



Star of the Sea School Reading Spine Books and Rationale

These are the books that teachers will read aloud to pupils every day for reading pleasure and enjoyment; alongside books that are used for whole class reading. Our Reading Spine rationale and choices are based on: Doug Lemov’s ‘5 Plagues of the Developing Reader’; teacher’s choice; and our ethos of inclusivity and intent to reflect realities in our chosen texts. In this way children will experience a range of carefully selected books, genres, characters and authors. In addition, topic books have been carefully selected in science, history and geography, to reflect the areas studied in each year group.

Read about Doug Lemov’s ‘5 Plagues of the Developing Reader’ here: <https://teachlikeachampion.org/blog/on-text-complexity-and-reading-part-1-the-five-plagues-of-the-developing-reader/>

EYFS will read books in two strands to learn about both narrative convention and the wider world. As they do so, we will ensure they encounter well known authors such as Michael Rosen, Julia Donaldson, Eric Carle, Shirley Hughes, Trish Cooke, Jez Alborough

Finally, our Reading Spine is dynamic and fluid. It is constantly under review and it will change to meet the needs of each class.

Year 1							
Archaic Texts	Non-Linear Time Sequences	Complexity of the Narrator	Figurative/Symbolic Texts	Resistant Texts	Diverse/Inclusive Texts	Non-Fiction Texts	Additional Texts
Aesop’s Fables – Aesop	One Candle – Eve Bunting	3 Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig – Eugene Trivizas	The Lotus Seed – Sherry Garland	The Colour Monster – Anna Llenas	Ruby’s Worry – Tom Percival	Professor Astro Cat’s Deep-Sea Voyage – Dominic Walliman & Ben Newman	Beegu – Alexis Deacon
Cinderella	The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Fairy Tales – Jon Scieszka	Come Away from the Water Shirley – John Burningham	The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr	Not Now Bernard – David McKee	Jabari Jumps – Gaia Cornwall	Iceberg – Claire Saxby and Jess Racklyeft	Smile Out Loud – Joseph Coelho & Daniel Gray-Barnett
The Frog Prince – Brothers Grimm			The Heart and the Bottle – Oliver Jeffers		Nimesh the Adventurer – Ranjit Singh & Mehrdokht		Poetry Anthology: The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems
Billy Goats Gruff – Paul Galdone	The Trouble with Trolls – Jan Brett						
Paddington – Michael Bond							
The Night Before Christmas – Clement Clarke Moore							

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Year 2

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The Magic Faraway Tree – Enid Blyton	My Name is Not Refugee – Kate Milner	The Hodgeheg – Dick King-Smith	A child of Books – Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston	Poetry Anthology – The Works KS1	Ramadan Moon – Naima B Robert	Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History – Vashti Harrison	Mr Majeika – Humphrey Carpenter
The Night Before Christmas – Clement Clarke Moore	Voices in the Park – Anthony Browne	Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl	Michael Rosen’s Sad Book – Michael Rosen	Ning Nang Nong – Spike Milligan	The Proudest Blue – Ibtihaj Muhammad and S. K. Ali	The Rainforest Book – Charlotte Milner	Wigglesbottom Primary: The Toilet Ghost – Pamela Butchart
Pippi Longstocking – Astrid Lingren	My Funny Family – Chris Higgins	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs – John Scieszka	Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers		Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History – Vashti Harrison	Meet the Microbes – Dr Emily Grossman	The Rainbow Bear – Michael Morpurgo
						Counting on Katherine – Helaine Becker and Dow Phumiruk	The Invisible – Tom Percival
						Life Savers – Eryl Nash & Ana Albergo	Perfectly Peculiar Pets – Ellie Woolard Dear Earth – Isabel Otter & Clara Anganuzzi

Year 3

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Charlotte’s Web – E.B.White	The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo	Nim’s Island – Wendy Orr	Revolt Rhymes – Roald Dahl	Cloud Busting – Malone Blackman	The Lost Homework – Richard O’Neill and Kirsty Beautyman	The Street Beneath my Feet – Charlotte Guillian & Yuval Zommer	The Abominables – Iva Ibbotson
			The Tunnel – Anthony Browne	Poetry Anthology – The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry	The Dog that Saved Christmas – Nicola Davies	Interview with a Shark – Andy Seed and Nick East	Stone Age Boy – Satoshi Kitamura
						Atlas of Adventures – Lucy Leatherland	The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
							Yapping Away – Joshua Seigal and Sarah Horne

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The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis	Dominic Grows Sweetcorn – Mandy Ross	The Five Realms: The Legend of Podkin One Ear – Keiran Larwood	Revolting Rhymes – Roald Dahl	The Mysteries of Harris Burdick – Chris Van Allsburg	Call me Lion – Camilla Chester	Fantastically Great Women Scientists and Their Stories – Kate Pankhurst Shackleton’s Journey – William Grill	The Barnabus Project – The Fan Brothers Poetry Anthology: Sensational

Year 5

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The Raven – Edgar Allen Poe	1000 Year Old Boy – Ross Welford	Sky Song – Abi Elphinstone	Northern Lights – Phillip Pullman	The Arrival – Shaun Tan	The Boy with the Butterfly Mind – Victoria Williamson My Heart is a Poem – Various Authors	Factopia – Kate Hale & Andy Smith Music: A Fold Out History – Nicholas O’Neill, Susan Hayes & Ruby Taylor Animal Sidekicks – Maken Murphy & Dragan Kordic	The Midnight Fox – Betsy Byers Varmints – Helen Ward Poetry Anthology: The Works 4

Year 6

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The Railway Children – Edith Nesbitt	Clockwork – Philip Pullman	Wonder – R.J.Palacio	Skellig – David Almond	The Tyger – William Blake	Boy Overboard – Morris Gleitzman		Poetry Anthology – The Works KS2