Reading Spine

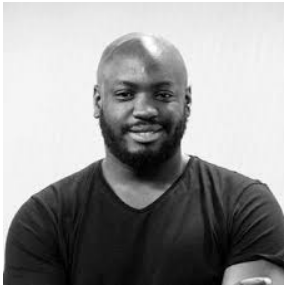
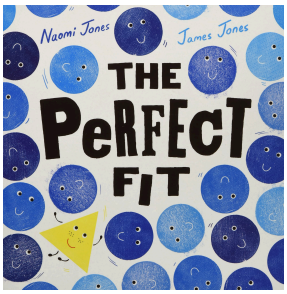
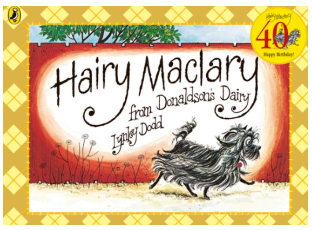
Nursery

Grange Park Primary School

Our reading spine is designed using books written by inspirational authors, which we value and want the children to have read by the time they leave primary education. The texts are purposefully selected to take the reader on a journey, from sharing picture books, to sharing a range of chapter books that gradually expose the reader to beautifully crafted storylines with evermore intriguing and challenging themes. Some books also fit with the year group's Learning Quest and science topics.

Research shows that sharing quality narratives, which the children would not necessarily choose to read for themselves, develops not only a love of reading but improves vocabulary development and language skills, develops imagination and empathy, and enables children to learn about people, places and events outside of their own experience. In turn, this promotes achievement in all writing genres across the curriculum.

This pack contains your core texts, 1 per half term and a poetry anthology. The books should be kept in the zippy wallet and remain available in the classroom. Children should be read to for 15 minutes each day from the half termly text indicated on the reading spine. One reading session a week should be replaced with a poem from the year group poetry anthology.

Autumn 1	 	**<u>The Best Me by Marvyn Harrison</u>** **Link**: Wonderful Me Can you keep clean, eat healthily and be kind? Say it with us loudly . . . YES I CAN! Every morning, when we wake up, we try to be our very best selves. Our daddy likes to help us. He knows about the things that make us better people.
Autumn 2	 	**<u>The Perfect Fit by Naomi Jones</u>** **Link**: Wonderful Me Meet Triangle and all the other shapes in this hilarious picture book about friendships, fun, and finding your place. No matter how hard she tries, Triangle doesn't roll like the circles, or stack like the squares . . . so she sets off to find friends that look exactly like her. But when she finds the other triangles, playtime isn't as fun. She misses the shapes that roll and stack; she misses having friends of all shapes and sizes! Can Triangle get all of the different shapes playing and having fun together?
Spring 1	 	**<u>Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd</u>** **Link**: Let's Go Outside Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy is the cheekiest, scruffiest, hairiest mutt in town. But in Scarface Claw, a rough, tough tomcat, has he finally met his match?
Spring 2		**<u>You Choose by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt</u>** **Link**: Once Upon a Time

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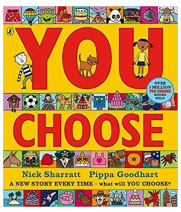
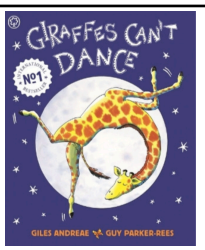
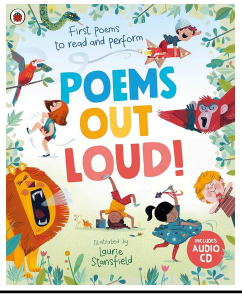
	  	Imagine you could go anywhere, meet anyone and do anything. Where would you live? Where would you sleep? Who would be your friends? What games would you play? Go on ... *you* choose!
Summer 1	  	**<u>We're Going to Find a Monster by Malorie Blackman</u>** **Link**: Exploring Nature Over the shimmering ocean, up the huge, high mountain, through the deep, dark forest . . . WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE MONSTER! Join two intrepid adventurers as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland – and their big brother becomes a mighty monster. A joy to read-aloud with its cumulative refrain, and full of funny, relatable characters, this is a contemporary celebration of creativity, fantasy and family.
Summer 2	  	**<u>Giraffes Can't Dance</u>** **Link**: Exploring Nature Gerald, a tall giraffe who longs to dance at the Jungle Dance but is mocked by other animals for his skinny legs and long neck. With encouragement from a wise cricket, Gerald finds his own rhythm, teaching young readers to embrace their differences and dance to their own tune.
Poetry Anthology		**<u>Poems Out Loud by Ladybird</u>** From rockets to mermaids and everything in between, there's something for everyone in this diverse and contemporary collection.