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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 have updated it for 2022-23 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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YEAR 1

Blue Class - Year 1 Reading Spine	
Class Books	
<p>Autumn 1 – Woodland Tales Wild – Emily Hughes The Owl who was afraid of the Dark – Jill Murphy A House in the Woods – Inga Moore</p>	<p>Autumn 2 – Marvellous Materials George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl Revolting Recipes – Roald Dahl What happened To You? – James Catchpole</p>
<p>Spring 1 Weather and Seasons The Leaf Thief – Alice Hemming Tree – Britta Teckentrup The Leaf Man – Lois Ehlert Pumpkin Soup – Helen Cooper</p>	<p>Spring 2 – Space Beegu – Alex Deacon The Way Back Home – Oliver Jeffers How to Catch a Star – Oliver Jeffers Look Up – Nathan Bryon Man on the Moon – Simon Bartram The Colour Monster – Anna Llenas</p>
<p>Summer 1 – Africa Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain – Verna Aardema Lila and the Secret of Rain – David Conway Masai and I – Virginia Kroll We're Going on a Lion Hunt – David Axtell Yours Sincerely Giraffe – Megumi Iwasa</p>	<p>Sumer 2 – Explorers The Night Pirates – Peter Harris Wave – Suzy Lee Grandad's Island – Benji Davies The Boy Who Sailed the World – Julia Green The Untold Story of Christopher Columbus – Bernie Melo and Victoria Melo</p>
Year 1 Reading Spine	
Children's recommended Book List	
<p>Blue Balloon – Mick Inkpen I Want my Hat Back – Jan Klassen</p>	<p>The Cat in the Hat – Dr Seuss The Polar Express – Chris Van Allsberg The Day the Crayons Quit – Oliver Jeffers</p>
<p>The Pirates Next Door – Jonny Duddle Journey – Aaron Becker</p>	<p>Elmer – David McKee The Bear and the Piano – David Litchfield</p>
<p>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs – Jon Scieszka Tuesday – David Wisner</p>	<p>My Pet Star – Corinne Averiss & Rosalind Beardshaw Dogger – Shirley Hughes</p>

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Year 1 Non-Fiction Books

Autumn 1 – Woodland Tales

The Book of

Trees – Piotr

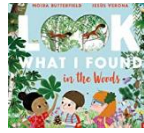
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Into The Forest –

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Dorion

Look What I Found In The Woods - Moira Butterfield

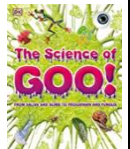
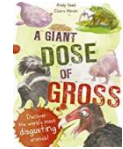


Autumn 2 – Marvellous Materials

The Science of Goo – DK

A Giant Dose of Gross – Andy

Seed



Spring 1 Weather and Seasons

Seasons – Hannah Pang

What's the Weather? – Fraser and

Judith Ralston



Spring 2 – Space

A Journey Through Space – Steve Parker



Summer 1 – Africa

Africa Amazing Africa – Atinuke & Mouni

Feddag



Summer 2 – Explorers

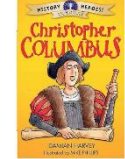
Pirates Magnified – David Long

Atlas of Ocean Adventures -

Emily Hawkins

Christopher Columbus –

Damian Harvey



Poetry

Classic poem to learn: **Now We Are Six** – AA Milne

Poems To Perform – Julia Donaldson

