

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 5

Purple Class - Year 5 Reading Spine	
Class Novels	
<p>Autumn 1 – World War II Letters from the Lighthouse – Emma Carroll</p> 	<p>Autumn 2 – Rainforests The Explorer – Katherine Rundell</p> 
<p>Spring 1 – Scots & Anglo Saxons Versions of Beowulf</p> 	<p>Spring 2 – Earth & Space The Many Worlds of Albie Bright – Christopher Edge</p> 
<p>Summer 1 – It's a Revolution Cogheart – Peter Bunzl</p> 	<p>Summer 2 – Amazing Americas Rainforest warrior – Anita Ganeri</p> 
Year 5 Reading Spine	
Children's recommended Book List	
<p>Ice Age Monster – David Walliams Goodnight Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian Skylark's War – Hilary McKay</p>   	<p>Gangsta Granny – David Walliams Who Let the Gods Out – Maz Evans Cosmic – Frank Cottrell-Boyce</p>   
<p>Rose Blanche – Ian McEwan The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q Rauf Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo</p>   	<p>Goth Girl – Chris Riddell There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom – Louis Sachar Dragonology - Dugald Steel</p>   
<p>To Be A Cat – Matt Haig Danny the Champion of the World – Roald Dahl The Bronze Axe – Katherine Fidler</p>   	<p>The Falcon's Malteser – Anthony Horowitz Suitcase Kid – Jacqueline Wilson The Girl Who Stole an Elephant – Nazrana Farook</p>   

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Year 5 Non-Fiction Books

Autumn 1 – World War II

Frightful First World War & Woeful Second World War – Horrible Histories



Autumn 2 – Rainforests

Botanicum – Kathy Willis
Lots – Mark Martin



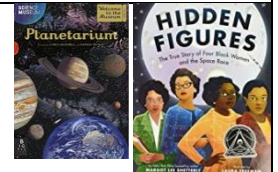
Spring 1 – Anglo-Saxons and Scots

The History Detectives Investigate Anglo Saxons – Neil Tonge



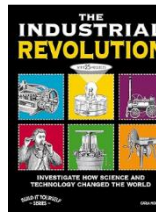
Spring 2 – Earth and Space

Hidden Figures Four Black Women and the Space Race – Margot Lee Shetterly
Planetarium – Raman Prinja



Summer 1 – It's A Revolution

The Industrial Revolution – Carla Mooney



Summer 2 – Amazing Americas

Amazon River – Sangma Francis & Romolo D'Hipolito
Cities of the World: South America - Liz Gogerly, Rob Hunt & Victor Beuren



Poetry

Classic poem to learn: Dulce Et Decorum Est – Wilfred Owen

Poems From The Second World War – Gaby Morgan

