

West Boldon  
Primary School



Reading Spine

# West Boldon Primary School Literature Spine.



The Literature Spine has been developed to expose our pupils to a wide range of texts and genres, including inspirational authors. These texts, chosen in line with the English Curriculum, are the ones we want children to have engaged with by the time they leave Primary Education.

Alongside the primary texts for each year group, we have also compiled a list of additional texts which link to the core work and/or to the Learning Challenge Curriculum. There are also stand-alone texts that we do not want the children to miss out on. These can be used during whole-class reading time and/or at the end of the school day.




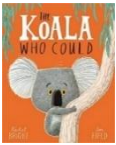
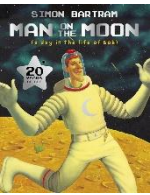
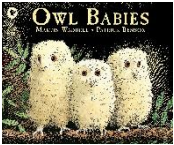
The Literature Spine will always remain a working document. We acknowledge that new texts are always being written and our children should access and discover them.

The 5 Plagues of the Developing Reader (source: Reading Reconsidered by Doug Lemov)  
There are five types of texts that children should have access to in order to successfully navigate reading with confidence.

Archaic language	The vocabulary, usage, syntax and context for cultural reference of texts over 50 or 100 years old are vastly different and typically more complex than texts written today. Students need to be exposed to and develop proficiency with these.
Non-linear time sequences	In these passages, time tends to unfold with consistency. A story is narrated in a given style with a given cadence and that cadence endures and remains consistent, but in the best books, books where every aspect of the narration is nuanced to create an exact image, time moves in fits and start. It doubles back. The only way to master such books is to have read them repeatedly and to be carefully introduced to them by a thoughtful teacher or parent.
Narratively complex	Books are sometimes narrated by an unreliable narrator Scout, for example, who does not understand and misperceives some of what happened to her. Some books have multiple intertwined and apparently (for a time) unrelated plot lines. These are far harder to read than books with a single plot line and students need to experience these as well.
Figurative/Symbolic text	Texts which happen on an allegorical or symbolic level. Not reflected in Lexiles; critical forms of text complexity that students must experience
Resistant texts	Texts written to deliberately resist easy meaning making by readers. Perhaps half of the poems ever written fall into this category. You have to assemble meaning around nuances, hints, uncertainties and clues

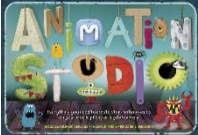
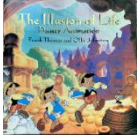
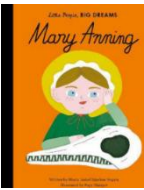

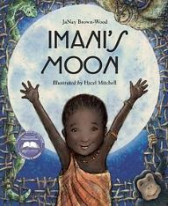
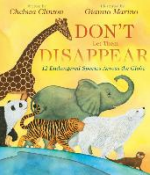
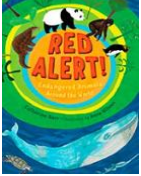
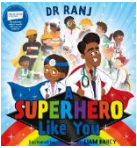
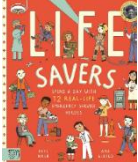


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Year group	Term	Key text	
ARC 1	Autumn 1	The Three Little Pigs Cinderella	
	Autumn 2	The Tiger Who Came to Tea The Jolly Christmas Postman	
	Spring 1	Dot in the Snow Arctic Animals	
	Spring 2	The Koala Who Could	
	Summer 1	The Man on the Moon	
	Summer 2	Owl Babies	

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Year group	Term	Key text
ARC 2	Autumn 1	Animation Studio The illusion of life  
	Autumn 2	Stone girl Bone Girl Mary Anning  
	Spring 1	Imani's moon 
	Spring 2	Dont disappear Red alert  
	Summer 1	Lifesavers A superhero like you  
	Summer 2	Hero Twins Middleworld  


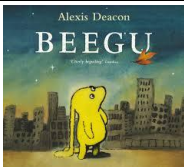
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		Talk for writing	Linked Texts	Commando Joe linked texts
Reception	Autumn 1	T4W - Finding a friend  Pumpkin Soup	Superheroes don't get scared Kindness is my superpower Leaf Man Binny's Diwali The Smeds and the Smoos	The Smeds and the Smoos
	Autumn 2	T4W - Aliens love Underpants  Stickman  Dear Santa	Bonfire night Whatever Next Goodnight Spaceman Norman the slug who saved Christmas Izzy Gizmo The Gruffalo's Child	Izzy Gizmo
	Spring 1	Tiddler  Commotion in the Ocean	Sharing a shell Shark in the park The Rainbow Fish Nugget and Fang The Lonely Lobster The lighthouse keepers' lunch The fish that could wish Lost and Found The Snail and the Whale	Lost and Found
	Spring 2	Zog and the flying doctor	Zog A range of none fiction texts including doctors, fire fighters, police officers etc Mog and the vet Burglar Bill	Zog  Burglar Bill
	Summer 1	Goldilocks and the Three Bears  Goldilocks and the Three Crocodiles  Jack and the Beanstalk  Jack and the three bears	Jaspers Beanstalk What the ladybird heard What the ladybird heard next The Gruffalo Little Red Riding Hood Owl Babies	What the ladybird heard
	Summer 2	The three little pigs  The True Story of the Three Little Pigs  The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig	Peace at Last Let's build a house The pirates next door The very hungry caterpillar The scarecrows wedding In every house on every street	The Scarecrows Wedding

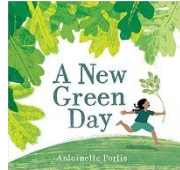


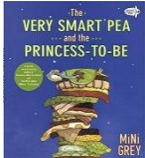

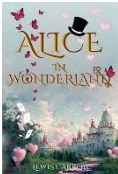
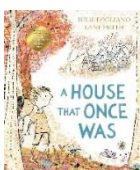
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Year 1	Autumn 1	 Goldilocks and the three bears	 Grandad's Island complexity of the plot, The River, Brenda is a sheep	The puffin book of fantastic first poems
	Autumn 2	 Bog Baby,	 Tiger who came to tea Complexity of plot, The Koala who could, Meerkat Mail	The more it snows. AA Milne Archaic text
	Spring 1	 The Smeds and the Smoos	 The National Geographic Penguins (NF) I want my hat back, Pup and Bear.	
	Spring 2	 Lost and Found	 The three little pigs Archaic text Not now Benard, Triangle	Mustard, custard, grumble belly and gravy Michael Rosen
	Summer 1	 The Robot and the bluebird	 Man on the moon, Moon, Questions and answers about Space (NF), The darkest dark	Hey little bug Poems for little creatures James Carter
	Summer 2	 Beegu	 The way back home, Slug needs a hug, complexity of plot, The Lonely Beast	

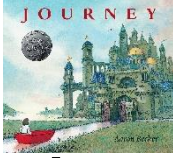
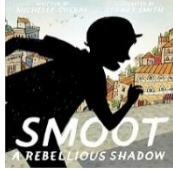

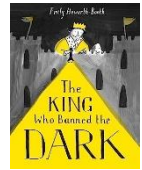
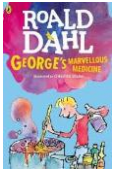
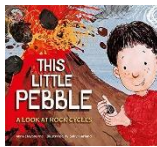
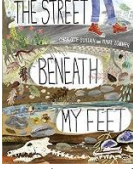
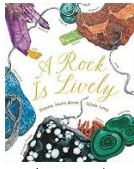
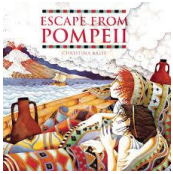
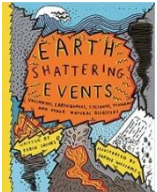
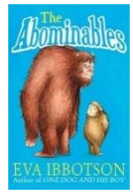
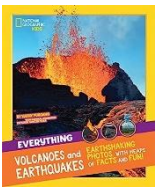
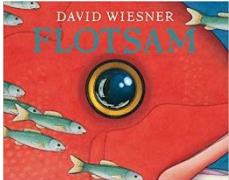

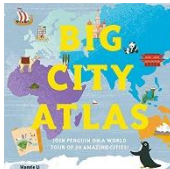

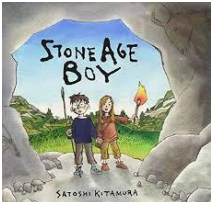
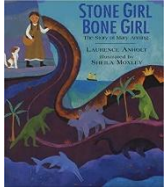

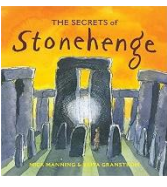

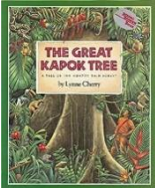
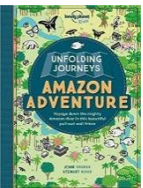

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Year 2	Autumn 1	 Wild	 Survival (NF)	 The enormous crocodile,	 A New Green Day	When we were very young	
	Autumn 2	 Coming Home	 The heart and the bottle,	 Here comes Jack Frost.		A.A Milne	
	Spring 1	 Cinderella Archaic text	 The frog prince	 The very smart pea and the princess to be.	 You wouldn't want to be a Victorian Schoolchild,	 The Nang Nong Nong	On the Nang Nang Nong
	Spring 2	 The Tales of Jemima Puddle Duck	 Ducks	 The seedling that didn't want to grow up	 Queen Victoria, Queen Victoria's knickers,	 Queen Victoria's knickers,	Resistant texts
	Summer 1	 The Fox and the Star	 The pirates in the supermarket,	 Alice in Wonderland,	 Once upon a fairytale		Who has seen the wind? Christina Rossetti
	Summer 2	 The Tin Forest	 The magic faraway tree	 Lots of frogs,	 The house that once was,		

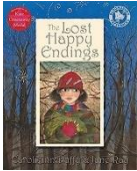
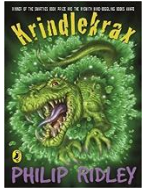



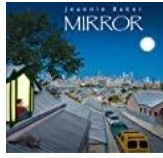
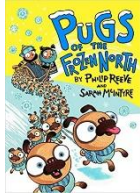


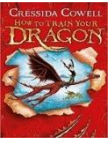
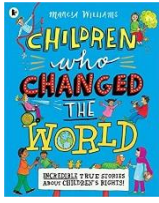

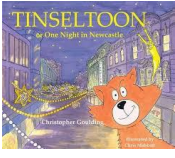
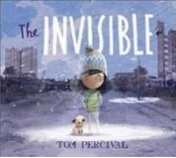

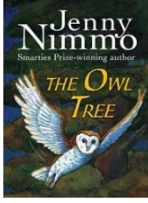
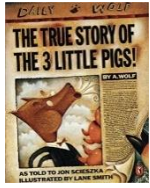
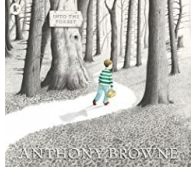
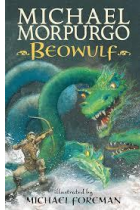

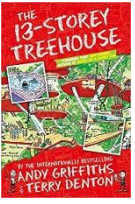


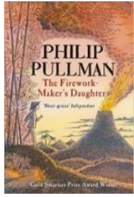

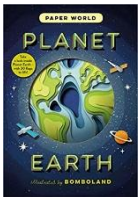
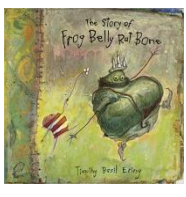
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	Autumn 2	 George's Marvellous Medicine	  	The street beneath my feet. A rock is lively (NF) This little pebble		
	Spring 1	 Escape from Pompeii	  	Earth shattering events (NF) The Abominables , Volcanoes and Earthquakes		Lets celebrate. Festival poems from Around the world Debjani Chatterjee
	Spring 2	 Flotsam	  	Flood, Big City Atlas (NF) Ocean meets sky		
	Summer 1	 Stone Age Boy	  	The First Drawings, The secrets of Stonehenge, Stone girl bone girl		The shadow Robert Louis Stevenson
	Summer 2	 The Promise	  	The Great Kapok Tree Life-size rainforest (NF), Amazon Adventure,		

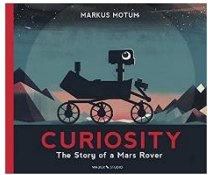


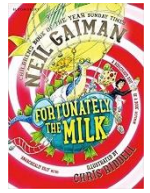
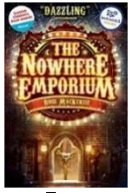
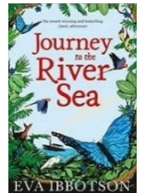
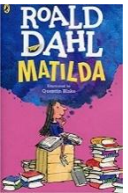
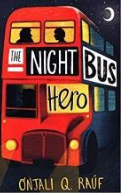
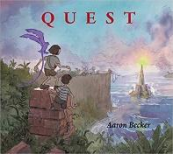
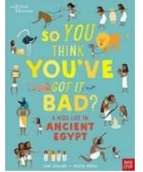
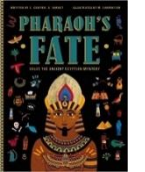

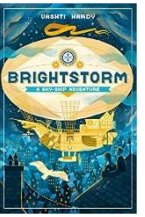
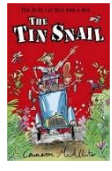
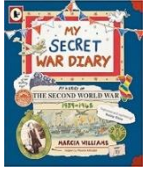






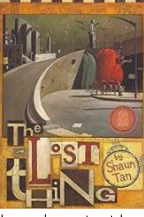


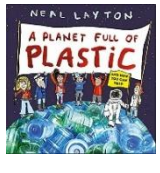
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	Autumn 2	 The King who Banned the Dark	  	Revolting rhymes  Roald Dahl Complexity of the plot
	Spring 1	  Dragons of the Dark Wood ,  How to train your dragon	   	Deep in the green wood.
	Spring 2	 The Journey	  	Wes Magee  Complexity of the Narrator
	Summer 1	 Beowulf	  	All the wild wonders  Wendy Cooling
	Summer 2	 The Iron man	   	Non-linear time sequence, Complexity of the Narrator , The story of Frog Belly Rat Bone (STEM)

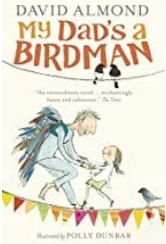

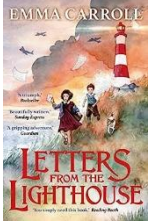



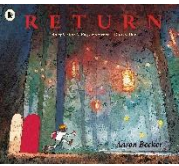

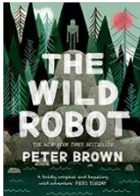



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Year 5	Autumn 1	 <p>Curiosity The story of a Mars Rover</p>	   <p>Reaching to the moon (NF), A galaxy of her own, Fortunately the Milk</p>	Dreams Langston Hughes  Complexi ty of plot
	Autumn 2	 <p>Nowhere Emporium</p>	   <p>Journey to the River Sea, Matilda, The Night bus hero</p>	Juggling with Gerbils  Brian Patten
	Spring 1	 <p>Quest</p>	   <p>Oliver Twist <b>Archaic text</b> So you've got it bad, Pharaoh's fate,</p>	Lost magic The very best of Brian Moses
	Spring 2	 <p>Brightstorm</p>	    <p>My Secret War snail (STEM), I was there... Escape from the Blitz Diary, The Tin</p>	
	Summer 1	 <p>Goodnight Mr Tom</p>	   <p>Cogheart <b>Complexity of the Narrator</b>, FARThER, The Viewer</p>	In Flanders Fields John McCrae  Complexi ty of plot
	Summer 2	 <p>The lost thing</p>	   <p>The White Giraffe, The Tree Lady, A planet full of plastic</p>	The Highway man  Alfred Noyes

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Year 6	Autumn 1	 <p>My dad's a birdman</p>	 <p>Pig heart boy The Origin of species, Funny Poems</p>	The Eagle Alfred Lord Tennyson Complexity of plot	
	Autumn 2	 <p>Letters from the Lighthouse</p>	 <p>Why water's worth it, The rhythm of the rain (NF, Proud of me</p>		
	Spring 1	 <p>Shackleton's journey</p>	 <p>Young gifted and black, Timelines from Black History, Cold</p>		Ted Hughes Poems for Children
	Spring 2	 <p>Return</p>	 <p>Boy, Wonder, I don't like poetry</p>		
	Summer 1	 <p>The Wild Robot</p>	 <p>A boy called Hope, The highland Falcon Thief, Fpr every day of the year.</p>		The oldest girl in the world.
	Summer 2	 <p>I was there... Titanic</p>	 <p>Tragedy at Sea, The shark caller, Titanic</p>		