

poetry non-fiction classic/ traditional texts School of Sanctuary choices

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	Reading/ Story time book & rationale	Focus English unit & curriculum connections	Focus Poetry RE optional non chronological report
Aut 1	Poems from the Second World War selected by Gaby Morgan, When we were Warriors by Emma Carroll Genre – Poetry, Fiction: historical poems written by soldiers, 	Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt Holocaust- empathy, emotional literacy, support knowledge of chronology, Prep for Y6 summer term WW2 history. Ongoing PSHE inclusion and diversity. Summer term- rules and laws RE- Judaism- Y1, Y2, Y5 summer term Hanukkah- 18 December	Wonderland- edited by Michaela Morgan Modern poets provide their own take on Carroll's poems. Music- song lyrics and nursery rhymes Science- Y6 evolution and inheritance History- Victorian England- attitudes to childhood (Y5 spring and summer) Art- Banksy Traditional v classic
Aut 2	Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling (Macmillan),	Can we save the tiger? by Martin Jenkins Focus - extinct	RE- Hinduism- Diwali and other festivals (Diwali 4.11.21)



	Martha's Suitcase by The Literacy Company Genre – Fiction: classic Information, fables. Published 1894 Set in Central India Also recommended: Lord of the Forest by Caroline Pitcher	and endangered animals RE- Islam- caretakers of the world- reucurring Science- animals, humans, habitats recurring. Geography- Rainforests (spring term); One planet (summer term).	
Spr 1	The Happy Prince and Other Tales by Oscar Wilde Published May 1888 Art and DT- sculptures Geography- aerial maps, birds eye view History- Victorians (Y5) Also recommended: Gulliver's Travels retold by Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Chris Riddell	Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde and Ritva Voutila May 1888poverty, selfless deeds, kindness. RE- Christinity, forgiveness PSHE- friendship, social attitudes to difference., Children's interests- Roald Dahl- BFG.	Dark Sky Park- Poems from the Edge of Nature by Philip Gross Natural World. Science-Animals and habitats, environmental issues, Space and the Solar System, Light. Geography- How deep is the ocean? PSHE- Empathy and kindness Music- Rhyme and Song



Spr 2	The Explorer by Katherine RundellExploring the Amazon by The Literacy CompanyGenre – Information, Fiction: contemporaryGeography- Amazon Rainforest (Y6, spring term), Mayans (Y5, Autumn).PSHE- friendship, survival RE- Journeys- Rites of Passage, Spring 2)Hajj (Spring 1)Also recommended: Maps by Aleksandra and Daniel Mizielinska	Jemmy Button by Alix Barzelay A young boy brought to England from Tierra del Fuego (S. America) mid 1800s. Individuality, it is not wrong to be different. The Island by Jason Chin the Galapagos Islands, adventure, Darwin. Science- evolution (Y6, Autumn) RE- Journeys Geography- Ocean (Y6)	Islam- What are the 5 Pillars of Islam and why are they important? Ramadan 2nd April-1 May Eid al-Fitr 2nd-3rd May
Sum 1	Great Adventurers by Alistair Humphreys Genre – Information, journeys Role models, aspirations- Ibn Battuta (14th century explorer); Nellie Bly (female, travelled round the world in less than 80 days).	Manfish by Jennifer Berne- story of Jacues Cousteau- best- known oceanographer. Biography. Geography- ocean- Aut 1, maps and compasses (summer) Science- animals including humans RE- Hajj (journeys)	Werewolf Club Rules and other poems- Joseph Coelho. BAME author. PSHE- relatable experiences. Coelho grew up in a tower block with mum and little sister. Science- life cycles, plants and animals Geography- exploration



	RE- Journeys- Hajj (Spring 1) Also recommended: Dolphin Song by Lauren St. John The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau by Dan Yaccharino Great Adventurers by Alastair Humphreys	History- Mersey waterfront	
Sum 2	Sky Chasers by Emma Carroll historical fiction set in 18th century France. Black, female strong character. Inspirational, based on the true story of the first hot air balloon flight over Paris. PSHE- facing fears Science- RE- Journeys Geography- maps and	Sky Chasers by Emma Carroll historical fiction set in 18th century France. Black, female strong character. Inspirational, based on the true story of the first hot air balloon flight over Paris. PSHE- facing fears Science- RE- Journeys Geography- maps and	Buddhism- What is it like to be a Buddhist?



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Also recommended:		
The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce		

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Aut 1	Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli Genre – Biography Extraordinary Females, including Malala Yousafzai, Michelle Obama, Julia Child. Diversity and inclusion.	Queen of the falls by Chris Van Allsburg The story of Annie Taylor, the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel in 1901 PSHE- bravery, resilience, ageism (Annie was 62).	Rhythm and Poetry by Karl Nova Rap, lyricism BAME hip hop influenced poetry. UK-Nigeria, inspirational, empowerment.



	Also read: Stories for Boys who Dare to be Different Also recommended: The Amazing Tale of Ali Pasha by Michael Foreman The boy who swam with piranhas by David Almond	History- Victorians Geography- water STEM- measurement, geometry, structures. RE- Moses Science- states of matter (y5), forces (Y4)	
Aut 2	Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman Genre – Fiction: traditional tale Vocabulary choices to draw the reader into the setting and plot. Fantasy, witches, winter. RE- sin, morality, temptation History- Was life better during Queen Victoria's reign? PSHE- mental health, keeping safe Also recommended: Jinnie Ghost by Jane Ray and Berlie Doherty	The Lost Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy Outcome - Fiction: traditional tale Differentiate between fact, opinion, impartiality, bias, supposition. Philosophical discussions. Fantasy, witches, winter. RE- sin, morality, temptation History- Was life better during Queen Victoria's reign? PSHE- mental health, keeping safe	Islam- Who was Muhammad (PBUH) and why is he important?



Spr 1	Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman Genre – Fiction: myths and legends (Norse Gods), journey Vikings (Y4 spring) Also recommended: Myths of the Norsemen by Roger Lancelyn Green (local author) DK Avengers: The Ultimate guide Norse myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki by Kevin Crossley-Holland	Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton Outcome - Fiction: myth Vikings (Y4 spring)	Cosmic Disco by Grace Nickols Awe and wonder of the world/ universe Author born and brought up in Guyana. Geography- One planet Y5 summer
Spr 2	Exploring Space by The Literacy Company, Planet Unknown by Shawn Wang (film) Genre – Information, Film Also recommended: Cosmic by Frank	The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield Outcome - Recount: Biography Aspiration, conquering fears Science- Light (Y3 and Y6)	Christianity What does it mean to be a Christian?



	Cottrell Boyce One Giant Leap by Robert Burleigh		
Sum 1	The Last Wild by Piers Torday Pollution- a look behind the scenes by The Literacy Company Genre – Persuasion/ information Fiction: Quarantine, virus, adventure. Animals and habitats, environmental issues, family, feelings, friendship, growing and changing.	The Paperbag Prince by Colin Thompson Eco, Show You Care, old man lives on a rubbish dump. Friendship across generations. Science- habitats, DT- junk modelling Geography- One planet, one human race,	Let in the stars ed by Mandy Coe World wide submissions including Uganda, Australia, UK., Contemporary, read aloud
Sum 2	African Tales: A Barefoot Collection by Gcina Mhlophe and Rachel Griffin Genre – Fiction: books from other cultures and traditions 96 pages. Anthology of 8 traditional tales from all over Africa.	The Hunter by Paul Geraghty Poaching in Africa, bravery, ethics. RE- Y5 Spring term, temptation and morality. Science- animals PSHE- Living in the wider world	Judaism- Who was Moses and what was he known for?



Bravery, wisdom, wit, heroic deeds.
Also recommended: The child's elephant by Rachel Campbell Johnston

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Aut 1	A World Full of Animal Stories: 50 Folk Tales and Legends by Angela McAllister Genre Fiction: traditional tales Themed folktales, myths and legends from around the world Romanian born illustrator Also recommended: Gorilla Journal by Carolyn Franklin The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate	Gorilla by Anthony Browne Ape by Martin Jenkins and Vicky White Loneliness and friendship, family, single parent Science- primates	Poetry: Bookside Down- Joanne Limburg 21st century children- families, the planet



Aut 2	The Train to Impossible Places by P.G. Bell Genre – Fiction: fantasy, adventure, magic Making the right choices, honesty. Also recommended: The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie The Big-Top Mysteries: The Case of the Vanishing Granny by Alexander McCall Smith	Leon and the place between by Graham Baker-Smith Circus, magic. Trust, helping others. PE- dance	RE- What is it like to be a Hindu?
Spr 1	DKfindout! Volcanoes by Maria Gill Genre – Information Geography- Spring Y4- Volcanoes Also recommended:	Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit Fiction: historical narrative Geography- Spring Y4- Volcanoes History- Romans- Y3 Summer	Poetry: Dancing in the Rain- John Lyons Animals and habitats, Around the World, Black History, Caribbean,Trinidad, family, feelings, food and nutrition, friendship, rhyme and song.



	Pompei: A Roman Girl's Diary by Sue Reid		
Spr 2	Ariki and the Island of Wonders by Nicola Davies Genre – Fiction: adventure , Pacific island . Difference, caring for the environment, extinction, responsibility. Children's interests- Moana. Also recommended: Journey to the Centre of the Earth by Jules Verne	When the Giant stirred by Celia Godkin Fiction: adventure story from POV of the boy. Volcanic island. Pacific island. Geography- volcanoes History- Ancient Greece/Rome- Gods, different cultures.	RE- Sikhism- What do Sikhs believe in and how do they demonstrate their faith?
Sum 1	Fantastically Great Women who Saved the Planet by Kate Pankhurst Plastic Pollution by The Literacy Company Genre – Recount: biography, Information Inspirational;aspirational. Recycling, fair trade, cruelty free, deforestation.	Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker & '100 facts – Rainforests' by Miles Kelly. Outcome - Non-chronological report Australian Rainforest, Aboriginal, Great Barrier Reef. The impact of humans on the environment.	Poetry: The Rainmaker Danced by John Agard Mythology, nature and humanity and their interaction. Feelings, rhyme and song, technology.



	Also recommended: The Boy Who Biked the World: Part 1 On the Road to Africa by Alastair Humphreys Expedition Diaries Amazon Basin by Simon Chapman		
Sum 2	A Myth-Hunter's Travel Guide by The Literacy Company Genre – Information Bespoke	Blue John by Berlie Doherty Myth, magical story, darkness and light. Loyalty. Grimm like fairy tale- Queen of Darkness. Dilemmas, choices, emotions.	RE- Islam- Ramadam

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Aut 1	The Sea Book by Charlotte Milner Genre – Information Environmental issues, the effect of humans on our seas. Plastic	Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman Inclusion- Main character is a surfer, despite his disability.	Where Zebras Go- Sue Hardy- Dawson Magical journey across the Savannah. Myth, fantasy, environment.



	free Science- Marine life and Habitats Also recommended: The Magpie Pie Song by Laurence Anholt The Dancing Bear by Michael Morpurgo	Mobility aids, adjusted surfboard. Friendship, trust, love, relationships transcending generations.	Author is dyslexic.
Aut 2	Ice Palace by Robert Swindells 96 pages Genre – Fiction: adventure . Winter setting. Loss, discovery, redemption, prejudice, adventure.	Winter's Child by Graham Baker-Smith Fiction: fantasy. Modern fable. Winter, snow, fable, friendship, relationships transcending generations. Be careful what you wish for. Science- weather, seasons Geography- survival	RE- Islam- What is it like to be a Muslim?
Spr 1	The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, The Iron Giant (film, 1999) Genre – Fiction: fantasy Bravery, prejudice, irrational fear, environmental conflict between machines and technology, destruction of the	Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura History- Prehistoric Britain. Y3 Spring Term. Art- Cave Paintings- Y3 Spring Term.	Poetry: A kid in my class by Rachel Rooney. Inclusion, No outsiders, friendship, difference, relatable, shy, tough, fidget, drama queen, wheelchair.



	environment through human induced changes to nature.		
Spr 2	The Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo Why would anyone hurt a whale? by The Literacy Company Genre – Fiction: adventure, Information The damage humans are doing to the planet. Whale beached at River Thames Geography- River Mersey	Big blue whale by Nicola Davie Information about Blue Whales Science- animals	RE- Christianity- Who was Jesus and why is He important to Christians?
Sum 1	Usborne Illustrated Atlas of Britain and Ireland by Struan Reid, Up (film clip, Disney) Genre – Information Geography Also recommended: Tilly Mint Tales by Berlie Doherty	Journey by Aaron Becker Fiction: adventure story Self determination, loneliness, friendship, magical world, adventure, bravery.	Poetry Pie by Roger McGough Celebrated children's author. DT- Food and Nutrition, Eating seasonally.
Sum 2	Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo Wonderful Things by The Literacy Company Genre – Recount, Fiction:	Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr Based on a true story of a Journey from Egypt to France in 1826. Landscapes, cultures,	Where do Hindus worship and what do they believe?



historical/ traditional tale. History- Ancient Egypt, Y3 Autumn Also recommended: The Whie Fox by Jackie Morris A Giraffe Goes to Paris by Mary Tavener Holmes The Giraffe That Walked to Paris by Nancy Milton Zeraffa by Michael Allin	environments. History- Ancient Egypt, Y3 Autumn. Science- Animals and Habitats Geography- Rivers	
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Aut 1	Troll by Julia Donaldson The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Mara Alperin Genre – Fiction: fantasy, Fiction: fairytale Also recommended:	Troll Swap by Leigh Hodgkinson Fiction: focus on characters Celebrating difference, Be Yourself Always, acceptance.	Poetry:Zim Zam Zoom by James Carter Light and Dark, Bonfire Night, Rhyme and Song.



Aut 2	Trolls go home by Alan MacDonaldAbove and Below by Patricia Hegarty Genre – Information, World EcoSystems. Science- Animal habitats Geography Y2 Spring- Arctic Habitats.Also recommended:Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the Very Young by Michael Rosen	The Owl who was afraid of the dark by Jill Tomlinson Autumn Setting, bonfire night. Bravery, friendship, relationships. RE- Light and Dark Science- Animals and habitats	RE- What is it like to be a Christian?
Spr 1	The Dragonsitter	Dragon Machine by	Blue Balloons and Rabbit Ears
	Disasters by Josh Lacey	Helen Ward	by Hilda Offen
	Real Dragons! by	Fiction: adventure focus	Themes of nature and history,
	Jennifer Szymanski	Friendship, imagination,	fun rhyme and rhythm and
	(National Geographic Kids	STEM- machines,	variety of verse forms.



	series) Genre – Recount: emails, Information	inventions. Music- Friendship song Geography- points of the compass, maps.	
Spr 2	Owen and the Soldier by Lisa Thompson Genre – Fiction: story with a familiar setting Single parent, young carers, social anxiety, remembrance, companionship, courage, stand up for what you believe in. Also recommended: Naughty Amelia Jane by Enid Blyton	Major Glad, Major Dizzy by Jan Oke Family, toys History- understanding chronology. Links with Victorian Port Sunlight.	RE- Hinduism- How do Hindus worship?
Sum 1	Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald DahlGenre – Fiction: adventure Animals and Habitats, empathy and kindness, family, food and nutrition, rhyme and song.Also recommended: Apes to Zebras: An A-Z of Shape	The Last Wolf by Mini Grey Genre Fiction: adventure Eco, extinction, conservation. Animals and Habitats, empathy and kindness, family, food and nutrition, rhyme and song. A Green take on the Red RidingHood tale.	Jelly Boots and Smelly Boots by Michael Rosen Family, feelings, food and nutrition. DT- Balanced diet



	Poems by Liz Brownlee, Sue Hardy Dawson, Roger Stevens (poetry to compliment the theme)	Science- animals and habitats RE- Islam- caretakers of the planet	
Sum 2	Grimm's Fairytales (Usborne Books) The BFG- Roald Dahl Genre – Fiction: fairytale	Grandad's Secret Giant by David Litchfield Difference, acceptance, friendship, mistakes	What is it like to be Jewish?

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Aut 1	Penguins (Usborne) by Emily Bone, Zoo-ology by Joelle Jolivet, Salina Yoon's Penguin stories, Be brave little penguin by Giles Andreae, The Emperor's egg by Martin Jenkins, The penguin who wanted to find out by Jill	Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers Outcome - Fiction: adventure story based on the structure of the text Loneliness, friendship, bravery.	Selection from Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems by June Crebbin Time span from Robert Louis Stevenson to Michael Rosen. Mealtimes, playtime, animals, family, bedtime.



	Tomlinson Penguin stories from celebrated children's authors, themes include loneliness, friendship and bravery to complement English writing focus.		
Aut 2	Goldilocks and the three bears by Emma Chichester Clark Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk texts The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson Where the wild things are by Maurice Sendak Nibbles the Dinosaur Guide by Emma Yarlett Traditional Tales and fairy Tales. Repeated rhythms, catchy phrases. Science- Animals	Nibbles by Emma Yarlett Fantastical fairy tales DT- Moving story	
Spr 1	How to be a lion by Ed Vere The tiger who came to tea	Lion Inside by Rachel Bright Rhyming story Confidence, self esteem,	A Great Big Cuddle by Michael Rosen Empathy and kindness,



	by Judith Kerr Mog the forgetful cat by Judith Kerr Zoo-ology by Joelle Jolivet	bravery Setting- African savannah	feelings. Sound and rhythm. Toys, games, animals, made up creatures, playful language.
Spr 2	Lost in the Toy Museum by David Lucas Woolly Mammoth by Mick Manning How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley A Great Big Cuddle by Michael Rosen	The curious case of the missing mammoth by Ellie Hattie Adventure, lift the flap, bring museums to life, facts.	Judaism- The Sabbath and Friday Night Dinner
Sum 1	Traction Man by Mini Grey Biscuit Bear by Mini Grey It was a dark and stormy night by Janet and Allan Ahlberg One true bear by Ted	Toys in Space by Mini Grey Art and Design, Friendship, Space and the solar system, toys.	Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me by Eloise Greenfield Love, belonging, sharing our gifts with the world. African American family, community. RE- talents



	Dewan Dr Xargles by Jeanne Willis		
Sum 2	Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Emma Chichester Clark Me and You by Anthony Browne Old bear stories by Jane Hissey Dogger by Shirley Hughes Beware of Storybook Wolves by Lauren Child Traditional tales/ Fairy Tales	Goldilocks and Just the one bear by Leigh Hodgkinson Empathy and kindness, family, the urban environment.	

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