***“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. This is our fiction spine. In time, we will be adding non-fiction and poetry.

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.
* 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 National Literacy Trust, 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. We have included a ‘staff choice’ page. These books are the ones that we enjoyed reading as children or adults, where we lost ourselves in imaginary worlds with leading heroes and heroines.

EYFS

EYFS and Y1 are pivotal year groups for developing the skill of reading and emerging children in the wonder of stories. The teaching staff align all the different reading experiences every child has when they join our school. Some children will have daily exposure to stories while others, little introduction to the world of children’s literature. At Caldecote, we have chosen some key picture books that will help lay the foundation for engagement and enjoyment towards reading. For the class books, the teachers have chosen one of many books that they use to enrich the EYFS and Y1 curriculum.

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| **EYFS Reading Spine**  **Class Books** | |
| **Autumn 1 – All About Me**  **Never Take a Bear to School** – Mark Sperring  **Super Duper You** – Sophie Henn  **The Dot** – Peter Reynolds  **What Makes Me Me** – Ben Faulks | **Autumn 2 – Festivals & Celebrations**  **The Runaway Wok** – Ying Chang Compestine & Sebestia Serra  **Alfie's Christmas** - Shirley Hughes  **A Letter to Father Christmas** –  Rose Impey |
| **Spring 1 – Switch It On Toys**  **The Amelia Jane Collection** – Enid Blyton  **Lost in the Toy Museum** - David Lucas | **Spring 2 -Will You Read Me A Story? Traditional Tales**  **The Story of Pinnocchio** –  Katie Daynes  **The 3 Wolves and the Big Bad Pig** - Eugene Trivizas |
| **Summer 1 – Where Do They Live?**  **Atlas of Dinosaur Adventures** – Emily Hawkins  **Emma Jane’s Aeroplane** –  Katie Haworth  **What the Ladybird Heard** –  Julia Donaldson  **Farmer Duck** - Martin Waddell | **Summer 2 – Are We There Yet?**  **Mrs Armitage on Wheels** – Quentin Blake  **You Can’t Take an Elephant on a Bus** – Patricia Cleveland Peck  **Lost and Found** - Oliver Jeffers  **The Train Ride** - June Crebbin |
| **EYFS Reading Spine**  **Children’s recommended Book List** | |
| **Owl Babies** –  Martin Waddell  **Wonky Donkey** – Craig Smith  **There’s a Dragon in your Book** – Tom Fletcher | **Press Here** –  Herve Tullet  **The Lion Inside** – Rachel Bright  **We’re Going on a Bear Hunt** – Michael Rosen |
| **Oi Frog!** Kes Grey and Jim Field  **Peace at Last** –  Jill Murphy  **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** – Eric Carle | **Mr Magnolia** –  Quentin Blake  **Supertato** – Sue Hendra  **You Choose Fairy Tales** – Nick Sharrot & Pippa Goodheart |
| **Where the Wild Things Are** – Maurice Sendak  **Olivia** – Ian Falconer  **I Will Not Ever Eat a Tomato** – Lauren Child | **The Squirrels who Squabbled** – Rachel Bright & Jim Field  **Handa’s Surprise** – Eileen Browne  **Trixie the Cat** – Nick Butterworth |

Year 1

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| **Year 1 Reading Spine**  **Class Books** | |
| **Autumn 1 – Space**  **Beegu** – Alex Deacon  **Alien Tea on Planet Zum Zee** – Tony Mitton  **Aliens Love Underpants Save the World** - Claire Freedman  **Bob, Man on the Moon** – Simon Bartram  **The Way Back Home** – Oliver Jeffers  **[Man on the Moon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Man_on_the_Moon_(book))[Alien Tea on Planet Zum-Zee](http://www.goodreads.com/work/editions/15351834-aliens-love-smelly-jelly)How to catch a star** – Oliver Jeffers  Beegu[Aliens in Underpants Save the World](https://assets.onbuy.com/i7/product/5303126fd51f42bcbe588291a87f9d23-l616837/aliens-in-underpants-save-the-world.jpg) | **Autumn 2 – Muck, Mess and Mixtures**  **George’s Marvellous Medicine** – Roald Dahl  **Revolting Recipes** – Roald Dahl  **Mr Messy** - Roger Hargreaves  **Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes**[GEORGES MARVELLOUS MEDICINE](javascript:void(0))  **[Image result for Mr Messy](https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=fRaQMjK3&id=093E920BC43507C773D94EAB36BE217257498BFB&thid=OIP.fRaQMjK3Vbmb4vf_8lKpygHaGx&mediaurl=http://www.penguin.com.au/jpg-large/9781846462771.jpg&exph=594&expw=650&q=Mr+Messy&simid=608007926722462576&selectedIndex=0)** |
| **Spring 1 – Land Ahoy! Pirates**  **The Night Pirates** – Peter Harris  **The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch** – Richard Armitage  **The Little Mermaid** – Hans Christian Anderson  **The Spell Shell** – Roderick Hunt  **Wave** – Suzy Lee  **Grandad’s Island** – Benji Davies | **Spring 2 – Paws, Claws & Whiskers**  **Dear Zoo** – Rod Campbell  **Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain** – Verna Aardema  **Lila and the Secret of Rain** – David Conway  **[Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain](http://www.arbookfind.com/bookdetailprint.aspx?q=9758&l=EN)Masai and I** – Virginia Kroll  **[Image result for dear zoo](https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=tUwCpcWg&id=F7F31C7E4FA382B2C2209945509978641A8150B4&thid=OIP.tUwCpcWg1azNV3_WfxwXKwHaHi&mediaurl=http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-2JupxiFuzhM/UTJv7PE5_dI/AAAAAAAAB7M/TlMud0iViLg/s1600/dear%2bzoo.jpg&exph=400&expw=393&q=dear+zoo&simid=607986915798945690&selectedIndex=0)** |
| **Summer 1 – Enchanted Woodland**  **Peter Rabbit** – Beatrix Potter  **Wild** – Emily Hughes  **The Minpins** – Roald Dahl  **Tree** – Britta Teckentrup | **Summer 2 – Towers, Turrets & Tunnels**  **Rapunzel** – Brothers Grimm Traditional  **George and the Dragon** – Christopher Wormell  **Zog** – Julia Donaldson  **The Story Book Knight** – Helen Docherty [George and the Dragon](http://www.arbookfind.com/bookdetailprint.aspx?q=106029&l=EN)  [Image result for Rapunzel book](https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=RIqg1Gv4&id=2FB2A1B920DC5BCEBA34AF2B9A5FA9502BFC01ED&thid=OIP.RIqg1Gv4bl93D91XSTyz2gAAAA&mediaurl=https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/736x/ec/2f/6f/ec2f6f849ec00899e37686fa703ea3e8.jpg&exph=697&expw=462&q=Rapunzel+book&simid=608010465102922214&selectedIndex=8) |
| **Year 1 Reading Spine**  **Children’s recommended Book List** | |
| **Blue Balloon –**  Mick Inkpen  **Aliens Love Underpants** Claire Freedman  **I Want my Hat Back –**  Jan Klassen | **The Cat in the Hat** –  Dr Seuss  **The Polar Express** –  Chris Van Allsberg  **The Day the Crayons Quit**  Oliver Jeffers |
| **The Pirates Next Door** – Jonny Duddle  **Journey** –  Aaron Becker  **Tiddler** – Julia Donaldson | **Elmer** – David McKee  **The Bear and the Piano** – David Litchfield |
| **Stick Man** – Julia Donaldson  **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** – Jon Scieszka  **Tuesday** – David Weisner | **Funnybones** - Allan Ahlberg  **My Pet Star** – Corinne Averiss & Rosalind Beardshaw  **Dogger** – Shirley Hughes |

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.

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| **Year 2 Reading Spine**  **Class Books & Novels** | |
| **Autumn 1 – Dinosaurs**  **Little Nose** – John Grant | **Autumn 2 – Rio de Vida**  **The Christmasaurus** – Tom Fletcher |
| **Spring 1 – Wriggle and Crawl**  **Charlotte’s Web** – EB White | **Spring 2 – Super Heroes**  **Traction Man** – Mini Grey  **The BFG** – Roald Dahl |
| **Summer 1 – Bright Lights**  **Raven Boy** – Pippa Goodhart  **The Great Fire of London** – Emma Adams | **Summer 2 – Street Detectives**  **The Boy who Grew Dragons** –  Andy Shepherd. |
| **Year 2 Reading Spine**  **Children’s recommended Book List** | |
| **Gigantosaurus –** Jonny Duddle  **Greek Myths –** Marcia Williams  **Dinosaur Cove series** – Mixture of authors | **Amazing Grace –** Mary Hoffman & Caroline Binch  **Captain Underpants** – Dav Pilkey  **The Magic Faraway Tree** – Enid Blyton |
| **The Twits** – Roald Dahl  **Emily’s legs** – Dick King Smith  **The Dog who Lost his Bark**- Eoin Colfer | **Emily Brown and the Thing** – Cressida Cowell  **The Owl who was afraid of the Dark** – Jill Murphy  **Lost** – Eli Fountain |
| **The Great Paper Caper –**  Oliver Jeffers  **Horrid Henry** – Francesca Simon  **The Truth Pixie** – Matt Haig | **Meerkat Mail –** Emily Gravett  **The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me** – Roald Dahl  **The 13 Storey Tree House** – Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton |

Year 3

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| **Year 3 Reading Spine**  **Class Novels** | |
| **Autumn 1 – Tribal Tales**  **Stig of the Dump (A Puffin Book): Amazon.co.uk: King, Clive ...Stone Age Boy** –  Satoshi Kitamura  **Stig of the Dump** – Clive King | **Zoo (Red Fox Picture Books): Amazon.co.uk: Anthony Browne: BooksMouse Bird Snake Wolf: Amazon.co.uk: David Almond: BooksAutumn 2 – Predator**  **Mouse Bird Snake Wolf** –  David Almond  **Zoo –** Anthony Browne |
| **Escaping the Giant Wave: Amazon.co.uk: Kehret: BooksSpring 1 – Weather and Climate**  **Flood (Fiction Picture Books): Amazon.co.uk: Alvaro F. Villa ...Flood** – Alvaro F. Villa  **Escaping the Giant Wave** –  Peg Kehret | **The Last Viking: Amazon.co.uk: Terry Deary, Stefano Tambellini ...Spring 2 – Traders and Raiders**  **The Last Viking** – Terry Deary How to Train Your Dragon (novel series) - Wikipedia  **How to Train a Dragon** – Cressida Cowell |
| **Summer 1 – Mighty Metals**  **The Iron Man** – Ted Hughes  **The Lost Thing** – Shaun Tan | **Summer 2 – Towns and Cities**  **The Accidental prime Minister** – Tom Mclaughlin  **The Secret World of Polly Flint** – Helen Cresswell |
| **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 | **The Hundred Hour Dog** –  Jeremy Strong  **Kid Normal** – Greg James & Chris Smith |
| **Mickey & the Animal Spies** – Anne Miller  **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 |

Year 4

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| **Year 4 Reading Spine**  **Class Novels** | |
| **Autumn 1 – Potions**  **Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland** –  Lewis Carroll | **Autumn 2 – Flow**  **The Morning I Met a Whale** –  Michael Morpurgo |
| **Spring 1 – I am Warrior**  **Varjak Paw** – SF Said | **Spring 2 - Tremors**  **The Firework Maker’s Daughter**-  Philip Pullman |
| **Summer 1 – Burbs, Bottoms and Bile**  **Demon Dentist** – David Walliams | **Summer 2 – Gods and Mortals**  **Greek Myths for Young Children** –  Heather Amery |
| **Year 4 Reading Spine**  **Children’s recommended Book List** | |
| **The Creakers** – Tom Fletcher  **The Witches** – Roald Dahl  **Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone** – JK Rowling  **Winnie Spells Trouble** – Laura Owens | **The Whisperer** – Nick Butterworth  **Birthday Boy** –  David Baddiel  **Wed Wabbit** – Lissa Evans |
| **The Chicken Gave it to Me** – Anne Fine  **Series of Unfortunate Events** – Lemony Snicket  **Rotten Romans**  **Cut Throat Celts**  Terry Deary | **At the Beach** – Roland Harvey  W**hen the Mountains Roared** – Jess Butterworth  **The Elephant Thief** –  Jane Kerr |
| **The Akimbo Adventures** –  Alexander McCall Smith  **The Legend of Podkin One Ear** – Kieran Larwood | **Cloud Tea Monkeys** – Mal Peet & Elsbeth Graham  **Midnight for Charlie Bone** –  Jenny Nimmo |

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| **Year 5 Reading Spine**  **Class Novels** | |
| **Autumn 1 – Frozen Kingdom**  **Shackleton’s Journey** – William Grill  **There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom** – Louis Sacher | **Autumn 2 – Stargazer**  **The Many Worlds of Albie Bright** – Christopher Edge |
| **Spring 1 – A Child’s War**  **Letters from the Lighthouse** – Emma Carroll | **Spring 2 – Allotment**  **Letters from the Lighthouse Cont**. – Emma Carroll |
| **Summer 1 – Anglo Saxons and Scots**  **Versions of Beowulf** | **Summer 2 – Beast Creator**  **The Girl of Ink and Stars** – Kiaran Millwod |
| **Year 5 Reading Spine**  **Children’s recommended Book List** | |
| **Ice Age Monster**-  David Walliams  **The Abomnables** –  Eva Ibbotson  **Skylark’s War** –  Hilary McKay | **Gangsta Granny** –  David Walliams  **Who Let the Gods Out** – Maz Evans  **Cosmic** –  Frank Cottrell-Boyce |
| **Rose Blanche –** Ian McEwen  **The Boy at the Back of the Class** – Onjali Q Rauf  **Kensuke’s Kingdom** – Michael Morpurgo | **Goth Girl** – Chris Riddel  **The Explorer** –  Katherine Rundell |
| **To Be A Cat –** Matt Haig  **Danny the Champion of the World** – Roald Dahl  **The Bronze Axe** – Katherine Fidler | **The Falcon’s Malteser** – Anthony Horiwitz  **Suitcase Kid** – Jacqueline Wilson  **The Girl Who Stole an Elephant** – Nazrana Farook |

Year 5

Year 6

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| **Year 6 Reading Spine**  **Class Novels** | |
| Oliver Twist**Autumn 1 – Industrial Revolution**  **Oliver Twist** – Charles Dickens  **Cogheart** – Peter Bunzl | Holes: Amazon.co.uk: Sachar, Louis: 8601404204470: Books**Autumn 2 – Hola Mexico & the Mayans**  **Holes** - Louis Sachar |
| Wild Boy (Wild Boy 1): Amazon.co.uk: Rob Lloyd Jones: Books**Spring 1 – ID and Blood Heart**  Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman review | Children's books | The ...**Pig Heart Boy** – Malorie Blackman  **Wild Boy** – Rob Llyod Jones | The City of Ember - Wikipedia**Spring 2 – Biomes and Globalisation**  **The City of Ember** – Jeanne DuPrau |
| Secrets of a Sun King | Faber & Faber**Summer 1 – Revolutions**  **Secrets of a Sun King** – Emma Carroll | **Summer 2 – Darwin’s Delights**  **Journey to the River Sea** – Eva Ibbotson  **Can You See Me?** - Libby Scott& Rebecca Westcott |
| **Year 6 Reading Spine**  **Children’s recommended Book List** | |
| **Running Wild** –  Michael Morpurgo  **Nevermore** –  Jessica Townsend  **Wonder** – RJ Palacio | **Flotsam** – David Weisner  **Brightstorm -**  Vashti Hardy  **Rooftoppers** –  Katherine Rundell |
| Floodland: Amazon.co.uk: Sedgwick, Marcus: 9781858817637: Books**Troofriend** –  Kirsty Applebaum  **Refugee Boy** – Benjamin Zephaniah  **Floodland** – Marcus Sedgwick | **The Arrival –** Shaun Tan  **Northern Lights** –  Philip Pullman  **The Island at the End of Everything** – Kiran Millwood Hargrave |
| Malamander by Thomas Taylor (Walker)**Malamander** – Thomas Taylor  **The Nowhere Emporium** –  Ross MacKenzie  **Once** – Morris Gleitzman | A Monster Calls (Non-Illustrated Edition) - Scholastic ShopSee the source image**A Monster Calls**– Patrick Ness  **Asha and the Spirit Bird** - Jasbinder Bila  **Evernight** – Ross Mackenzie |