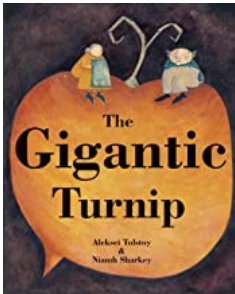
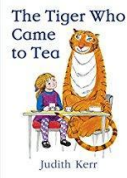


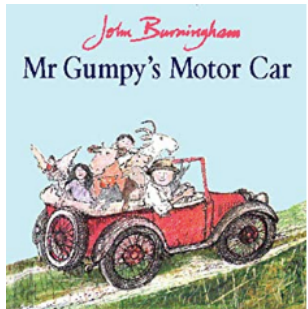
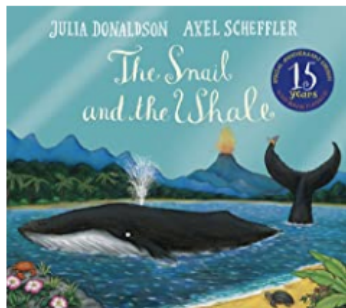
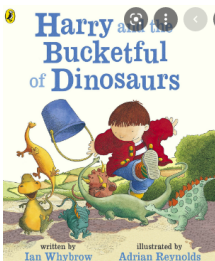


Our reading spine is designed using books – written by inspirational authors – which we value and want the children to have read by the time they leave primary education. The texts are purposefully selected to take the reader on a journey, from sharing picture books, to sharing a range of chapter books that gradually expose the reader to beautifully crafted storylines with evermore intriguing and challenging themes. Some books also fit with the year group’s Learning Quest and science topics.

Research shows that sharing quality narratives, which the children would not necessarily choose to read for themselves, develops not only a love of reading but improves vocabulary development and language skills, develops imagination and empathy, and enables children to learn about people, places and events outside of their own experience. In turn, this promotes achievement in all writing genres across the curriculum.

This pack contains your core texts – 1 per half term – and a poetry anthology. Fairy stories should be revisited throughout the year. The books should be kept in the zippy wallet and remain available in the classroom. Children should be read to for 15 minutes each day. One reading session a week should be replaced with a poem from the year group poetry anthology.

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| 1 |  | <p><u>The Gigantic Turnip by Aleksis Tolstoy & Niamh Sharkey</u></p> <p>This hilarious retelling of the classic Russian tale about a farmer whose turnip is impossible to pull from the ground uses simple vocabulary and is ideal for reading aloud.</p> |
| 2 |  | <p><u>The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr</u></p> <p>The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!</p> |
| 3 |  | <p><u>What the ladybird heard</u></p> <p>With all the MOOing and HISSing and BAAAing and CLUCKing, the farmyard is full of noise. But when Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len hatch a plot to steal the fine prize cow, it's the quietest animal of all who saves the day!</p> |

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| 4 |  | <p><u>Where the Wild Things are by Maurice Sendak</u></p> <p><i>One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind and another, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and sends him to bed without his supper.</i></p> <p>That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are.</p> |
| 6 |  | <p><u>Mr Gumpy's Motor Car by John Burningham</u></p> <p><u>Mr Grumpy's outing</u></p> <p>Mr Gumpy has decided to go for a ride in his motor car. It's a nice day and the sun is shining, so off he goes. But he only gets as far as the lane before the children, the rabbit, the cat, the dog, the pig, the sheep, the chickens, the calf and the goat ask if they can come along too. As the motor car and its passengers make their way across the field, the weather begins to turn and the rain is soon pouring down. The tyres cannot grip the muddy ground, so Mr Gumpy asks for volunteers to push the car. But everyone has an excuse, until it gets so bad that they all have to get out and help. Eventually, the sun shines once more as they drive across the bridge - and there's time for a swim on the way home.</p> |
| 7 |  | <p><u>The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson</u></p> <p>One little snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of an enormous whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail's big plan that saves the day!</p> |
| 8 |  | <p><u>Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs</u></p> <p>Harry finds some dusty plastic dinosaurs in Nan's attic. He cleans them, finds out their names and takes them everywhere - until, one day, the dinosaurs get lost! The lost property man gets a surprise when Harry proves the dinosaurs are his by calling them over to him.</p> |

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| 9 |  | <p><u>Mog the forgetful cat!</u></p> <p>Mog is a very forgetful cat, forever getting in the way of her owners, the Thomas family, particularly when she forgets the cat flap and sits in the window box meowing and squashing all the flowers. ... Her antics usually result in cries of 'Bother that cat!'</p> |
| 10 |  | <p><u>Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy</u></p> <p>Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town, followed by a few friends - and comes up against a nasty surprise in the shape of Scarface Claw! Discover the lovable rogue, Hairy Maclary, and his four-footed friends in this hilarious classic tale. With unforgettable illustrations and a brilliant rhyming text, it's a true delight to read aloud again and again. This new cased board book edition is the perfect size for little hands.</p> |
| 11 |  | <p><u>The Bad tempered ladybird</u></p> <p>The bad-tempered ladybird picks fights with every animal he meets, but soon learns the importance of friends and turns into a far nicer, happier bug.</p> |
| Poetry Anthology |  | <p><u>The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems</u></p> <p>A great first poetry book; the poems span time, from Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter de la Mare right up to date with Roger McGough and Michael Rosen. Themes covered, such as mealtimes, playtime, animals, family and bedtime, really appeal to young readers. A truly lovely collection of all-time favourite poems.</p> |