

**Year R (class stories)**

**Autumn 1 – books to read across the half term**

**Theme: Families and ourselves**

Me and Tango makes three by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson  
Pink is for boys by Robb Pearlman  
What makes me me by Ben Faulks & David Tazzyman  
Marvelous Me by [Lisa Bullard](#)  
Two homes by [Claire Masurel](#) and Kady MacDonald Denton  
Amazing by Steve Antony  
Superduper you by [Sophy Henn](#)  
The Family Book by [Todd Parr](#)

**Autumn 2 - books to read across the half term**

**Theme: fairytales/traditional tales**

The Little Red Hen  
The Gingerbread Man  
Goldilocks and the Three Bears  
The Ugly Duckling  
The Snow Queen  
Thumbelina  
The Princess and the Pea  
The Magic Porridge Pot  
Chicken Licken  
George and the Dragon  
Snow White  
The Hare Tortoise

**Spring 1 – books to be read across the half term**

**Theme: Benji Davies**

Grandad's Island  
The Storm Whale  
The Storm Whale in Winter  
Grandma Bird  
On Sudden Hill  
The Snowflake  
The Grotilyn  
Tad  
The Great Storm Whale

**Spring 2 - books to be read across the half term**

**Theme: Difference**

Lailah's Lunchbox by Reem Faruqi  
Through the Eyes of Me by Jon Roberts  
The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad  
Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov  
Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Pena  
We're All Wonders, RJ Palacio

**Summer 1 - books to be read across the half term**

**Theme: Oliver Jeffers**

Here We Are  
The Day the Crayons Quit  
The Day the Crayons Came Back  
The Great Paper Caper  
What We'll Build  
The Way Back Home  
How to Catch a Star

**Summer 2 - books to be read across the half term**

**Theme: weather and seasons**

Percy's Park – A Year in Percy's Park by Nick Butterworth  
Ferdie and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson  
After the Storm by Nick Butterworth

Spring by Gerda Muller  
The Snowman by Raymon Briggs  
One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth  
Elmer in the Snow by David McKee

### **Year 1 (class stories)**

#### **Autumn 1 - books to read across the half term**

##### **Theme: familiar texts**

Peace at Last by Jill Murphy  
Can't You Sleep Little Bear? By Martin Waddell  
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak  
The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr  
Beegu by Alexis Deacon  
Dogger by Shirley Hughes  
Cops and Robbers by Alan and Janet Ahlberg

#### **Autumn 2 – books to read across the half term**

##### **Theme: Bears**

Winnie the Pooh by AA Milne  
A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond  
Hands Off My Honey! By Jane Chapman  
The Bear by Raymond Briggs  
One Bear at Bedtime by Mick Inkpen  
Are You Sad Little Bear? By Rachel Rivett  
Where's My Teddy? By Jez Alborough  
Beware of the Bears by Alan MacDonald  
The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield  
Mr Bear's New Baby by [Debi Gliori](#)  
Sandbear by [Shen Roddie](#) and Jenny Jones  
You're all My Favourites by [Sam McBratney](#) and Anita Jeram  
Huglass Douglas by [David Melling](#)  
The Bear's Winter House by [John Yeoman](#) and Quentin Blake  
Lost In The Snow by Ian Beck

#### **Spring 1 – books to read across the half term**

##### **Different Cultures**

Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke  
Katie Morag by Mari Hedderwick  
Coming to England by Floella Benjamin  
Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway  
Grace and Family by Mary Hoffman  
Chicken in the Kitchen by Nnedi Okorafor  
Dim Sum for Everyone by Grace Lin  
Lailah's Lunchbox by Reem Faruqi  
Through the Eyes of Me by Jon Roberts  
Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov  
Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Pena  
We're All Wonders, RJ Palacio  
Hair Love by [Matthew A. Cherry](#) and [Vashti Harrison](#)  
Eyes that kiss the corners by [Joanna Ho](#) and Dung Ho  
Faruq and the wini wini by [Sophia Payne](#)  
Night of the Moon by [Hena Khan](#) and [Julie Paschkis](#)

#### **Spring 2 – books to read across the half term**

##### **Theme: Animals**

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers  
Clean Up by Nathan Bryon  
Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne  
The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr  
World in Danger by [Frankie Morland](#) and Zoe Barnish  
There's a Tiger in the Garden by [Lizzy Stewart](#)  
[The Whale Who Wanted More](#) by Rachel Bright

Why Elephant has a Trunk by <a href="#">Edward Gakuya</a> , Claudia Lloyd, et al. Most Magnificent Thing by <a href="#">Ashley Spires</a>
<b>Summer 1 – books to read across the half term</b> <b>Theme: Toys</b>
Hairy McClary by Lynley Dodd The Toymaker by Martin Wadell Old Bear by Jane Hissey Lost in the Toy Museum by David Lucas No-Bot, the Robot with No Bottom by Sue Hendra Toys in Space by Mimi Fox Lost in the Toy Museum: An Adventure by <a href="#">David Lucas</a> The Toys in Space by <a href="#">Mini Grey</a>
<b>Summer 2 – books to read across the half term</b> <b>Theme: People Who Help Us</b>
People Need People by <a href="#">Benjamin Zephaniah</a> Mr Tick the Teacher by Allan Ahlberg Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love The Jolly Postman by <a href="#">Allan Ahlberg</a> The Colour Monster: The Feelings Doctor and the Emotions Toolkit by <a href="#">Anna Llenas</a> Our House by Emma and Paul Rogers Don't Say No to Flo by Stewart Ross A Superhero Like You by Dr Singh Mog and the Vee Ee Tee by Judith Kerr

## Year 2

<b>Autumn 1</b>	
Class reader	The Creakers by Tom Fletcher
<b>Autumn 2</b>	
Class reader	The Trouble with Trolls by Jan Brett
<b>Spring 1</b>	
Class reader	Marv and the Dino Attach by Alex Falase-Koya
<b>Spring 2</b>	
Class reader	<a href="#">Sky Chasers: a soaring adventure from the queen of historical fiction by Emma Carroll</a>
<b>Summer 1</b>	
Class reader	Big Sky Mountain by Alex Milway
<b>Summer 2</b>	
Class reader	I was a Rat! Or the Scarlett Slippers by Phillip Pullman

## Year 3

<b>Autumn 1</b>	
Week 1	Stuart Little by EB White (class story)
Week 2	Settlements ( <a href="#">Learning all about the geography topic of settlements (3dgeography.co.uk)</a> )
Week 3	The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear
Week 4	The Dark by Lemony Snicket (Science – light and shadows)
Week 5	Broken Bones ( <a href="#">Broken Bones (for Kids)   Nemours KidsHealth</a> ) ( <a href="#">Science/PD - animals including humans</a> )
Week 6	Sam Wu Is Not Afraid Of Zombies by Katie and Kevin Tsang
<b>Autumn 2</b>	
Week 1	The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (class story)
Week 2	Sir Isaac Newton and the Apple Story ( <a href="#">british-tales-isaac-newton-transcript.pdf (britishcouncil.org)</a> )

Week 3	How Far I'll Go (Moana)
Week 4	Same, Same but Different by Jenni Sue Kostechi Shaw
Week 5	How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley
Week 6	The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas
<b>Spring 1</b>	
Week 1	The Highland Falcon Thief by M G Leonard (class story)
Week 2	The Pebble in My Pocket by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady (Science – rocks)
Week 3	The Sound Collector by Roger McGough ( <a href="#">Roger McGough reads 'The Sound Collector' - YouTube</a> )
Week 4	Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian
Week 5	Charlotte's Web by EB White
Week 6	The Tunnel by Anthony Brown
<b>Spring 2</b>	
Week 1	The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan (class story)
Week 2	Freddie and the Fairy by Julia Donaldson
Week 3	From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson
Week 4	Stig of the Dump by Clive King
Week 5	Bessie Coleman (Bessie Coleman Facts for Kids (kiddle.co))
Week 6	The Gingerbread Star by Anne Fine
<b>Summer 1</b>	
Week 1	The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin- (class story)
Week 2	Du Iz Tak? By Carson Ellis (Science – plants)
Week 3	The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith
Week 4	A Seed is Sleepy by Dianna Hutts Aston (Science – plants)
Week 5	'When I Grow Up' from Matilda
Week 6	The Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame
<b>Summer 2</b>	
Week 1	Call Me Lion by Camilla Chester (class story)
Week 2	Sugar ( <a href="#">Child and Family Health Service • Home (cafhs.sa.gov.au)</a> (Science – nutrition))
Week 3	Isadora Moon Goes On Holiday by Harriet Muncaster
Week 4	David Attenborough ( <a href="#">LKS2 David Attenborough Differentiated Reading Comprehension (twinkl.co.uk)</a> )
Week 5	Jinks and O'Hare Funfair Repair by Philip Reeves and Sarah McIntyre
Week 6	Bone Health in Children ( <a href="#">Food for healthy bones - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</a> (Science – skeletons))

## **Year 4**

<b>Autumn 1</b>	
Week 1	The Girl Who Stole An Elephant by Nizrana Farook (class story)
Week 2	Emmeline Pankhurst: Twinkl
Week 3	If by Rudyard Kipling
Week 4	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling
Week 5	Why Do People Wear Poppies? ( <a href="#">Remembrance Day: Why do people wear poppies? - BBC Newsround</a> )
Week 6	A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond
<b>Autumn 2</b>	
Week 7	Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties by Humza Arshad and Henry White (class story)
Week 8	All About Healthy Eating (LKS2 All About Healthy Eating Differentiated Comprehension (twinkl.co.uk))
Week 9	Who's Laughing Now by Jessie J

Week 10	The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood
Week 11	Muhammad Ali ( <a href="#">Biography for Kids: Muhammad Ali (ducksters.com)</a> )
Week 12	Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
<b>Spring 1</b>	
Week 1	The Matilda Effect by Ellie Irving (class story)
Week 2	The History of Electricity ( <a href="#">History of Electricity Comprehension Activity   Twinkl</a> ) (Science – Electricity)
Week 3	The Place Where the Lost Things Go from Mary Poppins Returns (How to Generate Creative Ideas and Drafts with Grammarly's Generative AI (youtube.com)
Week 4	Little Badman And The Invasion Of The Killer Aunties by Humza Arshad and Henry White (Extract   Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties by Humza Arshad & Henry White (penguin.co.uk)
Week 5	The Rhythm Of The Rain by Grahame Baker Smith (Science – States of Matter)
Week 6	The Miraculous Journey Of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
<b>Spring 2</b>	
Week 1	Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf (class story)
Week 2	Unusual Adaptations to Habitats ( <a href="#">10 Animals With Wild Adaptations to Help Them Survive Their Habitats (businessinsider.com)</a> ) (Science – living things and their habitats)
Week 3	Life Doesn't Frighten Me At All by Maya Angelou ( <a href="#">Life Doesn't Frighten Me - Life Doesn't Frighten Me Poem by Maya Angelou (poemhunter.com)</a> )
Week 4	Demon Dentist by David Walliams
Week 5	Refugees by Brian Bilston
Week 6	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis
<b>Summer 1</b>	
Week 1	Tilly and the Book Wanderers by Anna James (class story)
Week 2	The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs by Kate Messner (Science – habitats)
Week 3	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
Week 4	Nat Geo Kids - Everything Vikings (History – Vikings)
Week 5	Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink by Jennifer Killick
Week 6	Dr Barnado ( <a href="#">Dr. Barnardo - Google Drive</a> )
<b>Summer 2</b>	
Week 1	The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson (class story)
Week 2	Viking Gods Fact Cards (Twinkl) (History – Vikings)
Week 3	Kid Normal by Greg James and Chris Smith
Week 4	Thomas Edison ( <a href="#">Thomas Edison Biography (ducksters.com)</a> ) (Science – electricity)
Week 5	Agent Zaiba And The Missing Diamonds by Annabelle Sami
Week 6	Rosa Parks

## Year 5

<b>Autumn 1</b>	
Week 1	Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick (class story) <a href="https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/extract/2118/Floodland-by-Marcus-Sedgwick.html">https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/extract/2118/Floodland-by-Marcus-Sedgwick.html</a>
Week 2	Mentos and Coke ( <a href="https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/bring-science-home-coke-mentos/">https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/bring-science-home-coke-mentos/</a> ) (Science – properties and changes of materials)
Week 3	We Refugees by Benjamin Zepheniah
Week 4	The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster ( <a href="https://butterfluff1066.tripod.com/toll/phantomtollbooth.htm">https://butterfluff1066.tripod.com/toll/phantomtollbooth.htm</a> )
Week 5	How Parachutes Work ( <a href="https://wisconsinskydivingcenter.com/blog/how-parachutes-work/">https://wisconsinskydivingcenter.com/blog/how-parachutes-work/</a> ) (Science – forces)

Week 6	The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle ( <a href="https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/extract/15564/The-Storm-Keepers-Island-by-Catherine-Doyle.html">https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/extract/15564/The-Storm-Keepers-Island-by-Catherine-Doyle.html</a> )
<b>Autumn 2</b>	
Week 1	The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling (class story)
Week 2	Cesar Chavez ( <a href="#">Biography: Cesar Chavez for Kids (ducksters.com)</a> )
Week 3	Titanium by Sia
Week 4	Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
Week 5	The Tudors ( <a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-e-41514-uks2-the-tudors-differentiated-reading-comprehension-activity">https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-e-41514-uks2-the-tudors-differentiated-reading-comprehension-activity</a> )
Week 6	The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan David
<b>Spring 1</b>	
Week 1	A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson (class story)
Week 2	The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Week 3	Cogheart by Peter Bunzl
Week 4	Where is the love by The Black Eyed Peas
Week 5	Life in Ancient Greece ( <a href="#">Ancient Greece Reading Comprehension   Twinkl Originals</a> ) (History – Ancient Greeks)
Week 6	Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
<b>Spring 2</b>	
Week 1	A Place Called Perfect by Helena Duggan (class story)
Week 2	Margaret Hamilton ( <a href="#">Margaret Hamilton: 'They worried that the men might rebel. They didn't'   Computing   The Guardian</a> ) (Science – space)
Week 3	You Will be Found from Dear Evan Hanson
Week 4	Ada Lovelace ( <a href="#">Ada Lovelace - Biography, Facts and Pictures (famousscientists.org)</a> )
Week 5	The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis
Week 6	Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo (Geography – Amazon)
<b>Summer 1</b>	
Week 1	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar (class story)
Week 2	Cicada by Shaun Tan (Science – life cycles)
Week 3	Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne
Week 4	Trains To Brazil by The Guillemots (Geography – San Paulo)
Week 5	The Clockwork Crow by Catherine Fisher
Week 6	Life Cycle of a Butterfly ( <a href="#">Butterfly Life Cycle - The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (ansp.org)</a> ) (Science – life cycles)
<b>Summer 2</b>	
Week 1	The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle by Victoria Williamson (class story)
Week 2	The Youngest Marcher by Cynthia Levinson
Week 3	The Wind In The Willows by Kenneth Grahame
Week 4	Lilian Bader (Black History Month Firsts: Lilian Bader)
Week 5	Peter Pan by JM Barrie
Week 6	Helen Sharman ( <a href="#">Helen Sharman – Britain's First Astronaut (spacecentre.co.uk)</a> )

## **Year 6**

<b>Autumn 1</b>	
Week 1	Holes by Louis Sachar (class story)
Week 2	The Parts Of The Eye ( <a href="https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/eyes.html">https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/eyes.html</a> ) (Science – light)

Week 3	The Moment by Margaret Atwood ( <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1R9t_OvWdSdlkvpHf2GlxUhliywbQCpwFYmWGajJLX-k/edit#slide=id.g58b12b2727_0_0">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1R9t_OvWdSdlkvpHf2GlxUhliywbQCpwFYmWGajJLX-k/edit#slide=id.g58b12b2727_0_0</a> )
Week 4	The Dreamsnatcher by Abi Elphinstone ( <a href="https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/extract/10852/The-Dreamsnatcher-by-Abi-Elphinstone.html">https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/extract/10852/The-Dreamsnatcher-by-Abi-Elphinstone.html</a> )
Week 5	Wires by Athlete (Science – electricity) <a href="#">Athlete Wires lyrics</a>
Week 6	The Bronte Sisters Goodnight Stories For Rebel Girls
<b>Autumn 2</b>	
Week 1	The Last Wild by Piers Torday (class story)
Week 2	James Chadwick ( <a href="#">James Chadwick - Biography, Facts and Pictures (famousscientists.org)</a> )
Week 3	The Living Years by Mike and the Mechanics
Week 4	Malamander by Thomas Tyler
Week 5	How Burglar Alarms Work ( <a href="#">How Burglar Alarms Work   HowStuffWorks</a> )
Week 6	Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve
<b>Spring 1</b>	
Week 1	Lightning Mary by Anthea Simmons (class story)
Week 2	Charles Darwin ( <a href="#">Charles Darwin - Biography, Facts and Pictures (famousscientists.org)</a> ) (Science – evolution and inheritance)
Week 3	The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Week 4	Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius ( <a href="#">Pompeii   TheSchoolRun</a> ) (Geography – volcanoes)
Week 5	Once by Morris Gleitzman
Week 6	The True Story Of The Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
<b>Spring 2</b>	
Week 1	Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman (class story)
Week 2	Moth by Thomas Isobel (Science – evolution and inheritance)
Week 3	Invictus by William Ernest Henley
Week 4	Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Week 5	A Change Is Gonna Come by Sam Cooke
Week 6	Room 13 by Robert Swindells
<b>Summer 1</b>	
Week 1	A Kind of Spark by Ellie McNicoll (class story)
Week 2	The Risk Factors of Smoking ( <a href="#">Smoking - BHF</a> ) (Science – drugs)
Week 3	Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
Week 4	Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll (History – WW2)
Week 5	Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell
Week 6	Can You See Me? By Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott
<b>Summer 2</b>	
Week 1	The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow (class story)
Week 2	Carl Linnaeus ( <a href="#">Carolus Linnaeus - Biography, Facts and Pictures (famousscientists.org)</a> ) (Science – classification)
Week 3	The Last Spell Breather by Julie Pike
Week 4	Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian (History – WW2)
Week 5	The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
Week 6	Alan Turing ( <a href="#">Alan Turing: Creator of modern computing - BBC Teach</a> )