

Little Chalfont Primary School – Fiction Spine, 2023-24

		Autumn		Spring	Summer		
Year 6	Guided Reading Book	Holes – Louis Sachar (1998) Reluctant hero, multiple timelines, plot twists and mystery – advanced comprehension/prediction.		Cogheart – Peter Bunzl (2016) Female lead, story of resilience, imaginative setting.	Girl of the Ink and Stars-Kiran Millwood-Hargrave (2016) Female lead, story of bravery, resilience and curiosity. Fantasy setting. Political intrigue and fascinating myths and beliefs.		
	Values	Resilience / Courage / Empathy / Integrity		Courage / Empathy / Integrity	Resilience / Courage / Empathy		
	Curriculum	PSHE		Science: Light and Evolution & Inheritance	Links to geography.		
	Class Reader Book	The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad – Saviour Pirotta (2019) Impoverished hero fighting against the odds to save his family.		Street Child – Berlie Doherty (2009) A Victorian orphan battles to escape a life of poverty and find his freedom.	Jelly – Jo Cotterill (2018) Angelica finds an outlet for her worries as she navigates family and school.	The Final Year – Matt Goodfellow (2023) A journey through the trials and tribulations of the final year at primary.	
	Values	Resilience / Respect / Courage / Integrity		Resilience / Courage / Integrity	Resilience / Empathy	Empathy / Courage	
	Curriculum	History – Golden Age of Islam		History – The Victorians	PSHE – Moving On	PSHE – Moving On	
Year 5	Guided Reading Book	Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo (2013) Modern adaptation of a classic mythical tale.	Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman (2008) Nobody's journey to adulthood and normality from a paranormal upbringing.	Phoenix – SF Said (2013) Our hero comes of age and realises his power. A sci-fi tale of tolerance and prejudice, difference and embracing who you are.	Clockwork - Phillip Pullman (1996) A story of good v evil and the consequences of choices.	The House with Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson (2018) Learning to love yourself and the importance of relationships.	
	Values	Courage / Integrity	Resilience / Empathy	Courage / Empathy / Integrity	Courage / Empathy	Courage / Empathy	
	Curriculum	History: Vikings	PSHE	Science: Space	Science: Forces	PSHE	
	Class Reader Book	Beetle Boy – M. G. Leonard (2016) A boy and his beetle friend set about solving the disappearance of his father.		When The Sky Falls – Phil Earle (2021) A boy escapes the Blitz to live with Mrs F and manage an abandoned zoo.	Wonder – R. J. Palacio (2012) One boy's journey to overcome his differences and be accepted in school.		
	Values	Resilience / Courage / Integrity		Resilience / Empathy / Integrity	Empathy / Respect / Resilience / Courage		
	Curriculum			History – WW2 Home Front / Blitz	PSHE - Relationships		

Year 4	Guided Reading Book	Kensuke's Kingdom- Michael Morpurgo (1999) Unique island and relationship built through actions not words, learning the value of empathy and resilience in difficult situations.		Twitch- M.G Leonard (2021) Modern day story of a bullied boy who overcomes his struggles through teamwork, empathy and his love of birds.		The Secret Lake - Karen Inglis (2011) Siblings follow their dog into a time travelling tunnel going back 100 yrs.	Oranges in No-Man's Land – Elizabeth Laird (2006) A ten-year-old girl living with her granny in war-torn Beirut.
	Values	Courage / Empathy / Integrity / Resilience		Courage / Empathy / Integrity		Courage / Empathy	Courage / Empathy
	Curriculum	English: Setting description		Geography: Rivers topic		English: Portal story	
	Class Reader Book	Who Let The Gods Out – Maz Evans (2017) The Greek Gods come to the rescue of a boy and his family struggles.	A Boy Called Christmas – Matt Haig (2015) A seasonal tale of one boy's Christmas journey.	Secret of Platform 13 – Eva Ibbotson (1994) Comic fantasy about a magical kingdom hidden among us.	Nura and the Immortal Palace – M. T. Khan (2022) Impoverished child on a rescue mission. Asian culture theme.	Escape from Pompeii – Jill Eldridge (2017) A boy's escape from the eruption of Vesuvius.	Charlotte's Web – E. B. White (1954) A spider's mission to save her friend from slaughter.
	Values	Resilience / Respect / Courage / Empathy	Resilience / Empathy	Courage / Empathy / Respect	Resilience / Empathy / Courage	Courage / Resilience	Empathy / Courage
	Curriculum	History – Greeks				History – Romans	
Year 3	Guided Reading Book	The Iron Man – Ted Hughes (1968) A classic tale of acceptance and inclusion as the menacing Iron Man becomes the planet's saviour. Accessible language and rich themes throughout.		Finn Family Moomintroll – Tove Jansson (1948) Moomintroll and friends find a hobgoblin hat and embark on a series of adventures as a result. A surreal fantasy world rich in characters and conversations.		Malamander – Thomas Taylor (2019) A mysterious adventure as Violet sets out to discover what happened to her parents when they disappeared 12 years ago.	
	Values	Courage / Empathy / Integrity / Resilience		Courage / Empathy / Integrity		Integrity / Resilience / Courage	
	Curriculum	Science – Rocks, Materials, Sound, Living Things, Space, Habitats, Life Cycles, Forces Geography – Physical features of land/sea, land changes over time		Science – Rocks, Materials, Living Things, Habitats, Animal Survival and Growth, Forces Geography – Map Reading, Physical Features of island/sea			
	Class Reader Book	Varjak Paw – S. F. Said (2003) One cat's journey to find his inner abilities and believe in himself to help others.		Evie and the Animals – Matt Haig (2019) Evie has a talent: she can hear what animals are thinking. Can she put this skill to use to save her feathered and furry friends.		The Last Bear – Hannah Gold (2022) April encounters a lone polar bear and develops a relationship as they try to help each other.	
	Values	Courage / Empathy / Integrity / Resilience		Ready / Resilient / Courage		Empathy / Courage / Integrity.	
	Curriculum						

Year 2	Guided Reading Book	The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch – Jacqueline Wilson (1995) Dinah's class trip to the museum sparks her imagination and leads to adventures.			The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark- Jill Thomlinson (1968) Humorous story about overcoming fears. Highly relatable to experiences of overcoming fears and growing and changing.			The Hodgeheg – Dick King-Smith (1987) Max sustains an injury and has to overcome his limits and aim to reach his goal.					
	Values	Empathy / Resilience			Courage / Resilience			Resilience / Courage / Empathy					
	Curriculum				Science: living things and their habitats, birds. PSHE: growing and changing, understanding emotions.								
	Class Reader Book	Martin's Mice – Dick King-Smith (1988)		James & the Giant Peach – Roald Dahl (1961)		Marge in Charge – Isla Fisher (2016)		Lizzie & Lucky: Mystery of the Missing Puppies – Megan Rix (2021)		Akimbo & the Elephants – A McCall-Smith (1990)		The Naughtiest Girl is a Monitor – Enid Blyton (1945)	
	Values	Resilience		Courage / Integrity		Respect		Courage		Courage / Empathy		Ready, Respectful	
Curriculum			History: Roald Dahl						Geography: Kenya				
Year 1	Class Reader Book	Conker the Chameleon – Hannah Peckham (2021)		Tilda Tries Again – Tom Percival (2021)		Found You - Devon Holzwarth (2020)		Violet's Tempest – Eagleton & Anganuzzi (2021)		The Emperor of Absurdia – Chris Riddell (2006)		A Hero Called Wolf – Lucy Rowland (2022)	
	Values	Resilience / Empathy		Empathy / Courage		Empathy / Courage		Empathy / Courage		Ready / Respect / Resilient		Courage / Integrity	
	Curriculum					PSHE – relationships.							
	Class Reader Book	Bad Panda – Sheena Dempsey (2021)	Carnival Caper – Alex Milway (2019)	Mr Penguin & the Lost Treasure – Alex T Smith (2018)	Geenie & Teeny: The Wishing Well – Steve Lenton (2022)	Nellie Choc Ice & the Plastic Island – Jeremy Strong (2017)	Rabbit & Bear: The Pest in the Nest – J Gough & J Field (2017)	An Alien in the Jam Factory – C Sains & J Taylor (2021)	Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl (1970)	Claude in the City – Alex T Smith (2011)	Geenie & Teeny: Make A Wish – Steve Lenton (2021)	Hotel Flamingo – Alex Milway (2019)	Poems to Perform – Julia Donalds on (2013)
	Values	A broad selection of 12 stories chosen for their engaging characters and exciting stories, as well as their representation of our values: Respect / Resilience / Courage / Empathy and Integrity.											
Curriculum	PSHE – Friendships and other relationships; Science – sustainability; Geography – oceans and continents.												

Reception	Curriculum and Topic Focus Books	Brown Bear – Eric Carle (1967) Peace at Last – Jill Murphy (1980) Funny Bones – Janet & Alan Ahlberg (1980) Ferdie and the Falling Leaves – Julia Rawlinson (2006) The Gunpowder Plot The Nativity Story	The Gruffalo’s Child – Julia Donaldson (2004) The Smartest Giant in Town – Julia Donaldson (2002) The Snail and the Whale – Julia Donaldson (2003) The Three Little Pigs The Little Red Hen The Easter Story	The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle (1969) The Sea Below My Toes – Charlotte Guillain (2022) Jasper’s Beanstalk – Nick Butterworth (1992) Oliver’s Vegetables – Bartlett & French (1995) Dinosaur Roar – Stickland (1994)
	Values	As a combination, these stories and characters provide examples of readiness, resilience, respect, courage, empathy and integrity.		
	Curriculum	These books are central to the Reception curriculum and are supported by a rich variety of fact and fiction stories.		
	Class Reader Book	The children finish everyday with a story from a broad library within the classroom. Books are chosen for multiple reasons: links to current learning, connections to prior learning, pupil’s interests, pupil choice etc.		
Nursery	Curriculum and Topic Focus Books *	Alfie at Nursery, Rama and Sita, The Colour Monster (topic), The Dot (art), Red is Best (maths), Is That What Friends Do? (PSED), Supertato (phonics), Push and Pull (science)	Aliens Love Underpants, Beegu (topic), Kandinsky (art), Little Blue Truck (maths), Guess How Much I Love You (PSED), Penguin Small (phonics), A Good Place (science)	The Enormous Turnip, The Three Little Pigs (topic), Camille and the Sunflower (art), Simon Sock (maths), Ravi’s Roar (PSED), The Tiger Who Came to Tea (phonics), Life Cycle, Ten Seeds (science)
	Values	As a combination, these stories and characters provide examples of readiness, resilience, respect, courage, empathy and integrity.		
	Curriculum	Curriculum links are in brackets with each title.		
	Class Reader Book	The children finish every day with a story from a broad library within the classroom. Books are chosen for multiple reasons: links to current learning, connections to prior learning, pupil’s interests, pupil choice etc.		
	* Nursery responds to the interests of the children and the books listed here may change with the needs of the class.			