

Weston St Mary Church of England Primary
School
Literature Spine
2022-23



“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

Rationale

The Weston St Mary Literature Spine has been designed by the staff at Weston with the intention of ensuring that all children at the school are exposed to the very best fiction that has been written; enabling them to experience the intrinsic sense of joy that reading can bring, as well as developing their knowledge of the world.

It is to be viewed as their core entitlement – and, as such, is non-negotiable.

The titles have been carefully selected for their quality as stories or poems and in terms of how they can support the children's understanding of the subjects covered in the school's curriculum.

The Literature Spine reflects established children's authors and classics of literature. In addition, we have strived to ensure that the texts are as diverse as possible, in order for it to support the children's development in becoming responsible, tolerant, well-rounded and well-informed young people.

It is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Rather, it is the bare minimum, and our aspiration is that children will use it as a launch pad for their own journeys as life-long readers; where the pure love of reading will ensure that it forms part of their daily routines for the rest of their lives.



Reception

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| Focus | <i>What makes me, me?</i> | | <i>What is happening outside my window?</i> | <i>What was life like, once upon a time?</i> | <i>Why is water wonderful?</i> | <i>Where could I travel to?</i> |
| Curriculum Texts | Super Duper You! Piper the Puppy, First day at school Everywhere babies My friends and me Revolting things to touch and feel Funny bones | When I Grow up The three little pigs Handa's Suprise The Diwali Story All are welcome The same but different All the way home | Tree Were going on a leaf hunt Jaspers beanstalk The tiny seed Owl Babies Jack Frost The Big book of bugs The Wind Blew | Little Red Riding Hood Goldilocks and the three bears Jack and the bean stalk Gingerbread man In every house, on very street The little red hen War boy | Who Sank the Boat Get out my bath The crocodile who didn't like water The Water Princess The Snail and the Whale Sharing a shell Lucy and Tom at the seaside Beautiful Oops | Were going on a bear hunt The way back home Emma's aeroplane A letter from your teacher Lost and found The train ride Dreams in a jar |
| Class Novel (to be read by CT) | Monkey Puzzle The colour monster The Gruffalo Whatever next Love makes a family | The gingerbread man Stickman The Christmas story | Rosie's Walk The very hungry caterpillar Noah's Ark | The Easter Story The Ugly Duckling Magnificent me Little Red Hansel and Gretel | Oliver's vegetables Jack and the bean stalk Jasper's beanstalk Pirates love Underpants | How to catch a star Whatever next The Smeds and the Smoos The invisible string |

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| | <p>The Smartest Giant in Town</p> <p>I am kind</p> <p>The lion inside</p> | <p>We're going on a bear hunt</p> <p>The Jolly Postman</p> <p>The Night before Christmas</p> <p>Remember, remember the fifth of November.</p> <p>Where the Poppies now grow.</p> | <p>Percy The Park Keeper- The bad storm</p> <p>A perfect day for digging</p> <p>The tiny seed</p> <p>Wow said the Owl</p> <p>Superworm</p> | <p>The Queen's Knickers</p> <p>The tiger who came to tea</p> | <p>Mrs Armitage and the big wave</p> <p>If I had a little dream</p> | <p>Mrs Armitage on Wheels</p> <p>Grandad's island</p> <p>We all go travelling by</p> <p>Maisy goes by plane</p> |
| Poetry/Nursery Rhymes | <p>1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish a live</p> <p>5 little monkeys</p> <p>Baa baa black sheep</p> <p>Twinkle twinkle little star</p> | <p>Head, shoulders, knees and toes</p> <p>Hey diddle diddle</p> <p>5 little ducks</p> <p>5 speckled frogs</p> | <p>Old Macdonald had a farm</p> <p>It's raining, it's pouring</p> <p>Hickory, Dickory dock</p> <p>Incy- Wincy spider</p> | <p>Mary had a little lamb</p> <p>The grand old Duke of York</p> <p>5 current buns</p> <p>I finger, one thumb</p> | <p>1, 2 buckle my shoe</p> <p>Polly put the kettle on</p> <p>10 fat sausages</p> <p>10 green bottles</p> <p>10 in the bed</p> | <p>The wheels on the bus</p> <p>Here we go round the mulberry bush</p> <p>Humpty Dumpty</p> <p>Zoom zoom zoom we're going to the moon.</p> |

Year 1/2

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| English Texts | <p>Recount & Narrative:</p> <p>Can I Build Another Me? By Shinsuke Yoshitane</p> | <p>Non-chronological report:</p> <p>The Big Book of the Blue by Yuval Zommer</p> <p>Letter Writing: The Jolly Postman by Allan Ahlberg</p> | <p>Narrative unit-traditional tale: Little Red Riding Hood</p> <p>Newspaper writing: A Wolf at the door and Who's been eating my porridge? By Nick Ward & Inside The Villains by Clotilde Perrin</p> | <p>Instructions: How to wash a Woolly Mammoth</p> <p>Recount:</p> | <p>Persuasive leaflet-caring for the environment</p> <p>Narrative-adventure story: A River by</p> | <p>Non-fiction- Travel journal</p> <p>Poetry – Humorous poems</p> |
| Class Novel (to be read by CT) | <p>The Giraffe the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl</p> <p>Mrs Pepperpot Stories by Alf Proysen</p> | <p>The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton</p> | <p>Winnie the Pooh by A.A Milne</p> | <p>The Owl who was afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson</p> | <p>Fred Wizard in Training by Simon Philip</p> | <p>George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl</p> |
| Poetry/Nursery Rhymes. | <p>Poems Out Loud – Various</p> | <p>Poems to perform by Julia Donaldson</p> <p>'Twas the Night before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore</p> | <p>The Owl and the Pussy Cat by Edward Lear</p> | <p>On the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan</p> | <p>Poetry For change</p> <p>A National Anthology – Various</p> | <p>The Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen</p> |

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| Whole Class Key Texts | The Tin Forest by Helen Ward The Last Wolf by Mini Grey The Slightly Annoying Elephant by David Walliams | The Lion Inside by Racheal Bright Little Beauty by Anthony Browne The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka | Marge in Charge by Isla Fisher | The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me | The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer | Gabbolino the Witch's Cat by Ursula Williams |
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Year 3/4

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| English Texts | <p>Narrative (Myths & Legends) – ‘Theseus and the Minotaur’ by Jean Menzies</p> <p>Non-chronological report – So you think you’ve got it bad?</p> | <p>Newspaper report – ‘The Rainplayer’”</p> <p>Persuasive leaflet – ‘Skara Brae’ by Dawn Finch</p> | <p>Poetry – ‘I asked the little boy who couldn’t see’ Anon – supported by ‘The Colour of History’ by Clive Gifford</p> <p>Personal recount – diary entry - Roman Diary – The Journey of Iliona – A Young Slave by Richard Platt</p> | <p>Non-Chronological report - ‘Earth-Shattering Events’ by Robin Jacobs. Illustrated by Sophie Williams.</p> <p>Narrative – Setting Description – The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry</p> | <p>Explanation – ‘The Street Beneath My Feet’ by Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer</p> <p>Letters - ‘This Is How We Do It’ by Matt Lamothe</p> | <p>Narrative - Fantasy – ‘Wisp – A story of hope’ by Zana Fraillon & Grahame Baker Smith</p> <p>Poetry – ‘Summer is here’ Anon.</p> |
| Class Novel (to be read by CT) | Mr Majeika | The Great Chocoplot | The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd | Leonora Bolt by Lucy Brandt | The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin | The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane |
| Poetry/Nursery Rhymes. | Poetry Pie by Roger McGough | <p>Lost by James Godden</p> <p>The Sad Story of a Little Boy That Cried (anon.)</p> | Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots by Michael Rosen | I am a Jigsaw: Puzzling Poems to Baffle Your Brain by Roger Stevens | I Don't Like Poetry by Joshua Seigal | The Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris |

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| | | <p>The Complacent Tortoise by Brian Patten</p> <p>The Unicorn by EV Rieu</p> <p>The Crunch by Gerda Mayer</p> | | | | |
| Whole Class Key Texts | Billy and the Minpins | The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman | My Friend Walter by Michael Morpurgo | Mr Gum by Andy Stanton | The Nothing-to-see-here Hotel by Steven Butler | Tilly and the Time Machine by Adrian Edmondson |

Year 5/6

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| English Texts | Biography: David Attenborough unit Journalistic: Goldilocks- guilty or not guilty unit Non-chronological reports: Everest by Sangma Francis and Lisk Feng | Poetry: Narrative poem- The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes Narrative-adventure: The Firework Maker's Daughter Narrative-science-fiction: War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells | Explanation texts Non-chronological reports: Emperor Penguins unit Narrative: The Arrival unit | Persuasive: Kick by Mitch Johnson unit Balanced argument: Screen Use unit | Historical narrative: Rose Blanche by Christophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti Recount: Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll Journalistic writing | Persuasive writing Poetry: The Malfeasance by Alan Bold |
| Class Novel (to be read by CT) | Just So Stories by Edward Lear | The Hobbit by J R R Tolkien | Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson | Wonder by R.J Palacio | Cogheart by Peter Bunzi | The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley |
| Poetry/Nursery Rhymes. | Silver by Walter De La Mare | The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes Snow and Snow by Ted Hughes | From a railway carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson | Go to the Back Rosa Parks By Nikki Giovanni | If by Rudyard Kipling | Macavity: The Mystery Cat by T.S.Eliot |

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| Whole Class Key Texts | The Tiger in the Tower by Julia Golding | War of the Worlds (Usborne Young Readers) by H.G. Wells | The Valley of the Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr | Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman | How High the Moon by Karyn Parsons | The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird |