

Story time non-negotiables

Story time takes place daily in every classroom. The texts used for story time will be a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Story time is essential to grow a love of reading in all our children. This table shows the non-negotiable texts for each half term, although many more will be shared with the classes – such as a range of books voted for by children and recommended by teachers and families.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS	<p>Non Fiction: The Body, All families are different,</p> <p>Fiction: Me and my amazing feelings, What Makes Me, Grandpa, Ruby's Worry, Ravi's Roar,</p> <p>My Family Poetry: Book of Cuddles</p>	<p>Non Fiction: Autumn, Winter, Weather, Cookery books, Antarctica</p> <p>Fiction: Pumpkin Soup, Rama and Sita, Snowman, Stick man, The Nut Cracker, Scrooge, Night before Christmas, Christmas</p> <p>Postman Poetry: Christmas Poem Jill Bennett</p>	<p>Non Fiction: Animals, China, Lunar New Year, London.</p> <p>Fiction: Zodiac story, Zog, Gruffalo Child, Tiger who came to tea</p> <p>Poetry: Animal Poems Jennifer Curry</p>	<p>Non Fiction: Spring, gardening, flowers, mini beasts.</p> <p>Fiction: Oliver's vegetables, Hungry caterpillar, Mr Wolf's pancakes, Garden, A little Guide to Wild Flowers, Titch, Matisse Magical Trail</p> <p>Poetry: Moon Frog</p>	<p>Non Fiction: Metals, electricity, cities, transport, construction.</p> <p>Fiction: Izzy Gizmo, The Naughty Bus, Iggy Peck Architect, The Building Boy, What We'll Build</p> <p>Poetry: All aboard the London Bus, Patricia Tohy</p>	<p>Non Fiction: Fish, Pollution,</p> <p>Fiction: Stella and the Seagull, Billy's Bucket, The Storm Whale, Noah's Arc, Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, The Proudest Blue</p> <p>Poetry: Commotion in the Ocean,</p>
YEAR 1	<p>The Bear Who Stared by Duncan Beedie, On Sudden Hill, We Feel Happy by Katie Abey, Tiddler by Julia Donaldson, the picture book</p> <p>Poetry - You Matter by Christian Robinson, Dogger by Shirley Hughes, Toys Around the World by Joanna Brundle</p>	<p>My Dad is a Grizzly Bear by Swapna Haddow, Meesha makes Friends, Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd, The Jolly Postman by Allan Ahlberg, Guy Fawkes For Kids: The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 by Andrew Thompson,</p> <p>Poetry – Alphabet by Michael Rosen, Acrostic poems – Autumn/Harvest</p>	<p>The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl, Elmer by David Mckee, Stick Man by Julia Donaldson, Not Now Bernard by David McKee, Polar Animals by Wade Cooper,</p> <p>Poetry – Dad and the Cat and the Tree by Kit Wright.</p>	<p>Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell, Sona Sharma: Very Best Big Sister by Chitra Soundar, The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl, Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae, The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson, Professor Astro Cat's Deep-Sea Voyage by Dr Dominic Walliman,</p> <p>Poetry – The Vulture by Hilaire Belloc, Winter shape poems/calligrams</p>	<p>Paddington by Michael Bond, Princess Grace by Mary Hoffman, Anita and the Dragons by Hannah Carmona, Gustavo the Shy Ghost, Mister Magnolia by Quentin Blake, Harry the Poisonous Centipede: A Story to Make You Squirm, The Big Book of Blooms by Yuval Zommer,</p> <p>Poetry – Where Teachers Keep Their Pets by Paul Cookson</p>	<p>Dolphin Boy by Michael Morpurgo, Changes by Anthony Browne, Arlo the Lion Who Couldn't Sleep by Catherine Rayner, Squishy McFluff: The Invisible Cat! by Pip Jones, Fantastic Mr Fox: Roald Dahl, Captain Sir Tom Moore,</p> <p>Poetry – 'Twas Midnight', Anonymous, What am I? Outdoor nature riddles</p>

YEAR 2	<p>The Magic Finger Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Harry the poisonous centipede Lynne Reid Banks and Tony Ross</p> <p>We're all wonders R.J. Palacio</p>	<p>The Great Fire of London Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis</p> <p>An Emotional Menagerie: Feelings from A to Z The school of life</p>	<p>The Hodgeheg Dick King-Smith</p>	<p>The Worst Witch Jill Murphy</p> <p>Thinker: My Puppy poet and me Eloise Greenfield and Ehsan Abdollahi</p>	<p>Stuart Little E.B. White and Garth Williams</p>
YEAR 3	<p>You're a Bad Man Mr Gum! Andy Stanton</p>	<p>The Christmas Pig J K Rowling</p>	<p>Planet Omar Zaineb Nain</p>	<p>The day I fell down the Toilet and other Poems Steve Turner</p> <p>George's Marvellous Medicine Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Jack's Secret Summer Jack Ryder</p>	<p>Terrible True Tales from the Tower of London Sarah Kilby and Peter Cotterill</p> <p>The Silly Book of Side – Splitting stuff Andy Seed and Scott Garrett</p>
YEAR 4	<p>The Demon Dentist David Walliams</p> <p>Nessie the Mannerless Monster Ted Hughes</p> <p>Quick Let's Get Out of Here and other poems Michael Rosen</p>	<p>Tales of Wisdom & Wonder Hugh Lupton</p> <p>Meet My folks Ted Hughes</p> <p>Quick Let's Get Out of Here and other poems Michael Rosen</p>	<p>The Iron Woman Ted Hughes</p>	<p>The Roman Mysteries Caroline Lawrence</p>	<p>How to Train Your Dragon Cressida Cowell</p> <p>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters John Steptoe</p>	<p>The Outlaw Varjak Paw SF Said</p> <p>Look Back Trish Cooke</p>
YEAR 5	<p>A selection of poetry from 'A world of poetry' selected by Michael Rosen.</p> <p>Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>The Boy in the back of the class by Onjali Q. Rauf</p>	<p>A selection of poetry from 'Be the change – poems to help you save the world' by Roger Stevens</p> <p>A series of unfortunate events: The bad beginning by Lemony Snicket.</p>	<p>Uncanny by Paul Jennings</p>	<p>A selection of poetry from 'Cosmic Disco' by Grace Nichols</p> <p>The 1000 year old boy by Ross Welford</p>	

<p>YEAR 6</p>	<p>A selection of poetry from 'What are we fighting for' by Brian Moses & Roger Stevens.</p> <p>Stay where you are and then Leave by John Boyne</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Poems from the Second World War selected by Gaby Morgan</p> <p>Tales from Outer Suburbia by Shaun Tan</p>	<p>Africa is not a country by Margy Burns Knight & Mark Melnicove</p> <p>Mama Miti by Donna Jo Napoli</p>	<p>The Island by Armin Greder</p> <p>The Explorer by Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>→</p>
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