



Curriculum Reading Spine



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Reading Spine

Within this document there are **three reading spines** which we would like you to use to support the teaching and learning of reading and writing.

Author Study Spine

This spine contains a variety of high quality books which we would like you to read with your class on a daily basis (A minimum of three times a week)

Curriculum Spine

This spine has a variety of fiction, non fiction and poetry texts which have been sourced to compliment your writing genres. We recomend using these to support the teaching of writing units and whole class reading lessons. If you have other high-quality reading texts which you would like to use, please feel free to do so.

Reading For Pleasure Spine

We would like all children to develop a love of reading, and understand which books they enjoy and why that may be. There is a reading for pleasure spine designed for EYFS up to Year 6. Within each spine there are a large selection of

high quality texts which aim to provide depth and breadth to the children's reading. Within the Reading for Pleasure Spine we have also created a selection of non-fiction texts which support the development of background knowledge, and provide additional reading for those children who enjoy non-fiction texts. The book recommendations may also be used to support the teaching of specific subject areas, whole class reading, or they can be accessed independently by the children.



Reading Spine Aims

'From the earliest ages, reading is much more than decoding. From the start, reading is also accessing and further acquiring language knowledge and domain knowledge. This means that instruction and practice in fluency of decoding need to be accompanied by instruction and practice in vocabulary and domain knowledge. If we want to raise later achievement ..., we need to combine early instruction in the procedures of literacy with early instruction in the content of literacy, specifically: vocabulary, conventions of language, and knowledge of the world.'

E. D. Hirsch, Jr. (2003)

The aim of this reading spine is to provide an extensive list of high quality texts which staff can use to apply to their own long term plans. These are books to use as class reads, as study books for writing, as whole class reading books, and as recommendations for reading corners. Extracts may be taken from texts to explore in greater detail.

We aim for by the time a child reaches year 6 and beyond, they have developed rich vocabulary and broader knowledge of the world, and as a result of this are able to access more complex books expected of them in secondary school.

It should be noted that book and text selection not only considers narratives and poems, but also recognises that a good balance of topic- appropriate non-fiction should be read to help further develop children's background knowledge of the subject they are studying.

High Quality Texts for All

The collection has been designed to introduce children to a growing range of texts. Whilst some children may not be able to read all of the books independently, an important function of the collection is to expose children so they can access a wider range of titles, authors and genres. For more experienced readers, the collection offers an increasingly challenging range of books.

When selecting the books we considered three areas: learning to read; access to high quality texts to enable access for all; and to promote reading for pleasure and experiential and language development through information texts.

Learning to Read

The early reading books are particularly supportive for children who are learning to read. These books help children behave like readers, These books may be

- Memorable texts that feature repetition and encourage predictions
- Texts within which rhythm and rhyme are important
- Texts that allow children to practice and apply their phonic knowledge
- Texts which positively reflect children's interests and backgrounds
- Books with supportive illustrations
- Books that draw attention to written language and the way books work
- Texts that are multi-layered- capable of being read at different levels
- Books that deal with important themes
- Books in which language is used in lively, inventive ways
- Books by skillful and experienced children's writers and illustrators
- Traditional and contemporary 'classics' of children's literature
- Stories from different cultural settings
- Texts that promote discussion and reflection
- Books with text and pictures that provide comprehensive information, which are also an enjoyable reading experience, broadening knowledge, vocabulary, and experience of the world.

The texts have been selected through recommendations: National Literacy Trust, The Book Trust, Books for Topics, Chestnut Books and more. Considerations have been made for areas of learning covered in the curriculum to ensure wider reading.

Year 5 and 6 Author Study

Cycle A

| <u>Autumn</u> | <u>Spring</u> | <u>Summer</u> |
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| T1- Berlie Doherty – Street Child (5) T2 – Teachers choice from the Reading for Pleasure Book Spine | T1- Michael Morpurgo – My Friend Walter T2 – Teachers choice from the Reading for Pleasure Book Spine | T1- Gill Lewis - Gorilla Dawn T2 – Teachers choice from the Reading for Pleasure Book Spine |

Year 5 / 6 Curriculum Spine

Cycle A

| Autumn Cycle A Identity and Social Justice_ Topic History : Railways /Industrial Revolution Science: Forces & Light | Spring Cycle A Power Leadership and Invasion Topic- History: Tudors Science: Animals Including Humans Geography: World Knowledge, Colonisation | Summer Cycle A Sustainability, Impact on World Topic: Deforestation/ South America Science: Earth & Space History: Mayans |
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| <p>Fiction: Peter Bunzel – Cogheart Charles Dickens – Oliver Twist Berlie Doherty – Street Child Eloise Williams - Gaslight</p> <p>Non- Fiction Catherine Wells – Cole – Charles Dickens: England’s Most Captivating Storyteller Amanada Mitchinson – The Story of Isambard Kingdom</p> <p>Poetry (Narrative / Performance) John McCrae - Inlanders Fields (6) Moina Michael - We shall Keep the faith (6) Laurence Binyon – For the Fallen (6) Un known - Lest we forget (5 and 6) Various - Antibullying poems (5 and 6) Variety of Kenning poems (5)</p> | <p>Fiction: Michael Morpurgo – My Friend Walter Berlie Doherty – Treason Patrice Lawrence - Diver's Daughter Jane Hardstaff - The Executioner's Daughter</p> <p>Non- Fiction Marcia Williams - The Tudors: Kings, Queens, Scribes and Ferrets! Michael Rosen & Sarah Nayle - What's So Special About Shakespeare? DK - Eyewitness: Tudor</p> <p>Poetry (performance) Unnamed – Seven voyages of Sinbad (6) Atiyya bin Ali- The Rat and the Ship's Captain (6) Edward Lear – The Owl and the Pussycat (6) Winter Poem (5)</p> <p>The Best Ever Book of Funny Poems Paperback – Brian Moses (5)</p> | <p>Fiction: Gill Lewis - Gorilla Dawn Matt De La Pena – Infinity Ring Eva Ibbotson – Journey to the River Sea Lynne Cherry – The Great Kapok Tree- A tale of the Amazon Rain forest.</p> <p>Non- Fiction Tim Peak – Ask an astronaut Wendy Conklin -Mayas. Inca and Aztecs Nick Hunter - Mayan Mystery Dana Meachen Rau- Recipes from Mexico Barbara Asomervill – Ancient Maya William B Rice- Amazon Rainforest Thomas K Adamson – Learning about South America</p> <p>Poetry (Exploring form) Thomas Hardy – Throwing a tree Mark Cowen – Rainforest Layers</p> <p>The Best Ever Book of Funny Poems Paperback – Brian Moses (5)</p> |

Year 5 / 6 Curriculum Spine **Cycle B**

| Autumn | Spring | Summer |
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| T1- Louis Sachar- Holes (Class 5 &6) T2 – Teachers choice from the Reading for Pleasure Book Spine | T1- Michelle Magorian – Goodnight Mr Tom (6) T2 – Teachers choice from the Reading for Pleasure Book Spine | T1- Hannah Gold – The Last Bear T2 – Teachers choice from the Reading for Pleasure Book Spine |

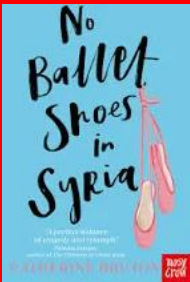

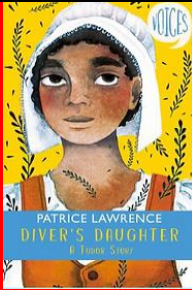
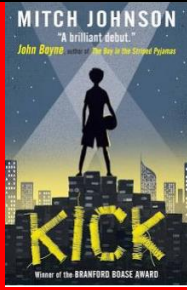
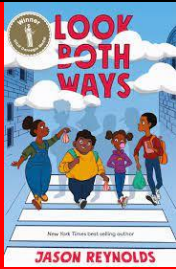

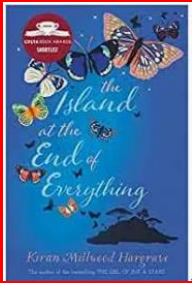
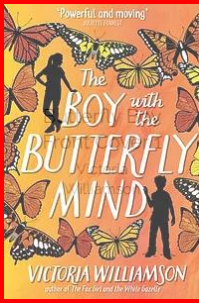



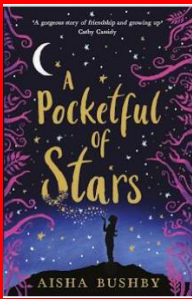
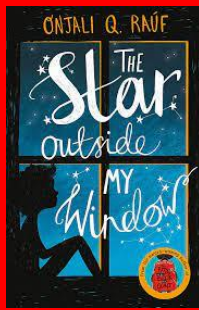
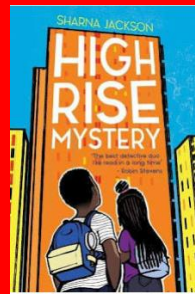
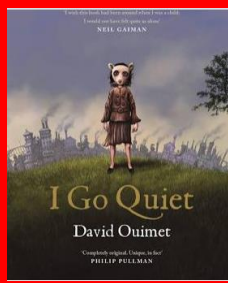
| Autumn Cycle B Identity and Social Justice Topic- History : Human and civil rights Science: Living things & their habitats. Evolution, adaptations/inheritance Geography: Regions in North America | Spring Cycle B Power Leadership and Invasion Topic:- History World War II Science: Electricity Geography: World Map work | Summer Cycle B Sustainability, Impact on World Topic- Geography : Climate Change Science: Properties & changes in materials History: Greta Thunburg |
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| <p><u>Fiction:</u> Louis Sachar- Holes (Class 5 &6) Malorie Blackman- Ellie and the Cat (Class 5/6)</p> <p><u>Non – Fiction:</u> Little People – Big Dreams -Martin Luther King Jr_ The Bible – Christmas Story</p> <p><u>Poetry (Narrative / Performance)</u> John McCrae - Inlanders Fields (6) Moina Michael - We shall Keep the faith (6) Laurence Binyon – For the Fallen (6) Un known - Lest we forget Various - Antibullying poems</p> | <p><u>Fiction:</u> Michelle Magorian – Goodnight Mr Tom_ Emma Carroll – Letters from the lighthouse_ Shaun Tan – The Arrival Ian McEwan – Rose Blanche James Riordan – Escape from War</p> <p><u>Non – Fiction:</u> Gaby Halberstam – Noor Inayat Khan Karen Levine – Hana's Suitcase (true story) Carol Ann Lee – Anne Frank's Story Chris Priestley – Battle of Britain Henry Brook – D Day Vince Cross – Berlin Olympics Sally Hewitt- Word War II Martin Parsons – Evacuation in WWII Roald Dahl- Going Solo Tony Bradman- Home Again</p> <p><u>Poetry:</u> Kite Flight – Vernon Scannell A Night with a Wolf – James Bayard Taylor (abridged)</p> | <p><u>Fiction:</u> Songs o the Dolphin Boy – Elizabeth Lard Floodland – Marcus Sedgwick Hannah Gold - The Last Bear_ Robert MacFarlane - The Lost spells</p> <p><u>Non – Fiction:</u> Patricia Newman – Plastic Ahoy! Protect the Planet – Jess French The Incredible Planet Earth – Rachel Ignatofsky</p> <p><u>Poetry:</u> Lost Dog – Frances Rodman_ The Gentleman in Grey – Emily Huntington Miller_ Robert MacFarlane - The Lost spells</p> |

Year 5 and 6

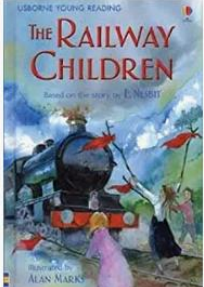
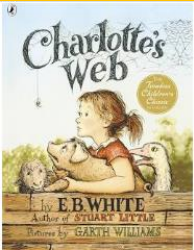
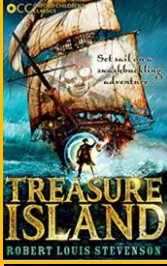
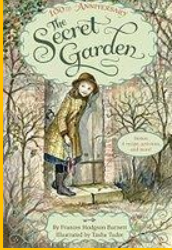
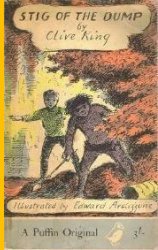
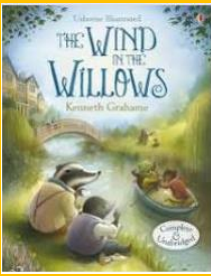
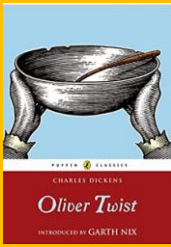
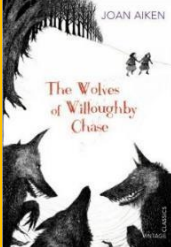
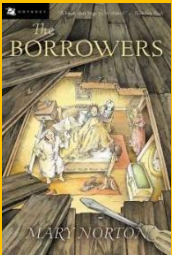
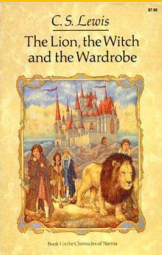
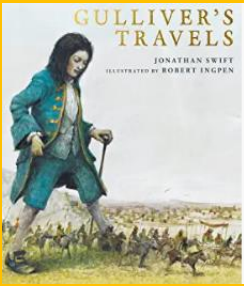

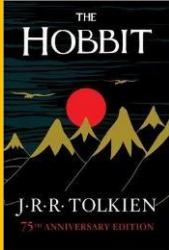
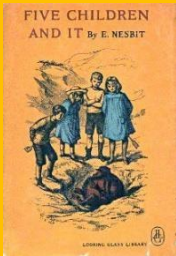
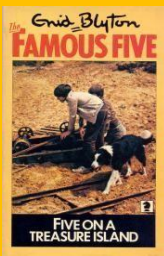
Reading for Pleasure Spine

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| Diversity | Classic Books | Fiction | Non Fiction (Random) | Poetry | Sustainability |

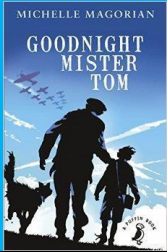
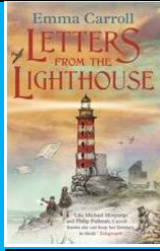

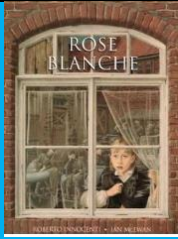


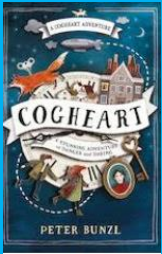

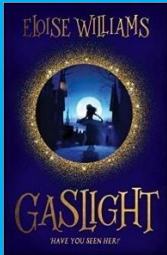




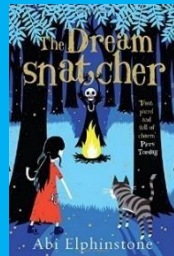
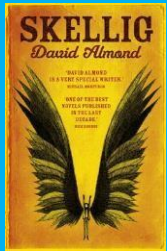
DIVERSITY SPINE- Reading for Pleasure UKS2

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| No ballet shoes in Syria Catherine Bruton | Kiss the Dust Elizabeth Laird | Diver's Daughter Patrice Lawrence | Kick Mitch Johnson | Look Both Ways Jason Reynolds |
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| The Infinite Patience Agbabi | The Island at the end of Everything Kiran Milwood | The Boy with the Butterfly Mind Victoria Williamson | The girl who stole an elephant Nizrana Farook | Pig Heart Boy Majorie Blackman |
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| Mohinder'War Bali Rai | Pocketful of Stars Aisha Bushby | The Star out of my Window Onjali Q. Rauf | High Rise Mystery Sharna Jackson | I Go Quiet David Quimet |

CLASSIC SPINE- Reading for Pleasure UKS2

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| The Railway Children E Nesbit | Charlottes Web E B White | Treasure Island Robert Louis Stevenson | The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burnett | Stig of the Dump Clive King |
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| The Wind In the Willows Kenneth Grahame | Oliver twist Charles Dickens | The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Joan Aiken | The Borrowers Mary Norton | The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe C S Lewis |
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| Gulliver's Travels James Riordan | The Sword in the Stone T H White | The Hobbit JRR Tolkien | Five Children and It E Nesbit | Five on a treasure Island Enid Blyton |

FICTION SPINE- Reading for Pleasure UKS2

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| Goodnight Mr Tom Michelle Magorian | Letters from the lighthouse_ Emma Carroll | The Arrival Shaun Tan | Rose Blanche Ian McEwan | Holes Louis Sachar |
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| The Last Bear Hannah Gold_ | Cogheart Peter Bunzel | Gorilla Dawn Gill Lewis_ | Gaslight Eloise Williams | Carrie's War Nina Bawden |
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| Kiss the Dust Elizabeth Laird | Secrets of a Sun King Emma Carroll | Room 13 Robert Swindells | The Dreamsnatcher Abi Elphinstone | Skellig David Almond |

FICTION SPINE- Reading for Pleasure UKS2

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| Artemis Fowl Eoin Colfer | Kensuke's Kingdom Michael Morpurgo | Who let the Gods Out Maz Evans | A series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snickett | Clockwork Philip Pullman |
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| Percy and the Lights Rick Riordan | Inside Out and Back Again Thannha Lai | Wonder RJ Palacio | The Girl of Ink and Stars Kiran Millwood Hargreaves | The London Eye Mystery Siobhan Dowd |
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| Rooftoppers Katherine Rundell | Cosmic Frank Cottrell | Journey to the river sea Eva Ibbotson | A long Walk to Water Linda Sue Park | Spy Master – First Blood Jan Burchett |

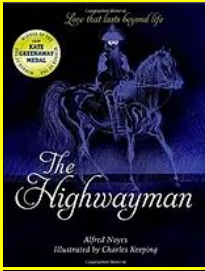



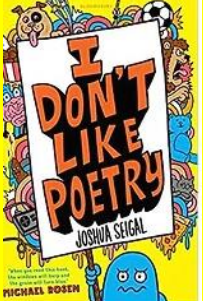
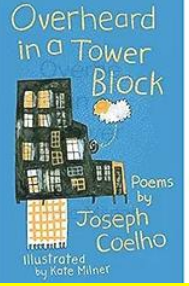
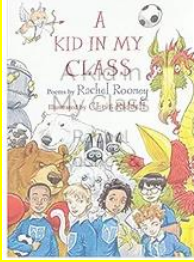
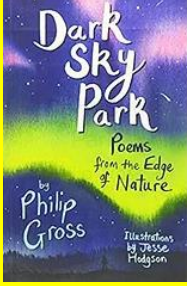
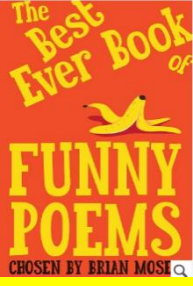
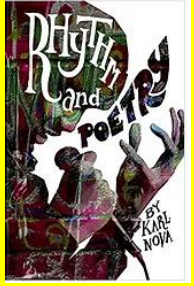
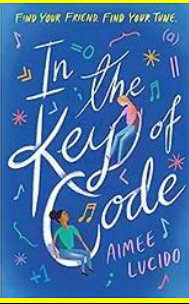
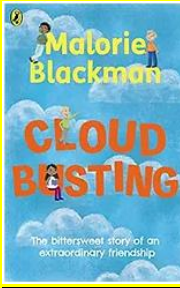
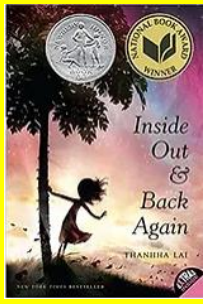

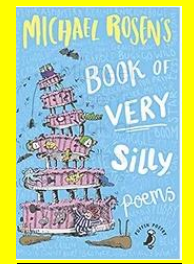
NON-FICTION SPINE - Reading for Pleasure UKS2

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| Tyrannasaurus Rex Dougald Dixon | Inventions Adam Hart- Davis | Ancient Rome Joshua George | Historium Jo Nelson & R Wilkinson | Everest Sangma Francis |
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| Little People Big Dreams Lisbeth Kaiser | Greek Gods and Heroes Sylvie Baussier | Women in Science Rachel Ignotofsky | The History of Prehistory Mick Manning | The London Underground |
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| When the Whales walked Dougald Dixon | Football Legends 2023 | Oceanarium Loveday Trinik | The Lost Words Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris | Great Womaen who worked wonders Kate Pankhurst |

NON-FICTION SPINE - Reading for Pleasure UKS2

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| <p>Survivors David Long</p> | <p>Stephan Hawking -Little guide to Great Lives Isabel Thomas</p> | <p>Martin Luther King Jr Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara</p> | <p>Strange But True Kathryn Hulick</p> | <p>Pets and their Famous Humans Ana Gallo</p> |
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| <p>Women in Sport Rachel Ignatofsky</p> | <p>Absolutely Everything Christopher Lloyd</p> | <p>Great Art in 30 seconds Wesley Robbins</p> | <p>Music Legends Herve Guillemot</p> | <p>Unde the Canopy Iris Volent</p> |
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| <p>Wangari's Trees of Peace Jeanette Winter</p> | <p>Everest Alexandra Stewart</p> | <p>A World of Information Richard Platt and James Brown</p> | <p>Mayan Civilisation Clare Hibbert</p> | <p>The Maya Chichen Itza Ben Hubbard</p> |

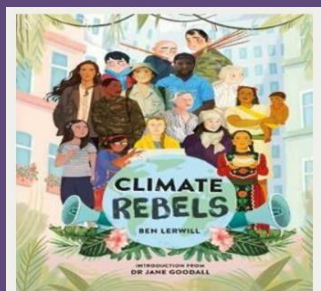
POETRY SPINE - Reading for Pleasure UKS2

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| Classic Poetry The HighwayMan Alfred Knowles | Classic Poetry Favourite poems Various contributors | Classic Poetry For everyday of the year Shakespeare | Be the Change Poem to help you save the world Liz Brownlee | Funny poems I dont like poetry Joshua Seigal |
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| Overheard in a Tower Block Joseph Coelho | A kid in my Class Rachel Rooney | Dark Sky Park Philip Gross | The Best Ever Book of Funny Poems Paperback – Brian Moses (5) | Rhythm and Poetry Karl Nova |
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| Verse Novels In the Key of Code Aimee Lucido | Verse Novel Cloud Busting Malorie Blackmore | Verse Novel Inside Out and Back again Thanhha Lai | Verse Novel Zombierella Joseph Coelho | Book of very silly poems Michael Rosen |

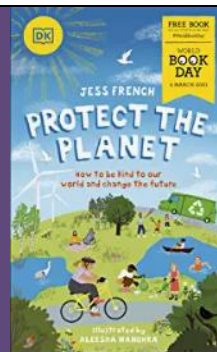
SUSTAINABILITY SPINE - Reading for Pleasure UKS2



Guardians of the Planet
Cliff Gifford



Climate Rebels
Ben Lerwill



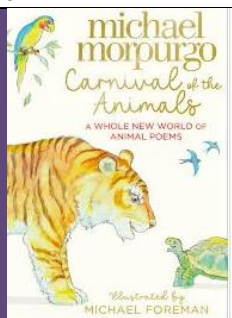
Protecting the Planet
Jess French



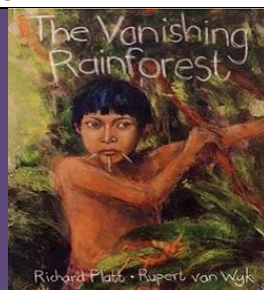
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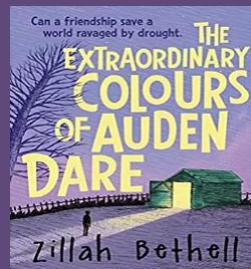
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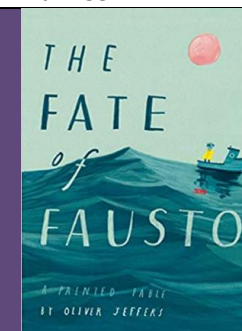
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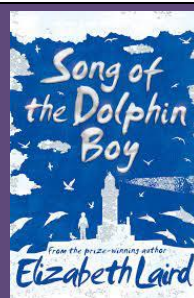
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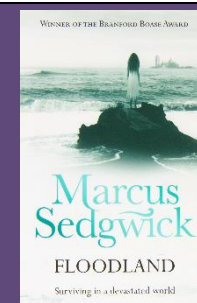
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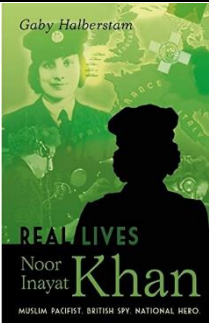
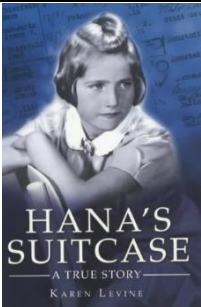
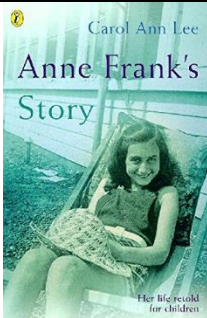
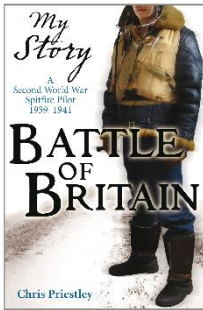
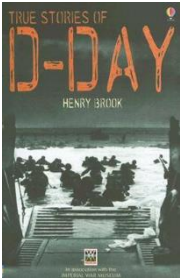
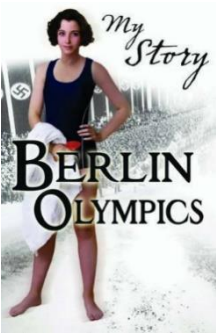
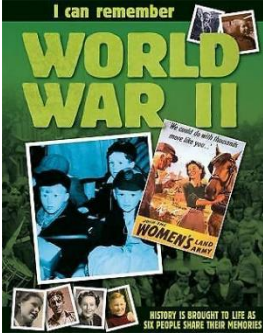
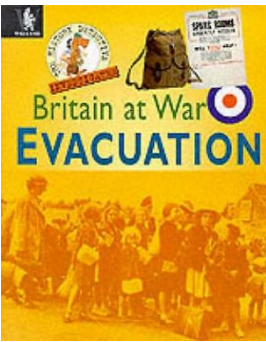
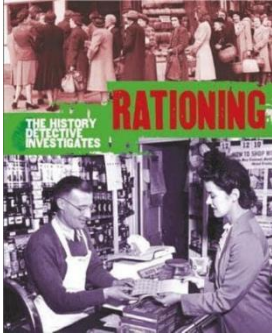
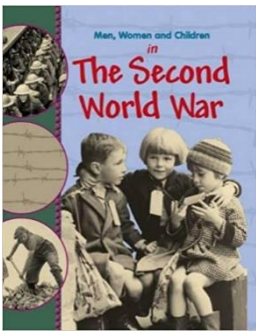


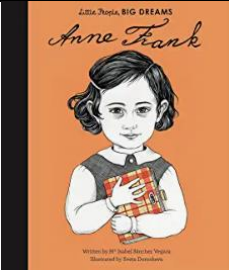


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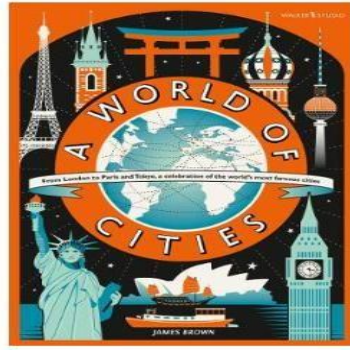
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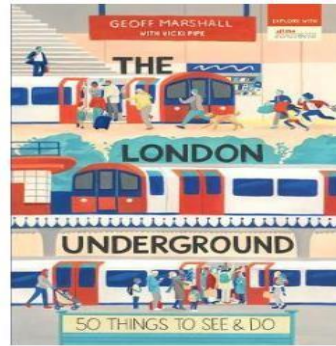
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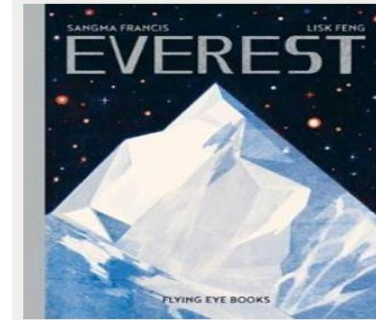
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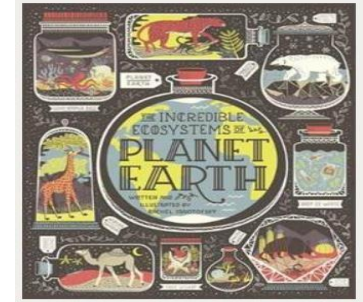
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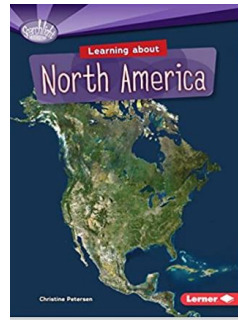
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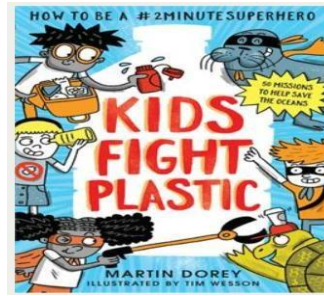
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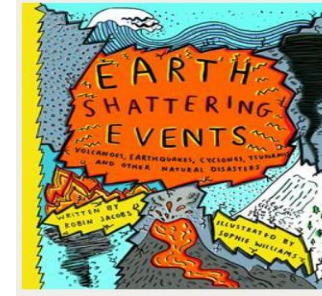
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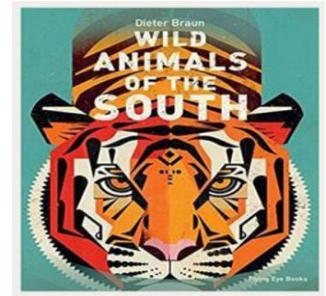
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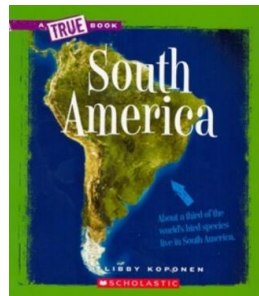
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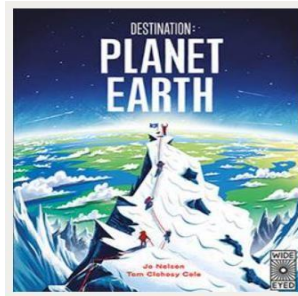
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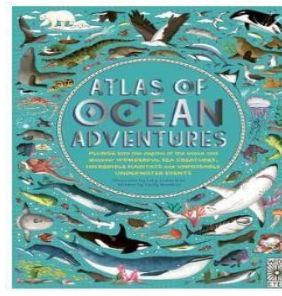
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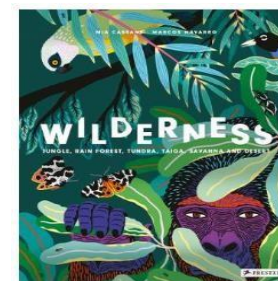
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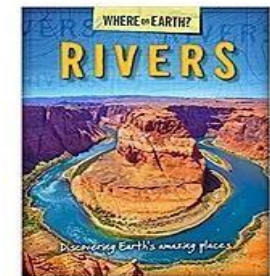
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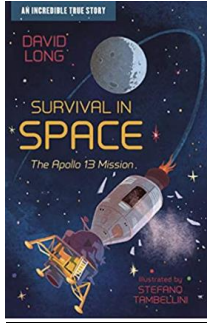


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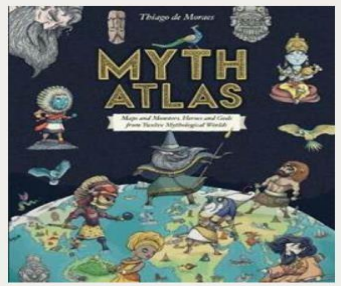


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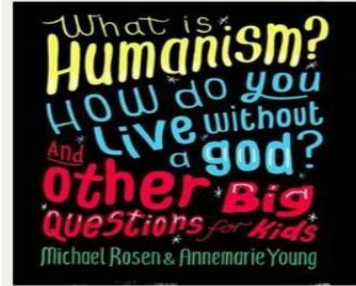
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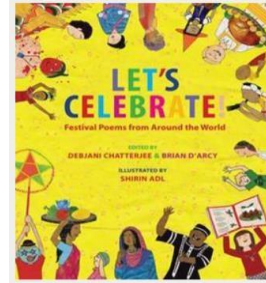
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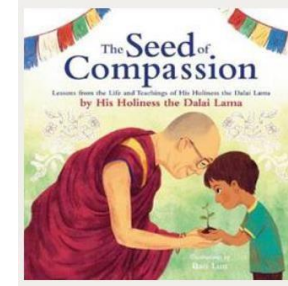
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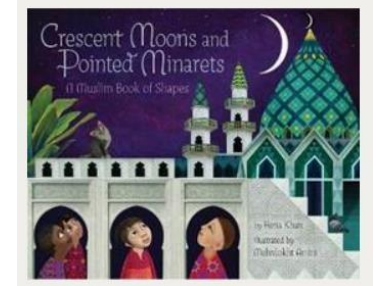
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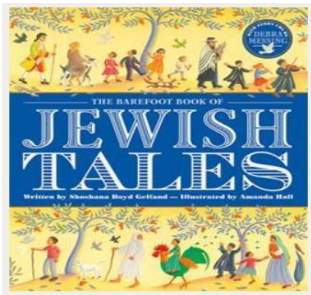
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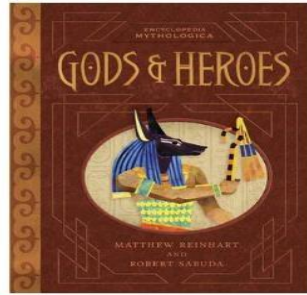
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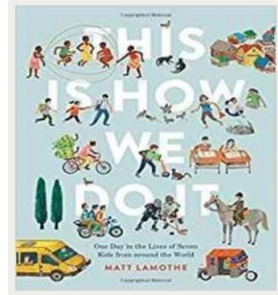
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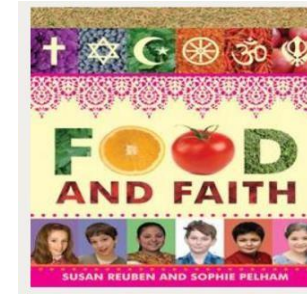
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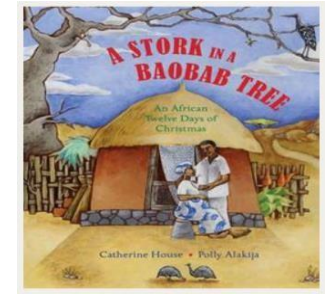
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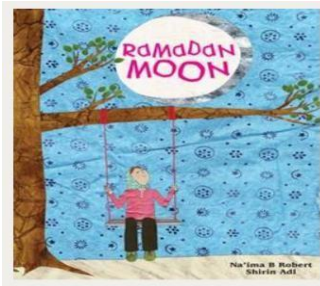
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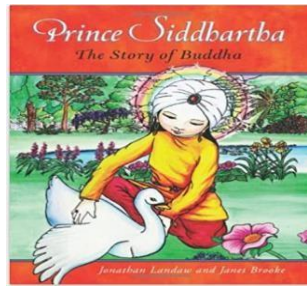
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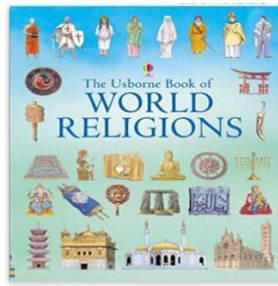
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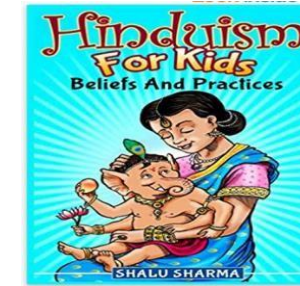
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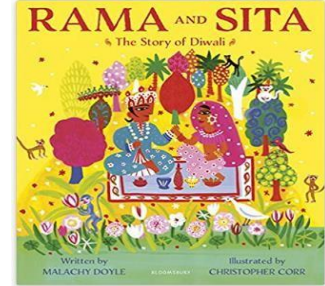
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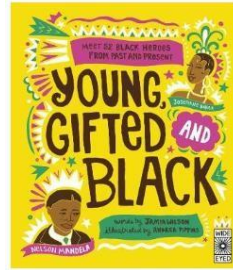


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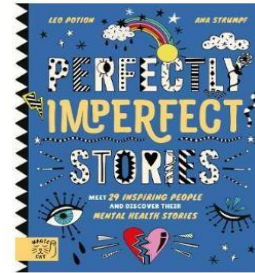
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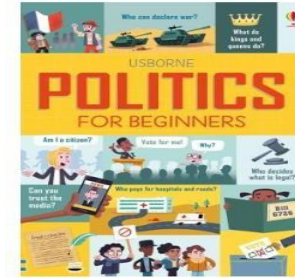
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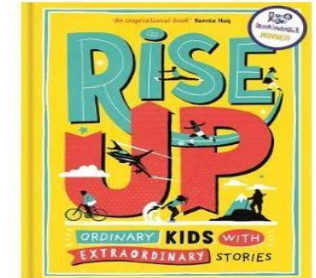
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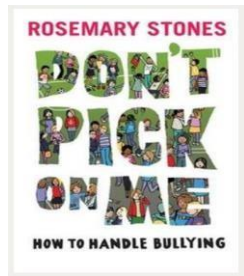
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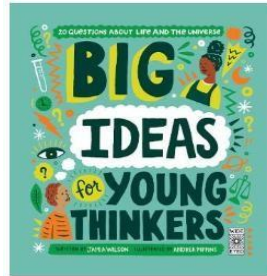
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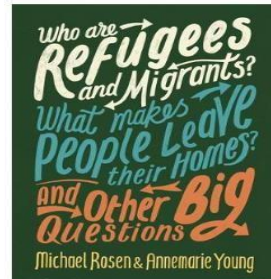
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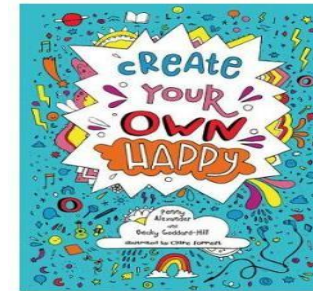
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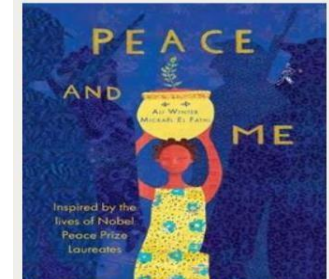
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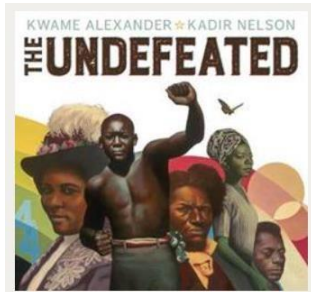
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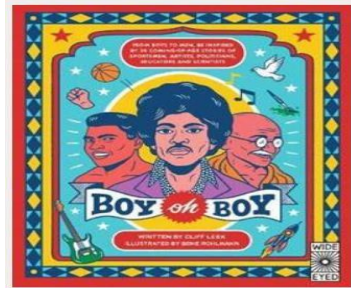
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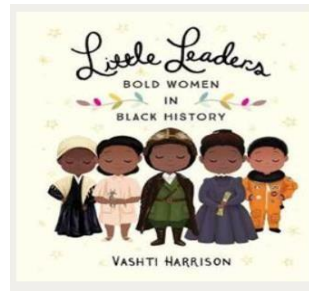
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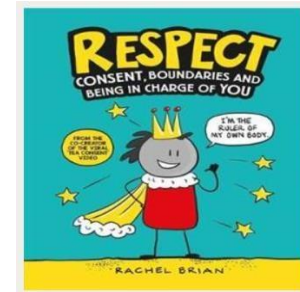
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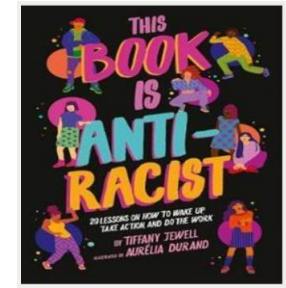
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