


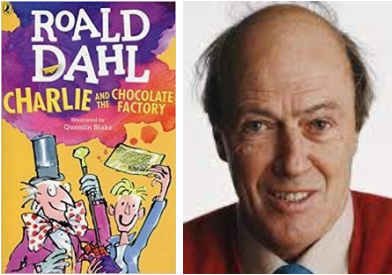

Reading Spine

Year 4

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.

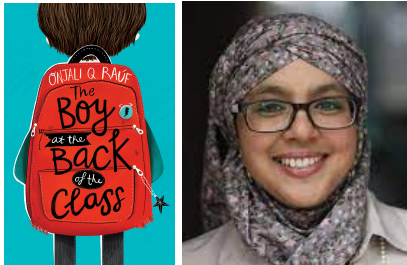
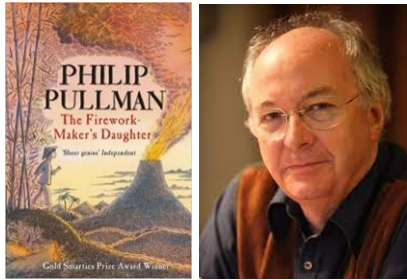

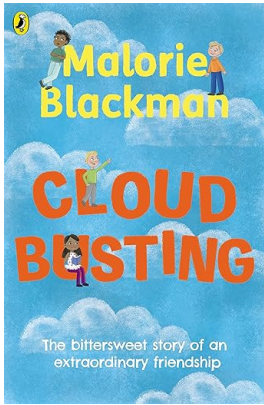
Research shows that sharing quality narratives, which the children would not necessarily choose to read for themselves, develops not only a love of reading but improves vocabulary development and language skills, develops imagination and empathy, and enables children to learn about people, places and 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.

<p>Autumn 1</p>		<p><u>The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook</u> Link: English</p> <p>THIEF. REBEL. BANDIT. HERO?</p> <p>Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the Sri Lankan jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk.</p> <p>Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang? Can Chaya leave the village a thief but return a hero?</p>
<p>Autumn 2</p>		<p><u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl</u> Link: Reading</p> <p>Mr Willy Wonka is the most extraordinary chocolate maker in the world. And do you know who Charlie is? Charlie Bucket is the hero. The other children in this book are nasty little beasts, called: Augustus Gloop - a great big greedy nincompoop; Veruca Salt - a spoiled brat; Violet Beauregarde - a repulsive little gum-chewer; Mike Teavee - a boy who only watches television. Clutching their Golden Tickets, they arrive at Wonka's chocolate factory. But what mysterious secrets will they discover?</p>
<p>Spring 1</p>		<p><u>Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans</u> Link: Groovy Greeks</p> <p>Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?</p>

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<p>Spring 2</p>		<p><u>The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf</u> Link: Brilliant Britain</p> <p>There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it.</p> <p>He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets – not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!</p> <p>But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.</p> <p>That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .</p>
<p>Summer 1</p>		<p><u>The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman</u> Link: Reading</p> <p>What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend!</p>
<p>Summer 2</p>		<p><u>Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B Alston</u></p> <p>Amari must compete against kids who've known about the supernatural world their whole lives, and when each trainee is awarded a special supernatural talent, Amari is given an illegal talent - one that the Bureau views as dangerous.</p>
<p>Poetry (Verse Novel)</p>		<p><u>Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman</u></p> <p>Despite his Mum's insistence, Sam doesn't want to be friends with Davey, he thinks Davey's a first class, grade A, top of the dung heap moron. But one day Davey saves Sam's life and a bond is formed between them. Sam is still embarrassed to be seen with Davey, but little by little he has to admit, when it's just the two of them, Davey is a lot of fun. But then something terrible happens to Davey... Told in verse, in first person, this is the touching story of an extraordinary friendship that changes two boys lives forever. An uplifting tale that truly sings out.</p>