke	• BAME main characters • Extended families	People and communities Making relationships Self-confidence and self-awareness
Each Peach Pear Plum 	Allan and Janet Ahlberg	• Rhythm and rhyme • Nursery rhymes	Listening and concentration Understanding

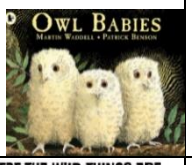
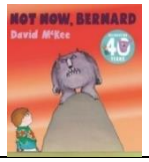
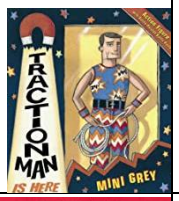
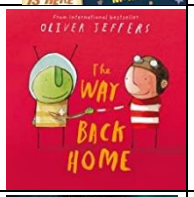
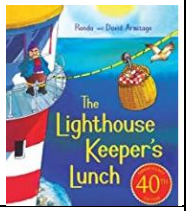
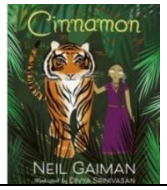
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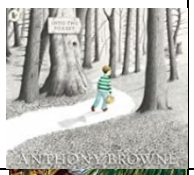
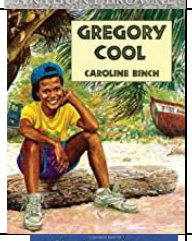
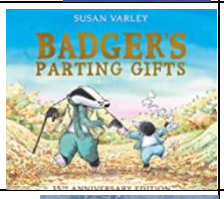
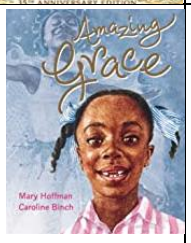
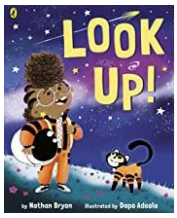
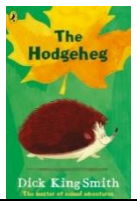
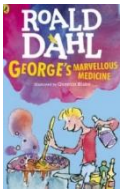
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The Worrysaurus 	Rachel Bright	• Staying in the moment	Managing feelings and behaviour Self-confidence and self-awareness
While we can't hug 	Eain McLaughlin	• Showing affection • Friendships	Managing feelings and behaviour Making relationships
Same, same but different 	Jenny Sue Kostecki	• BAME main character • Friendships • Acceptance and tolerance • Global	Making relationships People and communities
The Proudest Blue 	Ibtihaj Muhammad	• BAME main character • New experiences • Family	Making relationships People and communities Self-confidence and self-awareness
How Many Legs 	Kes Grey and Jim Field	• Animals • Counting	The World Numbers
Only One You 	Linda Krantz	• Exploration • animals	The World Self-confidence and self-awareness

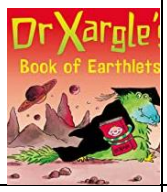
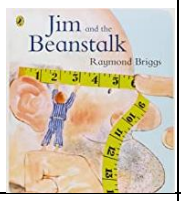
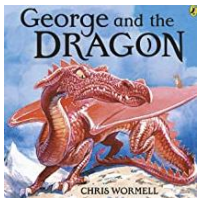
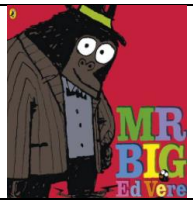
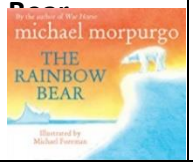
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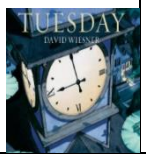
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The Extraordinary Gardener 	Sam Boughton	• Nature • Growing • imagination	Managing feelings and behaviour People and communities The world Being imaginative
From Head to Toe 	Eric Carle	• Body parts • Movement	The World Physical Development
The Gruffalo 	Julia Donaldson	• Bravery • Facing fears • Rhythm and rhyme • Animal Kingdom	Listening and concentration Understanding The World
Dogger 	Shirley Hughes	• Toys • Loss • Favourite things	Self-confidence and self-awareness Managing feelings and behaviour
The Tiger who came to tea 	Judith Kerr	• Humour	Making relationships People and communities Self-confidence and self-awareness
How to catch a star 	Oliver Jeffers	• Imagination • Dreams • Achieving goals	Self-confidence and self-awareness Being Imaginative

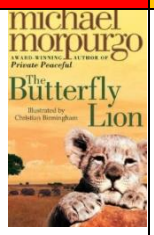
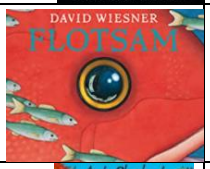
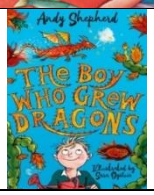
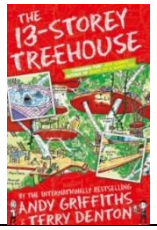
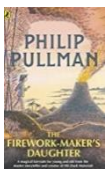
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Meerkat Mail 	**Emily Gravett**	• **Family** • **Relationships**	**Habitats** **English – postcards/letters**
Izzy Gizmo 	**Pip Jones**	• **BAME main characters** • **Inventors** • **Perseverance** • **Female engineers**	**STEM subjects**
Funny Bones 	**Allan and Janet Ahlberg**	• **Humour** • **Repetition**	**Science – body parts**
Penguin 	**Polly Dunbar**	• **Perseverance** • **Friendship**	**Winter, polar habitats**
The Blue Balloon 	**Mick Inkpen**	• **Magic** • **Imagination**	**Role Play**
The Jolly Postman 	**Janet and Allen Ahlberg**	• **Important jobs** • **Positive attitudes**	**English – letter writing, postcards, fairy tales, traditional stories**
The Tiny Seed 	**Eric Carle**	• **Surviving a journey**	**Seasons, how seeds grow into flowers**
The Day the Crayons Quit 	**Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers**	• **Stereotypes** • **Being different** • **Imagination**	**Art and Design**
Astro Girl 	**Ken Wilcox-Max**	• **BAME main character** • **Challenges** • **Adventure** •	**English** **Science - space**

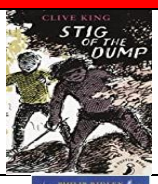
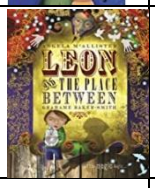
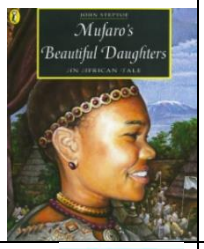
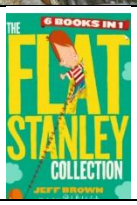
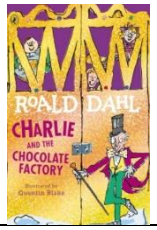
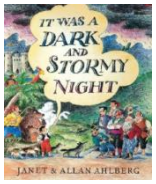
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Owl Babies 	Martin Waddell	• Sibling relationships • Fear • Bravery	PHSE
Where the Wild Things are 	Maurice Sendak	• Imagination • Adventures • Family • Loneliness	PHSE Science – living things
Not Now, Bernard 	David McKee	• Getting attention from parents	PHSE
Traction Man 	Mini Grey	• Adventure • Imagination • Superhero's	Science, materials Art and Design
Way Back Home 	Oliver Jeffers	• Loneliness • Friendship	English – writing
Man on the Moon 	Simon Bartram	• Responsibilities and jobs • Adventure	Space
Lighthouse Keepers' Lunch 	Ronda and David Armitage	• Responsibilities and jobs • Invention and imagination	Design and Technology
Cinnamon 	Neil Gaiman	• BAME main character • mystery	PHSE

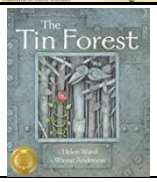
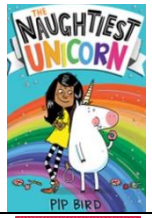
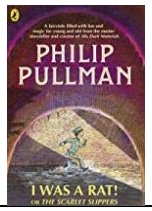
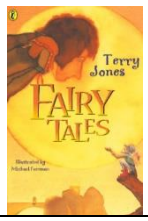
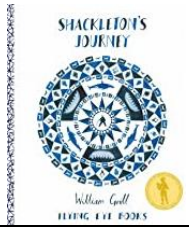
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Into the Forest 	Anthony Browne	• Fairy tales • Imagination • Choices	Art and Design, hidden detail in the illustrations
Gregory Cool 	Caroline Binch	• BAME main character • Different cultures	Geography PHSE – fitting in
The Owl who was afraid of the Dark 	Jill Tomlinson	• Bravery • Conquering your fears	Habitats, nocturnal animals
Badger's Parting gifts 	Susan Varley	• Death and Loss • Memories	PHSE
Amazing Grace 	Mary Hoffman	• BAME main character • Achieve anything • Belief in yourself	PHSE
Look Up! 	Nathan Bryan and Dapa Adeola	• BAME main character • Impact of screen time • Sibling relationships	Science
The Hodgeheg 	Dick King-Smith	• Road Safety • Perseverance	PHSE
George's Marvellous Medicine 	Roald Dahl	• Family • Revenge	PHSE English – writing instructions

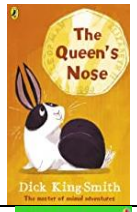
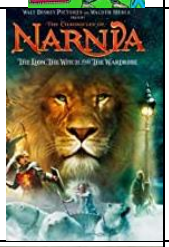
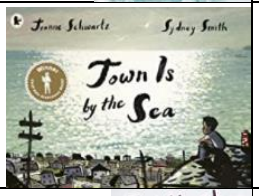
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Bog Baby 	**Jeanne Wills and Gwen Millward**	• **Magic** • **Looking after something**	**PHSE** **Science – looking after animals**
Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets 	**Jeanne Willis**	• **Humour** • **Human**	**Science – human features**
Jim and the Beanstalk 	**Raymond Briggs**	• **Classic tales** • **Mystery and adventure**	**English**
The Dragon Machine 	**Helen Ward**	• **Loneliness** • **Imagination**	**English**
George and the Dragon 	**Chris Wormell**	• **Adventure** • **Unlikely heroes** • **Facing fears** • **Bravery**	**English** **History – castles and knights**
Mr Big 	**Ed Vere**	• **Being noticed** • **Acceptance**	**PHSE**
Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig 	**Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury**	• **Classic and alternative tales** • **Humour** • **Perseverance**	**English** **Design and Technology** **Science - Materials**
The Invisible 	**Tom Percival**	• **Family** • **Changes** • **Everyone has a place** • **Belonging**	**PHSE**
The Rainbow 	**Michael Morpurgo**	• **Wishes** • **Hopes and dreams**	**PHSE**

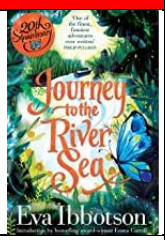
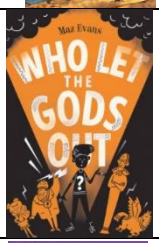
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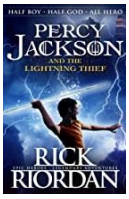
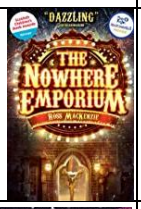
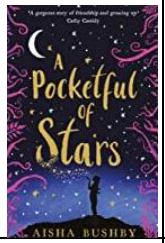
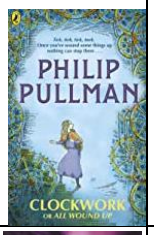
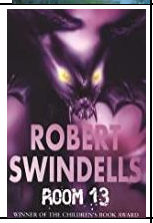
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Butterfly Lion 	**Michael Morpurgo**	• **Growing up in Africa** • **Being separated** • **Keeping promises**	**Geography** **Science – animals and habitats**
How to train your Dragon 	**Cressida Cowell**	• **Dragons** • **Adventure** • **Becoming a hero**	**History – Vikings**
Flotsam 	**David Wiesner**	• **Picture Book** • **Adventure**	**English**
The Boy who grew dragons 	**Andy Shepherd**	• **Adventure** • **Looking after something**	**English** **PHSE**
The 13-storey treehouse 	**Andy Griffiths**	• **Imaginations** • **Inventions**	
The street beneath my feet 	**Charlotte Guilian and Yuval Zommer**	• **Exploration** • **Our world**	**Science – rocks and fossils**
The Firework Maker's Daughter 	**Phillip Pullman**	• **BAME main character** • **Adventure** • **Journey** • **Secrets**	**Geography - volcanoes**
The Worst Witch 	**Jill Murphy**	• **Not fitting in** • **Perseverance** • **acceptance**	**PHSE**

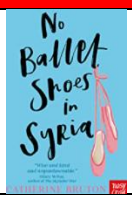
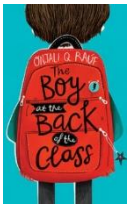
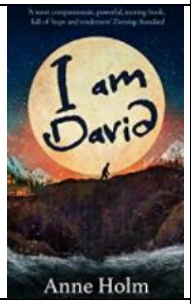
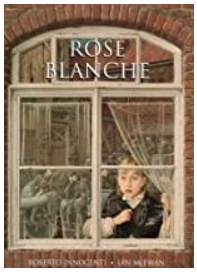
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Stig of the Dump 	**Clive King**	• **Loneliness** • **Friendship** • **adventures**	**History – Stone Age** **PHSE**
Kindlekrax 	**Philip Ridley**	• **Fitting in** • **Unexpected heroes**	**PHSE**
Leon and the Place Between 	**Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith**	• **Magic** • **Imagination** • **Journey**	**PHSE** **English**
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale 	**John Steptoe**	• **Folk tales from different cultures** • **Kindness** • **Relationships**	**English – tales from different cultures** **PHSE**
Flat Stanley 	**Jeff Brown**	•	
Charlie and the Chocolate factory 	**Roald Dahl**	• **Imagination** • **Following rules** • **Greed**	**English** **PHSE**
It was a Dark and Stormy Night 	**Janet Ahlberg**	• **Adventure** • **Bravery** • **Storytelling** • **Fears and anxiety**	**PHSE** **English**
The True Story of the 3 little Pigs 	**Jon Scieszka**	• **Alternative fairy tales** •	**English – opportunities to write**

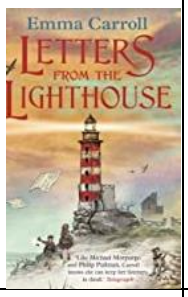
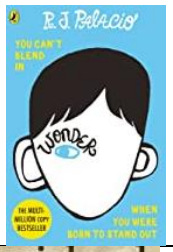
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Charlotte's Web 	E. B. White	• Friendship • Determination • Overcoming adversity	PHSE Science - Animals, classifying living things
The Tin Forest 	Helen Ward	• Creation • Hope, renewal • Transformation	Science – looking after the planet PHSE – Eco schools
The Naughtiest Unicorn 	Pip Bird	• BAME main character • Humour • Friendship	PHSE
Erica's Elephant 	Sylvia Bishop	• Friendship • Adventure	English PHS
I was a Rat! 	Philip Pullman	• Family • Chance and misfortune • Mystery and danger	PHSE English
Fairy Tales 	Terry Jones	• Fairy tales • Adventure • Morals	English
Shackleton's Journey 	William Grill	• Endurance • Exploration	History – exploration

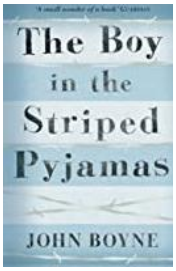
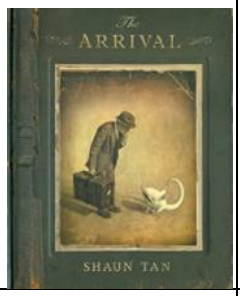
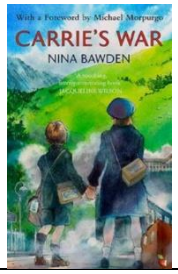
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The Queen's Nose 	Dick King-Smith	• Magic	
Aliens invaded my talent show 	Matt Brown	• Humour • Bravery • Unexpected heroes	
The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe 	C.S.Lewis	• Family • Magic • Bravery	English
Town is by the sea 	Joanne Schwartz	• Picture book • Family • Communities	English PHSE
The Iron Man 	Ted Hughes	• Bravery • Danger • Facing fears	English PHSE

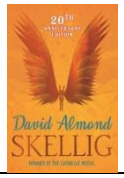
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Journey to the River Sea 	**Eva Ibbotson**	• **Family** • **Nature** • **Adventure** • **Mystery**	**Geography – rainforests** **English**
Secrets of a sun king 	**Emma Carroll**	• **Journey** • **Adventure** • **Mystery**	**History – Ancient Eygpt**
Who Let the Gods out 	**Maz Evans**	• **Bravery**	**History - Greeks**
Cosmic 	**Frank Cottrell Boyce**	• **Parents making sacrifices for children** • **Space travel**	**Science – Space**
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets 	**J K Rowling**	• **Magic** • **Loss and family** • **Friendships**	**PHSE** **English**
Hidden Figures 		• **BAME main characters** • **Diversity** • **Equality**	**Science – Space** **PHSE**
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom 	**Louis Sachar**	• **Bravery** • **Acceptance**	**PHSE**

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Title	**Author**	**Themes**	**Cross-curricular links**
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief 	**Rick Riordan**	• **Family** • **Friendship and Belonging** • **Identify and feeling normal**	**PHSE** **History - Greeks**
The Nowhere Emporium 	**Ross McKenzie**	• **Adventure** • **Magic** • **Mystery**	**PHSE – Bullying**
A Pocketful of Stars 	**Aisha Bushby**	• **BAME main character** • **Conflict with parents** • **Not fitting in**	**PHSE – developing confidence**
Clockwork 	**Phillip Pullman**	• **Hard work and perseverance** • **Friendship** • **Love**	**PHSE**
Room 13 	**Robert Swindell**	• **Mystery** • **Horror** • **Friendship**	
Kensuke's Kingdom 	**Michael Morpurgo**	• **Family** • **Adventure** • **Survival** • **Friendship**	**PHSE**
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Year 6			
Title	**Author**	**Themes**	**Cross-curricular links**
No Ballet Shoes in Syria 	**Catherine Burton**	• **BAME main characters** • **Refugees, asylum**	**History – conflicts**
The Boy at the Back of the Class 	**Onjali Raufa galaxy**	• **BAME main characters** • **Refugees** • **Loss of family** • **Empathy** • **Friendship**	**History – conflict** **PHSE**
A Galaxy of her own: Amazing stories of women in space 	**Libby Jackson**	• **Aspirations**	**Science – STEM**
Pig-Heart Boy 	**Malorie Blackman**	• **Difficult choices** • **Appreciating what you have**	**Science – the heart, transplant, animal rights**
I am David 	**Anne Holm**	• **Refugees** • **Escape**	**History – WW2**
Rose Blanche 	**Ian McEwan and Roberto Innocenti**	• **Picture book** • **Conflict** • **Concentration camps**	**History – WW2**

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Letters from the Lighthouse 	**Emma Carroll**	• **Evacuation** • **Mystery**	**History – WW2**
Agent Zaiba investigates: The Missing Diamonds 	**Annabelle Sami**	• **BAME main character** • **Mystery** • **Bravery**	**RE – mendhi parties**
Overhead on a Tower Block 	**Joseph Coehlo**	• **Narrative poetry** • **Bullying** • **Divorce**	**English** **PHSE**
Wonder 	**R J Pallacio**	• **Bullying** • **Acceptance** • **Friendship**	**PHSE**
Private Peaceful 	**Michael Morpurgo**	• **Family** • **Conflict** • **Bravery**	**History – WW2**
Holes 	**Louis Sachar**	• **Friendship** • **Bullying** • **Racism** • **Characters form different cultures**	**History – civil rights** **PHSE**

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The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas 	**John Boyne**	• **Conflict** • **Concentration camps** • **Friendships**	**History – WW2** **RE – Holocaust, Judaism**
Tom's Midnight Garden 		•	
Darwin's Dragons 	**Lindsay Galvin**	• **Adventure** • **Discovery**	**Science - Evolution**
The Arrival 	**Shaun Tan**	• **Picture Book** • **Refugees** • **Displaced people**	**PHSE** **History - Conflict**
Cogheart 	**Peter Bunzl**	• **Mystery** • **Adventure** • **Loss of parent**	**History - Victorians**
Carrie's War 	**Nina Bawden**	• **Evacuation** • **Sibling relationships** • **Guilt**	**History – WW2**

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The Hobbit 	**JRR Tolkien**	• **Quest** • **Friendship** • **Bravery**	**English**
Skellig 	**David Almond**	• **Illness of family member** • **Magic**	**PHSE**

Poetry to be explored and shared throughout the school

"In primary schools, pupils are expected to read poems from a range of cultures, good quality modern poetry and classic poetry. "
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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sharing a shell by Julia Donaldson Let Me Do it by Michael Rosen Range of traditional nursery rhymes **Anthologies**: A Treasury of songs by Julia Donaldson This Little Puffin: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes and songs A Great Big cuddle: Poems for younger children by Michael Rosen	The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear Where Teachers Keep their Pets by Paul Cookson **Anthologies**: Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems Hey Little Bugs: Poems for Little Creatures When we were young: A.A Milne	The Magic Box by Kit Wright Dog in the Playground by Allan Ahlberg **Anthologies**: Heard it on the playground by Allan Ahlberg The Works: KS1 edited by Pie Corbett	Granny is by Valerie Bloom Firework Night by Enid Blyton From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson **Anthologies**: Midnight Feast: Tasty Poems by A.F. Harrold Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl Quick, Let's get out here by Michael Rosen	The Sound Collector by Roger McGough Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll **Anthologies**: Deep in the Green Wood by Wes McGee Sensational! Poems inspired by the five senses by Roger McGough Under the Moon and Over the Sea: A collection of Caribbean Poems	The Highway Man by Alfred Noyes Moon by Robert Louis Stevenson The Listeners by Walter de la Mare **Anthologies**: Please Mrs. Butler by Ahlberg Funky Chickens by Benjamin Zephaniah	Dulce et Decorum by Wilfred own In Flanders Fields by John McCrae The Eagle by Lord Tennyson People need people by Benjamin Zephaniah **Anthologies**: Ted Hughes Collection: Poems for Children A Book of Hope, Katherine
Poems for whole school/key stage assemblies The Hope-o-potamus by Greg James and Chris Smith The Creature in the Cave by Jenny McLachlan A Store full of magical things by Rutendo Tavengerwei Me by Swapna Haddow			**Poems for whole school/key stage assemblies** The Hope-o-potamus by Greg James and Chris Smith The Creature in the Cave by Jenny McLachlan A Store full of magical things by Rutendo Tavengerwei			