Little Chalfont Primary School – Reading Spine, 2026-27

		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	**Skullduggery Pleasant (2007)** When twelve-year-old Stephanie Edgley inherits her late uncle Gordon's estate, she expects a quirky old house and perhaps a few eccentric memories. Instead, she steps straight into a hidden, dangerous magical world and finds out that her uncle's horror writing was never fiction at all.		**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 / Empathy	Empathy / Courage	
	Curriculum			PSHE – Moving On	PSHE – Moving On	
Year 5	**Guided Reading Book**	**Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo (2013)** Modern adaptation of a classic mythical tale.	**Amulet - Kiza Kibuishi** Amulet is a children's fantasy, adventure, graphic novel series written and illustrated by Kazu Kibuishi.	**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	**The Boy in the Tower (2014)**		**Coraline (2002)**	**Wonder (2012)**	

	Reader Book	A deeply thought-provoking and thrilling story, dealing with the themes of mental health issues, isolation and a young boy being a carer for his mother.	A young girl named Coraline who has just moved into a new house. She is intent on exploring and discovers a mysterious door that has been walled up. However, one day, the door is left ajar.	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			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.	**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
	Curriculum	English: Setting description	Geography: Rivers topic Science: Living things and their habitats	
	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.	**Escape from Pompeii – Jill Eldridge (2017)** A boy's escape from the eruption of Vesuvius.	**Spark by M G Leonard (2022)** Continuation from our previous guided reading book. Follows a previous character's adventure in solving a mystery and the challenge of fitting in with his new friends.
	Values	Resilience / Respect / Courage / Empathy	Courage / Resilience	Respect/ Courage/ Resilience
	Curriculum	History – Greeks	History – Romans	Geography: Rivers Science: Living things and their habitats
Year 3	**Guided Reading Book**	**24 hours in the Stone Age - Lan Cook (2021)** Join a young cave-dweller for a day, as she goes hunting, makes her own stone tools and creates amazing cave art. Learn all about the dangers of life in the Stone Age, what makes a good shelter and what edible plants can be gathered in the wild.	**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.
	Values	Courage / Empathy / Integrity / Resilience	Courage / Empathy / Integrity / Resilience	Courage / Empathy / Integrity
	Curriculum	Topic - Stone Age.	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.	**Akissi- A tale of mischief Marguerite Aboyet (2013)** Humorous story about a little girl that gets into mischief.	**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.	**Esio Trot- Roald Dahl(1990)** Mr Hoppy is a lonely old man who admires the lady living below him who has a love for her tortoise.	**The Hodgeheg – Dick King-Smith (1987)** Max sustains an injury and has to overcome his limits and aim to reach his goal.	**Paddington- Michael Bond.** Paddington is found at Paddington station after being sent from the Darkest Peru.
	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)**	**James & the Giant Peach – Roald Dahl (1961)**
	Values	Resilience	Courage / Integrity	Respect	Courage	Courage / Empathy	Ready, Respectful
	Curriculum		History: Roald Dahl			Geography: Kenya	

Year 1	**Guided reading 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)**		**That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown (2006)**	
	Values	Resilience / Empathy		Empathy / Courage		Empathy / Courage		Empathy / Courage		Ready / Respect / Resilient		Courage / Integrity / Empathy	
	Curriculum					PSHE – relationships.						History - queens and castles	
	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 Donaldson (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; English - repetitive phrases, adjectives.											
Reception	**Curriculum and Topic Focus Books**	**Where the Wild Things Are We're Going to Find the Monster Colin's Castle Amazing Ning and the Night Spirits Bathe the Cat**				**Superheroes in the Park Look Up! The Tiny Seed Confetti**				**These Are My Books Aisha's Colours So Much A Taste of Home**			
	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 my change with the needs of the class.			