

CALDECOTE READING SPINE 2024-2025



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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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YEAR 2

Year 2 is a transition year where children are going from emergent readers learning to decode and to acquiring more skills such as fluency and accuracy. The books included are to illustrate the range of reading skills our Y2 children have but also to challenge them, exposing them to new words and themes. The fiction books have been chosen to inspire, engage and enthuse our children on their literature journey through our primary school. It is imperative that children share the wonders of illustrations and key themes often included in picture books.

Yellow Class Year 2 Reading Spine Class Books & Novels	
<p>Autumn 1 – Great Fire of London The Great Fire of London – Emma Adams Vlad and The Great Fire of London – Kate Cunningham Can I build another me? – Shinsuke Yoshitake</p>	<p>Autumn 2 – Rio The Great Kapok Tree – Lynne Cherry Quest – Aaron Becker The Dog That Saved Christmas – Nichola Davies</p>
<p>Spring 1 – Skittles, Scooters and Scalextric Lost in the toy museum – David Lucas A most peculiar toy factory – Alex Bell Paddington Bear: The Original Story of the bear from Darkest Peru – Michael Bond Rosie Revere Engineer - Andrea Beatty</p>	<p>Spring 2 – Gardeners World Bloom – Annie Booth and Robyn Wilson-Owen The Extraordinary Gardener – Sam Boughton Charlotte's Web – EB White Diary of a Fly – Doreen Cronin</p>
<p>Summer 1 – Discover Cambridge Littlenose the Hunter – John Grant Fitz and Will The Cambridge Cats Monty mouse of Cambridge Town</p>	<p>Summer 2 – Location, Location, Location The Boy who Grew Dragons – Andy Shepherd. The Spectacular City – Theresa Heapy</p>
Year 2 Reading Spine Children's recommended Book List	
<p>Fitz and Will The Cambridge Cats – The May Ball</p>	<p>Amazing Grace – Mary Hoffman & Caroline Binch Captain Underpants – Dav Pilkey The Magic Faraway Tree – Enid Blyton</p>
<p>Emily Brown and the Thing – Cressida Cowell The Twits – Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Lost – Eli Fountain Emily's legs – Dick King Smith The Dog who Lost his Bark- Eoin Colfer</p>
<p>The Great Paper Caper – Oliver Jeffers Horrid Henry – Francesca Simon The Truth Pixie – Matt Haig</p>	<p>Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me – Roald Dahl The 13 Storey Tree House – Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton</p>

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Year 2 Non-Fiction Books	
<p>Autumn 1 - Great Fire of London</p> <p>The Great Fire of London – Emma Adams</p> 	<p>Autumn 2 – Rio</p> <p>Amazon Adventure - Lonely Planet Kids</p> 
<p>Spring 1 – Skittles, Scooters and Scalextrix</p> <p>The Story of Inventions – Catherine Barr and Steve Williams</p> <p>Toys and Games – Sally Hewitt</p> 	<p>Spring 2 – Gardeners World</p> <p>Little People, Big Dreams series</p> <p>Just Like Me - Louise Gooding</p> <p>The Book of Bees – Piotr Socha</p> <p>Bee Book - Charlotte Milner</p>    
<p>Summer 1 – Discover Cambridge</p> <p>Cambridge Punting - Pip Barker</p> <p>A City through time – Steve Noon</p> <p>Little people, Big Dreams – Stephen Hawking</p> 	<p>Summer 2 –Location, Location, Location</p> <p>Street Through History - Steve Noon</p> 
Poetry	
<p>Classic poem to learn: Nature Trail Poem – Benjamin Zephaniah</p>	
<p>I Am The Seed That Grew The Tree – Fiona Waters</p> 	