

Abingdon Reading Spine



These texts are expected reads for each child in the year group. They cover a range of current themes such as diversity, living with a disability and environmental responsibility to name several. It has been collated with staff recommendations, to deliberately expose the children to inspirational authors, a range of genres and key texts that we would want them to have encountered by the time they leave primary education. Reading, whether in the English lesson or during class novel time, should occur **daily**.

The Literature Spine should always remain a working document - excellent new books are always been written and discovered and so may change year on year.

The child may need some adult assistance to read the whole book. However, they should be exposed to the experience of reading a whole book, and the satisfaction and sense of achievement gained from doing so. The books listed below triangulate with the narrative immersion texts used as part of our curriculum offer, and the 100 Book Challenge.

We have high expectations of all children and they will be encouraged and supported to access these books appropriate to their age range.

Year Group	Book Spine Titles
Reception	Goodnight Moon – Margaret Wise Brown Handa’s Surprise – Eileen Brown One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Rainforest – Ella Bailey Six Dinner Sid – Inga Moore The Jasmine Sneeze – Nadine Kaadan Shark in the Park – Nick Sharratt Ten Little Dinosaurs – Mike Brownlow The Rainbow Fish – Marcus Pfister Tidy – Emily Gravett
Year 1	Look Inside London – Jonathan Melmoth Cops and Robbers – Allan Ahlberg The Lion Inside – Rachel Bright The Street Beneath My Feet – Charlotte Gullain The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett Last Stop on Market Street – Matt de la Pena Dear Greenpeace – Simon James
Year 2	The Owl and the Pussycat (Usborne picture Book) – Edward Lear The Wolf’s Story (What Really Happened to Red Riding Hood) – Toby Forward The Skies Above My Eyes – Charlotte Gullain Traction Man is Here – Mini Grey Gregory Cool – Caroline Binch The Name Jar – Yangsook Choi Wangari’s Trees of Peace – Jeanette Winter
Year 3	Dazzling Travis - Brenda Figueroa Hannah Carmona Dias The Abominables – Eva Ibbotson The Accidental Prime Minister – Tom McLaughlin The Sheep-Pig – Dick King Smith The Boy Who Grew Dragons – Andy Shepherd Matilda – Roald Dahl This Moose Belongs to Me – Oliver Jeffers

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Year 4	Son of the Circus: A Victorian Story – E.L. Norry The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis Christophe’s Story – Nicki Cornwell The Explorer – Katherine Rundell Charlotte’s Web – E. B. White Varjak Paw – S.F.Said Where the Forest Meets the Sea – Jeannie Baker
Year 5	Usborne Illustrated Stories from Dickens – Charles Dickens Why The Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo The Midnight Fox – Betsy Byars High Rise Mystery – Sharna Jackson The Boy Who Made the World Disappear Tom’s Midnight Garden Sky Dancer – Gill Lewis
Year 6	Kick - Mitch Johnson Skellig – David Almond The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkein You Are Awesome – Matthew Syed Illegal – Eoin Colfer Wonder – R.J.Palacio The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare – Zillah Bethell

Reluctant Readers

These books are kept in the KS2 library area and should be signed out by an adult issuing the book. The books are aimed at reluctant readers or those who find reading a particular challenge. Texts are spaced out on the page and cover a range of genres. All are deliberately presented in a way that make the text more conducive to engagement with a complex and challenging plot. This means children who find reading easier when text is spaced out or presented differently will be able to engage with a highly stimulating storyline.

Year 3 and 4	Regicide – C.S. Woolley Treehouse Series – Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton Young Dracula – Michael Lawrence Space Age – Eric Brown Baller Boys – Venessa Taylor Grandma’s Teeth – David Webb Contact – Malorie Blackman Ghost For Sale – Terry Deary
Year 5 and 6	Strange but True – Kathryn Hulick Respect: The Walter Tull Story – Michaela Morgan Eagle Warrior – Gill Lewis Bulletcatcher – Chris Bradford Skeleton Key Graphic Novel (Alex Ryder) – Anthony Horowitz Shadow Jumper – J.M. Forster Mind Writer – Steve Cole