

St Thomas CE (vc) Primary Reading and Book Spine

Rational

This document is intended to support the progress of whole class quality reading across the school as well as offer a range of inspiring picture books that work well for T4W and books that link well to our topics. I have audited the books we already have as class sets (15+ books) for in school and added a few more titles to the range of recommended reads from many sources carefully researched. You may well find that some of the books you have used and loved have been moved into other year groups and some new and unknown books have been added. This is to ensure progression in reading as we need to ensure year groups are reading books that build on the ones read the previous year in both complexity and language.

I found we already had in school a number of books that linked well to our topic areas but we must ensure that they work well as readers also and some topics just have a very limited selection of related texts. However, I also appreciate that the linking of texts for some topics could be powerful and useful to showcase a depth and breadth of knowledge and text formats so I have attempted to link these to the topic areas in most cases. In the year that the book doesn't match the topic, it is expected that the book should be read anyway as it will either link to work done the previous year or work to be done in the following year.




We have endeavoured to provide a reading spine that has a range of age appropriate yet challenging books that span both modern and classic books, from texts where there is a complex narrative to texts with figurative and symbolic story plots. We also want to ensure that the books we read diverse in both their authors and characters as well as ensuring all our children are exposed to a range of books across a wide selection of genres. You will notice that there are 4/5 'chapter books' provided for each year group as well as selection of topic related books, non-fiction and poetry. The picture books relating to T4W are well recommended and where they span year groups (e.g. Journey, Quest, Return – it is important they are covered).






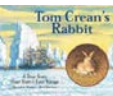








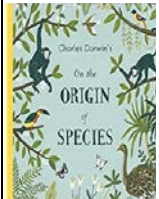

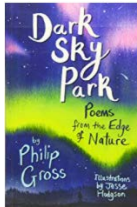
A wide selection of these genres should be covered over the year in reading, writing and topic work. There is also the opportunity to add in a set of books that you enjoy as a teacher. Be careful with your selection- look at future planning when you might not be in that year group and make sure that the book has longevity. If not, Books Plus 'lend out' class sets of books which may be worth looking into and if buy a class set look out for books that are new, are diverse and would be picked up and enjoyed by future teachers and classes.

Don't forget reading should also include songs, newspapers, comic books, diary entries, short pieces, scripts, short videos etc- sometimes these might work better if focusing on a particular skills or comprehension strand.

Topic themes







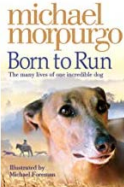
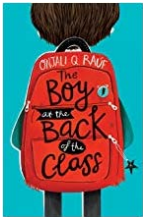
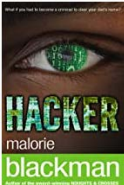

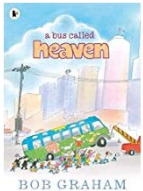



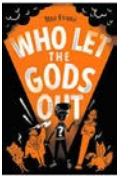
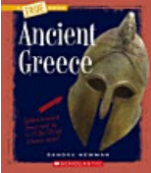
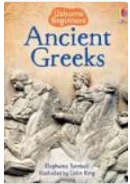
Cornerstones		Term 1				Term 2				Term 3		
Year 6	Driver project	 Maafa History (30 lessons)				 Frozen Kingdoms Geography (35 lessons)				 Britain at War History (34 lessons)		
	Linked English packs	Newspaper reports	Persuasive letters	Non-chronological reports	Acrostic poems	Non-chronologic reports	Haikus	Newspaper reports	Adventure narratives	Persuasive posters	Historical narratives	Nonets
	Linked book study	Freedom by Catherine Johnson				The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell				Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian		
	Science	Circulatory System (approx. 20 lessons)				Electrical Circuits and Components (approx. 20 lessons)				Light Theory (approx. 12 lessons)		Evolution and Inheritance (approx. 12 lessons)
	A&D	Tints, Tones and Shades (5 lessons)		Trailblazers, Barrier Breakers (6 lessons)		Inuit (6 lessons)		Environmental Artists (6 lessons)		Distortion and Abstraction (8 lessons)		Bees, Beetles and Butterflies (7 lessons)
	D&T	Food for Life (6 lessons)				Engineer (7 lessons)				Make Do and Mend (8 lessons)		
	Geography	Our Changing World (15 lessons)				Geography covered in the main project				Geography revision and retrieval practice		




Books to read for whole class reading (MUST BE READ)	Picture books that work well with writing	Books that link well with topic	Non-fiction books	Poetry
Kensuke's Kingdom (classic) Michael Morpurgo  After Tomorrow - Gillian Cross  The Star Outside My Window - Onjali Q. Rauf  Gorilla Dawn - Gill Lewis  Wonder - R. J. Palacio 	Way Home - Libby Hathorn  Tom Crean's Rabbit - Meradith Hooper  The Island - Armin Greder  The Viewer - Gary Crew  Rose Blanche - Ian McEwan  Hidden Figures - Margot Lee-Shetterly 	Arctic Adventures – Willard Price  Trapped by the Ice - Micheal McCurdy  Friend or Foe - Michael Morpurgo  Freedom - Cathrine Johnson  The Wolf Wilder - Katherine Rundell  Goodnight Mister Tom – Michelle Magorian 	Origin of Species - Sabina Radeva  Expedition to the Arctic by Professor Alex Woolf 	https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline Landscape with the Fall of Icarus - William Carlos Williams- link to Another Time- Jabberwocky - Lewis Carroll – link to Science Silver - Walter de La Mare The Fish - Elizabeth Bishop Dark Sky Park - Philip Gross- will fit well in Around Word in 80 days and My World Kitchen 

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Year 5	Driver project	 Dynamic Dynasties History (25 lessons)			 Sow, Grow and Farm Geography (36 lessons)				 Groundbreaking Greeks History (33 lessons)			
	Linked English packs	Narrative poems	Biographies	Stories from other cultures	Non-chronologic reports	Diaries	Leaflets	Balanced arguments	Greek myths	Balanced arguments	Playscripts	Odes
	Linked book study	Bronze and Sunflower by Cao Wenxuan			The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett				Who Let the Gods Out? by Maz Evans			
	Science	Forces and Mechanisms (approx. 12 lessons)		Earth and Space (approx. 12 lessons)	Human Reproduction and Ageing (approx. 20 lessons)				Properties and Changes of Materials (approx. 20 lessons)			
	A&D	Tints, Tones and Shades (5 lessons)		Taotie (4 lessons)	Line, Light and Shadows (9 lessons)		Nature's Art (6 lessons)		Mixed Media (8 lessons)		Expression (7 lessons)	
	D&T	Moving Mechanisms (6 lessons)			Eat the Seasons (6 lessons)				Architecture (8 lessons)			
	Geography	Investigating our World (15 lessons)			Geography covered in the main project				Geography revision and retrieval practice			

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Holes- (classic)Louis Sachar   Born to Run- Michael Morpurgo  Boy at the Back of the Class- Onjali Q. Rauf  Hacker- Malorie Blackman	Return- Aaron Becker (3/3)  A bus called Heaven- Bob Graham   The Wolves in the Wall- Neil Gaiman The Arrival – Shaun Tan 	Tikki Tikki Tembo- Arlene Mosel  Bronze and Sunflowers – Cao Wenxuan   Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett Who let the Gods out – Maz Evans 	 Shang Dynasty China – Tracey Kelly Ancient Greece – Sandra Newman   Ancient Greeks – Stephanie Turnbull	https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline Landscape with the Fall of Icarus - William Carlos Williams- link to Another Time. The Tyger- William Blake The Magic Box - Kit Wright Dark Sky Park- Philip Gross- will fit well in Around Word in 80 days and My World Kitchen 

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Year 4	Driver project	 Invasion History (39 lessons)				 Misty Mountain, Winding River Geography (33 lessons)				 Ancient Civilisations History (26 lessons)		
	Linked English packs	Anglo-Saxon poetry	Playscripts	Norse myths	Non-chronological reports	Diaries	Leaflets	Explanations	Narrative poetry	Free verse poetry	Instructions	Stories from other cultures
	Linked book study	The Saga of Erik the Viking by Terry Jones				King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Morpurgo				Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll		
	Science	Digestive System (approx. 12 lessons)		Sound (approx. 12 lessons)		States of Matter (approx. 12 lessons)		Grouping and Classifying (approx. 12 lessons)		Electrical Circuits and Conductors (approx. 20 lessons)		
	A&D	Contrast and Complement (6 lessons)		Warp and Weft (6 lessons)		Vista (6 lessons)		Animal (6 lessons)		Statues, Statuettes and Figurines (6 lessons)		Islamic Art (7 lessons)
	D&T	Fresh Food, Good Food (8 lessons)				Functional and Fancy Fabrics (10 lessons)				Tomb Builders (5 lessons)		
	Geography	Interconnected World (13 lessons)				Geography covered in the main project				Geography revision and retrieval practice		

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 Sky Hawk -Gill Lewis  Eye of the Wolf - Daniel Pennac  Anglo-Saxon Boy - Tony Bradman  Secrets of a Sun King - Emma Carroll  The Saga of Eric the Viking - Terry Jones, Michael F	 Quest - Aaron Becker (2/3)  The Promise – Nicola Davies  The Great Kapok Tree Lynne Cherry  Brother Eagle, Sister Sky – Susan Jeffers	 Fairy Tales – Terry Jones  Beowulf -Michael Morpurgo  How to be a Viking in 15 easy steps - Scoular Anderson  King of the Cloud Forests – Michael Morpurgo	 Great Women who saved the Planet by Professor Alex Woolf  Guardians of the Planet: How to be an Eco-Hero by Clive Gifford  Invasions! James Mason  Everything: Ancient Egypt by National Geographic Kids  See Inside Your Body by Katie Daynes	https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline The Sound Collector - Roger McGough Being Brave At Night - By Edgar Guest The Lost Words - by Jackie Morris and Robert Macfarlan  A Kid in my Class - By Rachel Rooney






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Year 3	Driver project	 Through the Ages History (39 lessons)				 Rocks, Relics and Rumbles Geography (33 lessons)				 Emperors and Empires History (38 lessons)			
	Linked English packs	Narratives	Instructions	Cinquains	Chronological reports	Non-chronological reports	Poetry	Newspaper reports	Diaries	Biographies	Letters	Myths	Poetry
	Linked book study	Stig of the Dump by Clive King				The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman				Roman Tales: The Goose Guards by Terry Deary			
	Science	Skeletal and Muscular Systems (approx. 20 lessons)				Forces and Magnets (approx. 20 lessons)				Plant Nutrition and Reproduction (approx. 12 lessons)		Light and Shadows (approx. 12 lessons)	
	A&D	Contrast and Complement (6 lessons)		Prehistoric Pots (5 lessons)		Ammonite (5 lessons)		People and Places (6 lessons)		Beautiful Botanicals (7 lessons)		Mosaic Masters (6 lessons)	
	D&T	Cook Well, Eatwell (7 lessons)				Making It Move (7 lessons)				Greenhouse (8 lessons)			
	Geography	One Planet, Our World (17 lessons)				Geography covered in the main project				Geography revision and retrieval practice			

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 The Iron Man- (classic) Ted Huges  Boy who Biked the World- Alistair Humphreys  Accidental Trouble Magnet- Zanib Mian  Stig of the Dump- (classic) Clive King  Firework Maker's Daughter- Phillip Pullman	 Journey- Aaron Becker (1/3)  The Lost Happy Endings- Carol Ann Duffy  How to Make Apple Pie and See the World- Marjorie Priceman  The Secret Cave- Emily Arnold McCully	 Rama and Sita- Arlene Mosel  Escape from Pompeii- Christina Balit  Illustrated Grimm's Fairy Tales  Max the Champion Sean Stockdale  The Goose Guards – Terry Deary	 An Anthology of Intriguing Animals by Ben Hoare  Discover & Learn: History - Romans in Britain by CGP Books  Record Breakers! More than 500 Fantastic Feats by DK  DKfindout! Stone Age by DK and Klint Janulis  What the Romans did for us: by Alison Hawes	https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline Chocolate Cake -Michael Rosen Firework Poem by James Carter All My Great Excuses- Kenn Nesbitt  Revolting Recipes- Roald Dahl  A Kid in my Class- By Rachel Rooney




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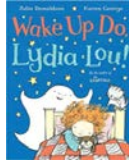
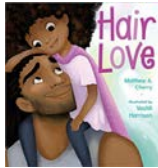
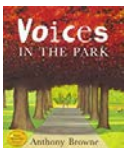
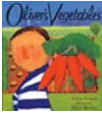

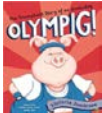



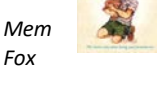
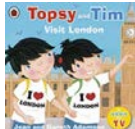



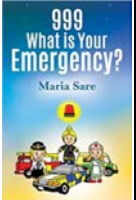


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Year 2	Driver project	 Movers and Shakers History (31 lessons)				 Coastline Geography (37 lessons)				 Magnificent Monarchs History (29 lessons)		
	Linked English packs	Biographies	Newspaper reports	Posters	Speeches	Descriptions	Adventure narratives	Non-chronological reports	Persuasive writing	Information leaflets	Kenning's poems	Comic strips
	Linked book study	Rosa Parks (Little People, Big Dreams) by Lisbeth Kaiser				Katie Morag and the New Pier by Mairi Hedderwick				Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine by Gloria Whelan		
	Science	Human Survival (approx. 12 lessons)		Habitats (approx. 12 lessons)		Uses of Materials (approx. 12 lessons)		Plant Survival (approx. 12 lessons)		Animal Survival (approx. 20 lessons)		
	A&D	Mix It (6 lessons)		Still Life (8 lessons)		Flower Head (7 lessons)				Portraits and Poses (6 lessons)		
	D&T	Remarkable Recipes (9 lessons)				Beach Hut (6 lessons)				Cut, Stitch and Join (8 lessons)		Push and Pull (7 lessons)
	Geography	Let's Explore the World (11 lessons)				Geography covered in the main project				Geography revision and retrieval practice		

Books to read for whole class reading (MUST BE READ)	Picture books that work well with writing	Books that link well with topic	Non-fiction books	Poetry
 The Hodgeheg- (classic) Dick King-Smith  Owl who was Afraid of the Dark- Jill Tomlinson  George's Marvellous Medicine- Roald Dahl  Look Up! by Nathan Bryon	 Ruby's Worries: A Big Bright Feelings Book by Tom Percival After the Fall How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up by Dan Santat  Lazy Lion Mwenye Hadithi, Adrien ne Kennaway,  The Rainbow Bear – Michael Morpurgo	Vlad and the Fire of London by Kate Cunningham  Great  Jesse Owens- A record breaker- Arlene Mosel  Rosa Parks – Little people, big dreams – Lisbeth Kaiser  Katie Morag and the New Pier - Mairi Hedderwick Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine – Victoria Whelan 	 How Flowers Grow (Usborne Beginners) Emergency Rescue: Meet Real-life Heroes DK Readers Level 3  100 Facts Penguins by Camilla de la Bedoyere The Great Fire of London- Emma Adams 	https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline I Do Not Mind You Winter Wind- Jack Prelutsky Autumn is Here- Top Marks  The great fire of London- George Szirtes Billy McCool By Aoife Mannix https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/poems/billy-mccool Good for Cool and Crazy Creatures













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Year 1	Driver project	 Childhood History (26 lessons)			 Bright Lights, Big City Geography (28 lessons)			 School Days History (32 lessons)		
	Linked English packs	Autobiographies	Non-chronological reports	Riddles	Information posters	Directions	Narratives	List poems	Diaries	Letters
	Linked book study	Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox			Topsy and Tim Visit London by Jean and Gareth Adamson			Whiffy Wilson: The Wolf who wouldn't go to school by Caryl Hart		
	Science	Everyday Materials (approx. 12 lessons)		Human Senses (approx. 12 lessons)	Seasonal Changes (approx. 20 lessons)			Plant Parts (approx. 12 lessons)		Animal Parts (approx. 12 lessons)
	A&D	Mix It (6 lessons)		Funny Faces and Fabulous Features (7 lessons)	Rain and Sunrises (6 lessons)			Street View (7 lessons)		
	D&T	Shade and Shelter (7 lessons)			Taxi! (6 lessons)			Chop, Slice and Mash (6 lessons)		
	Geography	Our Wonderful World (11 lessons)			Geography covered in the main project			Geography revision and retrieval practice		

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 Owl Babies- Martin Waddell  Where the Wild Things are (classic) - Maurice Sendak  Wake Up Do Lydia Iou! Penguin Small- Mick Inkpen  Hair Love- Matthew A Cherry	 Voices in the Park- Anthony Browne  Voices in the Park- Anthony Browne  The Great Explorer- Chris Judge  Olympig- Victoria Jamieson Traditional tales to read and explore: Rumpelstiltskin The Pied Piper Jack and The Beanstalk Follow this on with some Aesop's Fables.	 No Bot- Sue Hendra  Last Stop on Market Street- Matt de la Peña  Dogger- Shirley Hughes  Mem Fox  Topsy and Tim Visit London – Jean Gareth Adamson  Whiffy Wilson – The Wolf who wouldn't go to school – Carly Hart	 First book of Nature by Nicola Davis  We Build our Homes- Laura Knowle  999- What's your emergency? by Maria Sare	https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline Please Mrs Butler – By Allan Ahlberg Winter Trees- By George Szirtes  Shuffle and Squelch- Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt  The Proper Way to Greet a Hedgehog and other 'How to' poems- by Paul B. Janeczko https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/teaching-resources/clippa-teaching-sequences/proper-way-meet-hedgehog-and-other-how-poems Good for instructional writing



Early Years YR Overview 2022-23

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Driver project	<p>Me and My Community</p>  <p>PSSED Nursery Reception</p> <p>This project supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.</p>	<p>Once Upon a Time</p>  <p>Literacy Nursery Reception</p> <p>This project supports children to develop a love of stories and reading. It encourages children to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales including <i>Cinderella</i>, <i>Goldilocks</i>, <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>, <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> and <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i>.</p>	<p>Starry Night</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p> <p>This project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals.</p>	<p>Dangerous Dinosaurs</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p> <p>This exciting project teaches children about the different animals that roamed Earth millions of years ago and how they are related to animals that live on Earth today.</p>	<p>Sunshine and Sunflowers</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p> <p>This seasonal project provides opportunities for outdoor learning and teaches children how to care for the plants and animals in their local environment and how to stay safe in the sun.</p>	<p>Big Wide World</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p> <p>This project teaches children about the global community to which they belong and explores how living things, communities and climates differ around the world.</p>
Mini project	<p>Exploring Autumn</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p>	<p>Sparkle and Shine</p>  <p>PSSED Nursery Reception</p>	<p>Winter Wonderland</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p>	<p>Puddles and Rainbows</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p>	<p>Shadows and Reflections</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p>	<p>Splash!</p>  <p>World Nursery Reception</p>

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 <p>Lost and Found- Oliver Jeffers</p>  <p>The Tiger who Came for Tea- (Classic) Judith Kerr</p>  <p>Astro Girl-Ken Wilson-Max</p>  <p>The Great Fairy Tale Disaster by David Conway</p>	 <p>Handa's Surprise By Eileen Brown</p>  <p>The Mixed Up Chameleon By Eric Carle</p>  <p>Whatever Next- Jill Murphy</p>  <p>Stick Man- Julia Donaldson</p> <p>Traditional Tales to Read and Explore: 3 Billy Goats Gruff Little Red Riding Hood Little Red Hen The Ugly Duckling Hansel & Gretel The Elf & the shoemaker</p>	 <p>The Snowy Day- Ezra Jack Keats</p>  <p>How to Catch a Star- Oliver Jeffers</p>  <p>Little Leaf's Journey</p>  <p>We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen</p>	 <p>First Facts Bugs- DK</p>  <p>Usbourne book of Long Ago</p>  <p>Here we Are by Oliver Jeffers</p>  <p>My first book of Planets</p>	<p>https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/</p> <p>The Ugly Bug Ball. by Robert B. Sherman</p> <p>Each Peach Pear Plum- Janet and Allen Ahlberg</p> <p>Zim Zam Zoom by James</p>  <p>Carter and Nicola Colton https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/resources/teaching-sequences/zim-zam-zoom https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/resources/teaching-sequences/great-big-cuddle</p>