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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 3

Orange Class - Year 3 Reading Spine Class Novels

Autumn 1 – Prehistoric People

Stone Age Boy – Satoshi Kitamura
The Stolen Spear – by Saviour Pirotta



Autumn 2 – Achievers and Inventors

The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
The Accidental Prime Minister – Tom McLaughlin



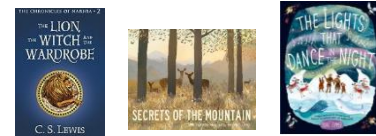
Spring 1 – Vikings

The Last Viking – Terry Deary
Riddle of the Runes – Janina Ramirez



Spring 2 – Frozen Planet

Secrets of the Mountain – Libby Walden
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – CS Lewis
The Lights that Dance at Night – Yuval Zommer



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

Our Tower – Joseph Coehlo
Iggy Peck, Architect – Andrea Beatty
A Bear called Paddington – Michael Bond

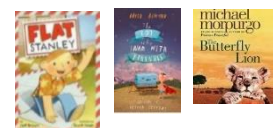


Year 3 Reading Spine Children's recommended Book List

The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy
Mr Stink – David Walliams
Ottoline – Chris Riddell



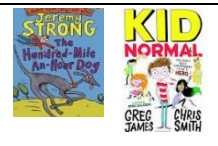
Flat Stanley – Geoff Brown
The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas – David Almond
The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo



Bill's New Frock – Anne Fine
Shadow Forest – Matt Haig
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – CS Lewis



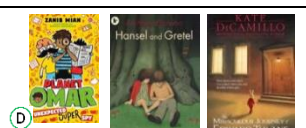
The Hundred Hour Dog – Jeremy Strong
Kid Normal – Greg James & Chris Smith



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	
<p>Autumn 1 – Prehistoric People Explore Stone, Bronze and Iron Age – Sonya Newland The Street Beneath My Feet – Charlotte Guillian</p> 	<p>Autumn 2 – Achievers and Inventors Little People, Big Dreams series - Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara</p> 
<p>Spring 1 – Vikings The Viking Raiders, Traders and Adventures – Marcia Williams Viking Voyages – Jack Tite</p> 	<p>Spring 2 – Frozen Planet Shackleton's Journey – William Grill Mountains - Rebecca Kahn</p> 
<p>Summer 1 – Mighty Monarchs The Tudors: Kings, Queens, Scribes and Ferrets – Marcia Williams Kings and Queens – Tony Robinson</p> 	<p>Summer 2 – Towns and Cities The Story of Buildings – Patrick Dillon Big Book of U.K – Imogen Russell Williams</p> 
Poetry	
<p>Classic poem to learn: From A Railway Carriage – Robert Louis Stevenson</p> <p>The Works KS2 – Pie Corbett</p> 