

CALDECOTE READING SPINE 2023-2024



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"Early reading, whether it is in a parent's lap, on the carpet of a classroom, or in a snug reading corner, gently but indelibly imprints upon us the mould from which will cast a lifetime of communication in the world. "

Alex Quigley – Closing the Reading Gap 2020.

Welcome to the Caldecote Reading Spine. We update it each academic year. Teachers and pupils have contributed to some of the changes. This year we have added a collection of wordless books which encourages imagination and inference skills using pictures alone.





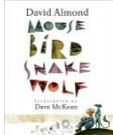

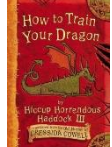
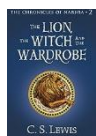




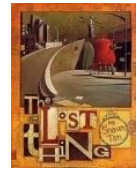





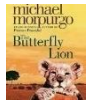







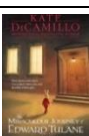
It is important to stress that the recommended books for each year group are **ideas to help guide** the children towards age appropriate books. We have included three levels of books dependent on your child's reading skills. We have considered many aspects when compiling this list:

- There is a picture book **(in red bold)** included in each year group. As your child becomes a more competent reader their decoding and fluency skills improve. Sometimes, in KS2, picture books can be judged as an 'easy read' however these books often carry complex themes which help develop children's inference and prediction skills. They are invaluable for discussion both within and out of the classroom setting.
- **D** Books with specific diversity theme,
- **W** Wordless books.
- Research has consistently shown that there is a gender gap in reading attainment with girls outperforming boys. Our list ensures that there are books that will encourage and enthuse both genders.
- We have included 'aspirational' reads. Books that are challenging including language and themes.
- We have used some titles recommended by educational experts such as Pie Corbett, The Book Trust, Books for Topics and prestigious children's book award nominations.
- Links to our 'cultural capital' – exposing our children to different cultures and childhood experiences.
- A reading rich school embraces all our community. We need to work together to inspire our children to engage in the love of reading.

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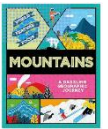
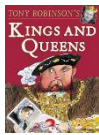

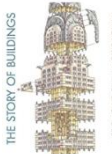

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YEAR 3

Orange Class - Year 3 Reading Spine Class Novels	
Autumn 1 – Prehistoric People Stone Age Boy – Satoshi Kitamura Stig of the Dump – Clive King	 
Autumn 2 – Prey and Predators Mouse Bird Snake Wolf – David Almond Zoo – Anthony Browne The Wild Robot – Peter Brown	  
Spring 1 – Vikings The Last Viking – Terry Deary How to Train a Dragon – Cressida Cowell	 
Spring 2 – Frozen Planet Secrets of the Mountain – Libby Walden The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – CS Lewis	 
Summer 1 – Mighty Monarchs The Royal Rabbits of London – Santa Montefiore The Queen on our Corner – Lucy Christopher The King Who Banned Dark – Emily Howarth-Booth	 
Summer 2 – Towns and Cities The Wild Robot Escapes – Peter Brown The Lost Thing – Shaun Tan	 
Year 3 Reading Spine Children's recommended Book List	
The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy Mr Stink – David Walliams Ottoline – Chris Riddel	  
Flat Stanley – Geff Brown The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas – David Almond The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo	  
Bill's New Frock – Anne Fine Shadow Forest – Matt Haig The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – CS Lewis	  
Is My Teacher a Robot – Dave Cousins Noah Barleywater Runs Away – John Boyne	 
Planet Omar Unexpected Super Spy – Zanib Mian Hansel and Gretel – Anthony Browne The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo	  

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Year 3 Non-Fiction Books			
Autumn 1 – Prehistoric People Explore Stone, Bronze and Iron Age – Sonya Newland The Street Beneath My Feet – Charlotte Guillian		Autumn 2 – Prey and Predators Predators – Scholastic Children's Books	
 			
Spring 1 – Vikings The Viking Raiders, Traders and Adventures – Marcia Williams Viking Voyages – Jack Tite		Spring 2 – Frozen Planet Shackleton's Journey – William Grill Mountains – Rebecca Kahn	
 		 	
Summer 1 – Mighty Monarchs The Tudors: Kings, Queens, Scribes and Ferrets – Marcia Williams Kings and Queens – Tony Robinson		Summer 2 – Towns and Cities The Story of Buildings – Patrick Dillon Big Book of U.K – Imogen Russell Williams	
 		 	
Poetry			
Classic poem to learn: From A Railway Carriage – Robert Louis Stevenson			
The Works KS2 – Pie Corbett			
