



# Bentley High Street Primary School's Reading Spine



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## **Reading Spine**

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

### **1. Author Study Spine**

This spine contains a variety of high quality books which we would like you to promote with your class on a weekly and allow children access to read these via the Reading for Pleasure sessions. The authors of these texts are related to the reading curriculum and throughout the course of the curriculum, there will be opportunities to for author studies,

### **2. Reading Curriculum Spine**

This spine has a variety of fiction, non fiction and poetry texts which have been sourced to compliment your writing genres. These can be found in your yearly reading and writing planning overviews.

### **3. Reading For Pleasure Spine (recommended reads)**

We would like all children to develop a love of reading, and understand which books they enjoy and why that may be. For this 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.

### **4. Wider Curriculum Reading (non-fiction)**

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 six, for them to have developed a 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, and 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 to 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 Topic, and more. Considerations have been made for areas of learning covered in the curriculum to ensure wider reading.

\*\*\*This is an ever-evolving document which will consider newly released books and other recommendation from the teaching profession.\*\*\*

# Year 3 and 4

## Reading for pleasure spine

Diversity	Classic Books	Fiction	Poetry	Non Fiction	Sustainability	Graphic Novels

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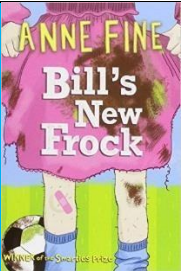
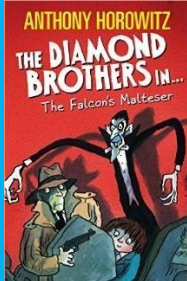
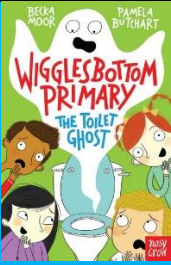
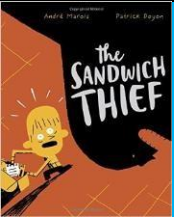

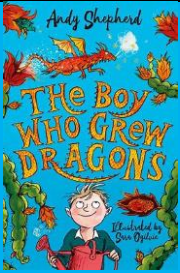
				
Sona Sharma – looking after our planet Chitra Soundar	The Name Jar Yansook Choi	Cinnamon Neil Gaman	Counting on Katherine Helaine Becker and Dow Phumiruk	Aaron Slater Illustrator Andrea Beaty and David Roberts
				
Planet Omar Zanib Mian	The boy in the jam Jar Joyce Dunbar	Max in the millions Ross Montgomery_	Ramadam Moon Na'ima B robert and Shirin Adl	The Naughtiest Unicorn Pip Bird
				
Space Dectectives Cosmic Pet Puzzle Mark Powers	Ellie and the cat Malorie Blackman	Malala's Magic Pencil Malala Yousafzai	Young gifted and black Aretha Franklin	I talk like a river Jordan Scott

## CLASSIC SPINE- Reading for Pleasure (LKS2)



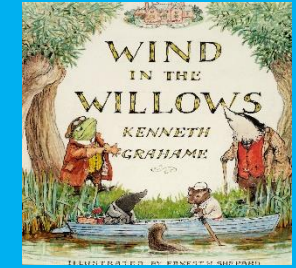
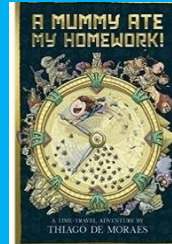
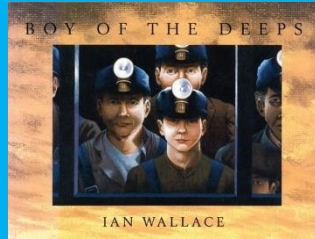
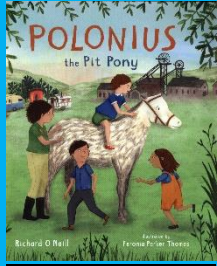
				
The Iron Man Ted Hughes	Charlie and the chocolate factory Roald Dahl	Sturat Little E.B White	The litle Princess Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Animals OF farthing Wood Colin D
				
The Tinderbox Hans Christian Anderson	The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe C.S Lewis	The hundred and one dalmatians Dodie Smith	The Railway Children E.Nesbit	The adventures of Proffessor BraneStawn  Norman Hunter
				
The adventures of the wishing chair Enid Blyton	The reluctant Dragon Kenneth Grahame	The hosue that sailed away Pat Hutchins	Charlotte'S web E.B White	Blick Beauaty Anna Sewell

# FICTION SPINE- Reading for Pleasure (LKS2)

				
Bills New Frock Anne Fine	Ice Palace Robert Swindells	Charlie Changes into a chicken Sam Copeland	The Diamond Brothers Anthony Horowitz	Alex Sparrow and the really big stink Jenefir Killick
				
The Great Chocoplot Chris Callaghan	Wigglesbottom primary – The Toilet Ghost Becka Moor and Pamlea Butchart	Mr Gum Andy Stanton	Fing David Walliams	I
				
The Sandwich Thief by Andre Marois	The Creakers Tom Fletcher	Fuzzlebert Stump by A.F. Harrold	Malkin Moonlight By Emma Cox	The Boy Who Grows Dragons By Andy Shepherd



**Cirriculum Themed Fiction  
Books**



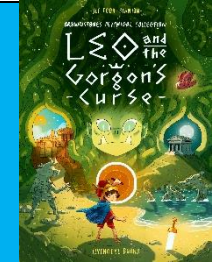
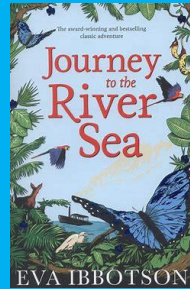
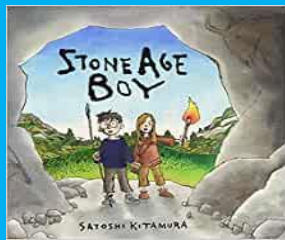
Polonius the Pit Pony  
Richard O'Neill

Boy Of the Deep  
Ian Wallace

A mummy ate my homework  
Thiago de Moraes

Secrets of a Sun King  
Emma Carroll

Wind in the willows  
Kenneth Grahame



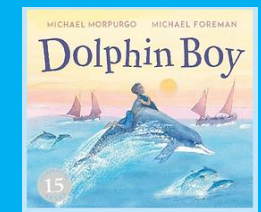
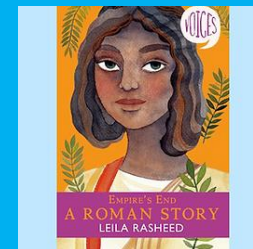
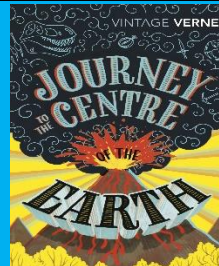
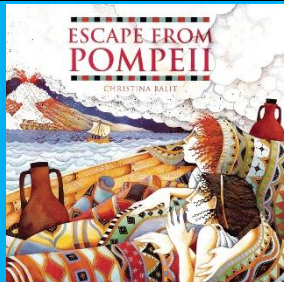
Stone Age Boy  
Satoshi Kitamura

Jounrey to the rive sea  
Eva Ibbotson

Marcy and the riddle of the  
sphinx  
Joe Todd Stanton

Secret of the oracle –  
Ancient Greek Mysteries  
Saviour Pirotta

Leo and the Gorgona  
Curse  
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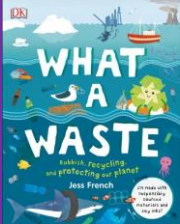
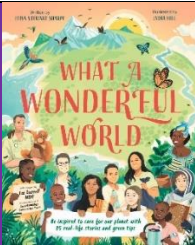
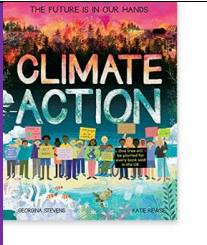
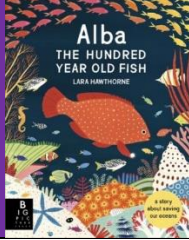
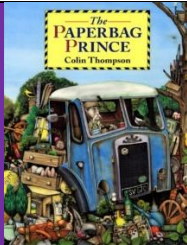
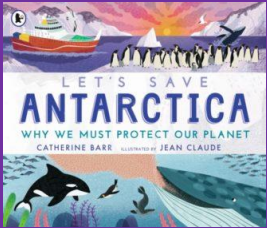


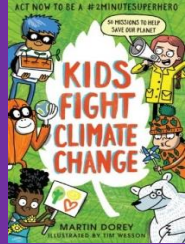
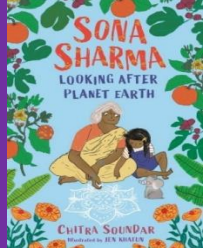
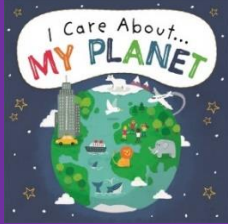
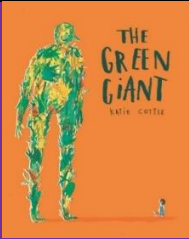
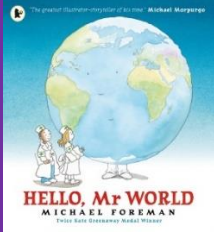
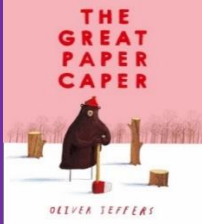

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<p><b><u>Maths and Science</u></b> Actual Size Steve Jenkins</p>	<p><b><u>General Knowledge</u></b> Stuff: Curious Everyday STUFF That Helps Our Planet Maddie Moate</p>	<p><b><u>History</u></b> A day in the life of a caveman, Queen and everything in between Mike Barfield and Jess Bradley</p>	<p><b><u>Science</u></b> One Million Isabel Thomas and Lou Baker</p>	<p><b><u>Science</u></b> Invented Animals Christiane Dorion, Gosia Herba</p>
				
<p><b><u>General Knowledge</u></b> Factopia Kate Hale</p>	<p><b><u>Geography</u></b> Earth Shattering Events Robin Jacobs and Sophie Williams</p>	<p><b><u>Geography</u></b> The Big Book of the UK Imogen Russell Williams and Louise Lockhart</p>	<p><b><u>Geography</u></b> Amazing Islands Sabrina Weiss</p>	<p><b><u>Science</u></b> Scientists Isabel Thomas</p>
				

<b>Science</b> The Bacteria Book Brian Mould	<b>P.E and Sport</b> On Your Marks, Get Set, Gold!: A Funny and Fact-Filled Guide to Every Olympic Sport      Scott Allen	<b>Science</b> Space Maps: Your Tour of the Universe      Lara Albanese	<b>P.E and Sport</b> Ultimate Football Heroes: Road to the World Cup Matt & Tom Oldfield	<b>History</b> <i>Life on Earth: Dinosaurs</i> Heather Alexander & Andres Lozano
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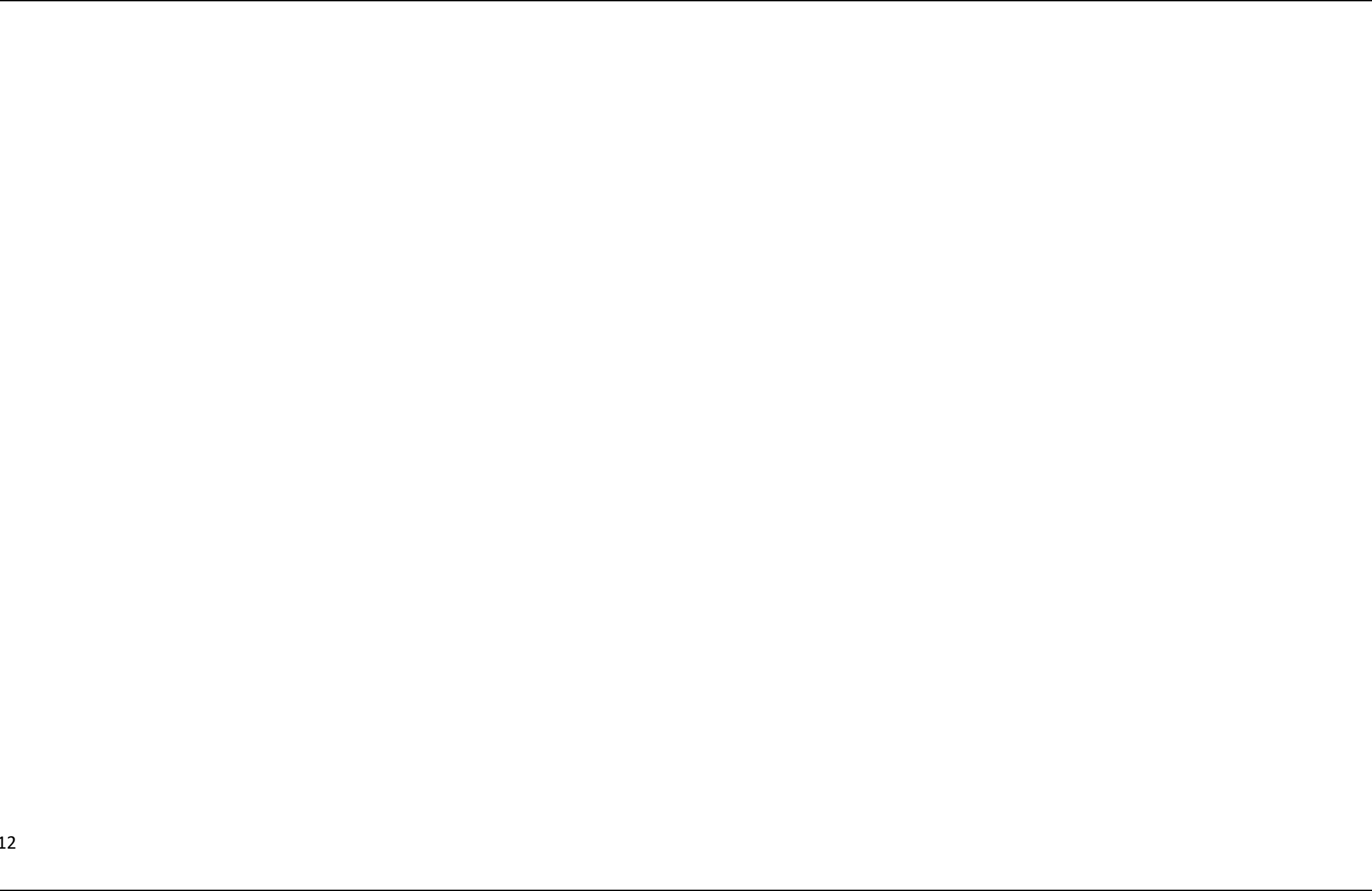
## **NON-FICTION SPINE - Reading for Pleasure (LK2)**

## **SUSTAINABILITY SPINE LKS2**

				
What a Waste By Jess French	What a Wonderful World: Be inspired to care for our planet	Climate Action: The future is in our hands	Alba the hundred year old fish Lara Hawthorne	The Paper bag Prince Colin Thompson
				
Let's save Antarctica: Why we must protect our planet Catherine Barr	The scret signs of nature	Human Town Alan Durant and Anna	Kids fight cimata change Martin Dorey	Sona Sharma Looking after planet Earth Chitra Soundar
				



I Care about my planet	The Green Giant Katie Cottle	Hello Mr World Michael Foreman	The Giant Paper Caper Oliver	Saving Species Jess French
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## Graphic Novels LK2

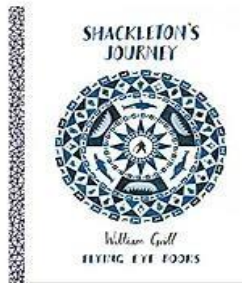
				
Derek the Sheep Gary Northfield	The Witches Roald Dahl	20,00 leagues under the sea Jules Verne	Timmy on the Toilet Peta Lemon and Maria Dasic Todoric	Dog man Dav Pilkey
				
Captain Underpants Dav Pilkey	Daisy and the trouble with school trips Kes Gray	Hilda and the Troll Luke	The Terrible tales of Teentynosaurs Gary Northfield	Narwhal Unicorn of the sea Ben Clanton

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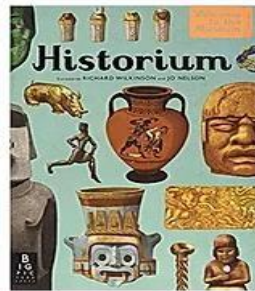
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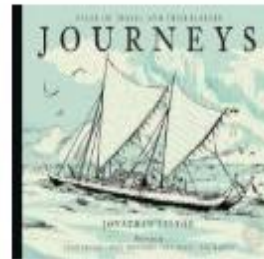
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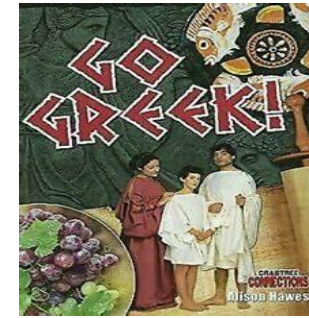
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William Gill



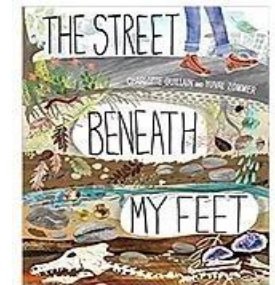
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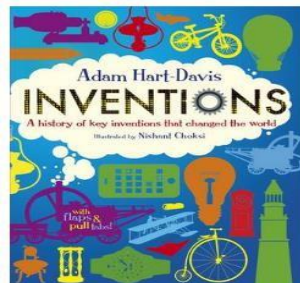
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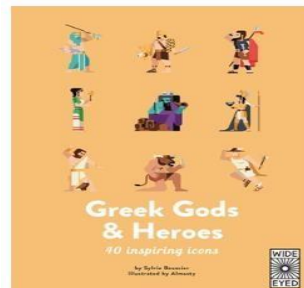
**GO GREEK – Experience Living in Great Greek Style** - Alison Hawes



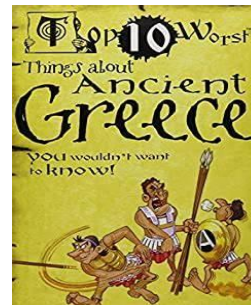
**The Street Beneath My Feet**  
Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer



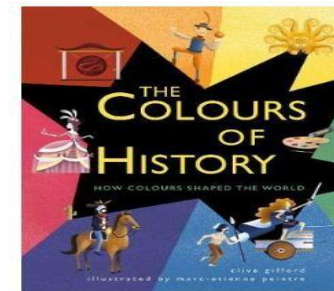
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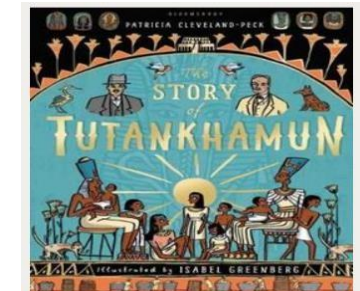
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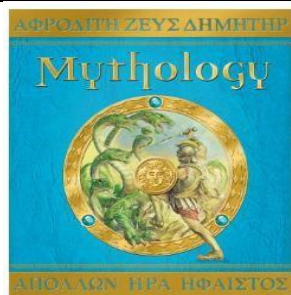
**Top 10 Worst Things about Ancient Greece**  
you wouldn't want to know  
Victoria England



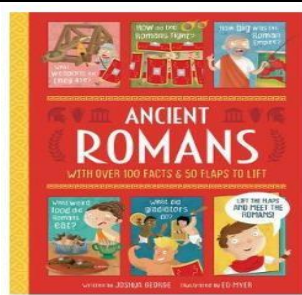
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Clive Gifford



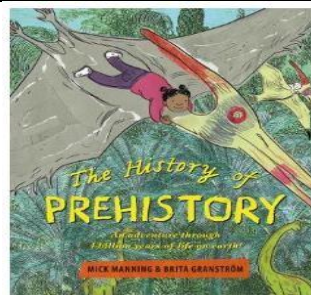
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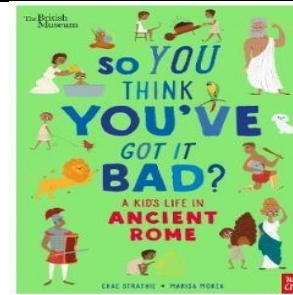
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**Ancient Romans**  
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**The History of Prehistory**  
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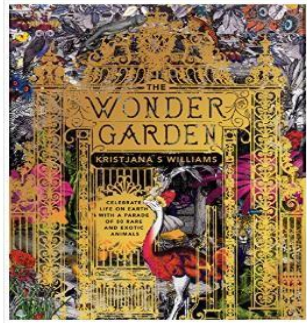
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Chae Strathie



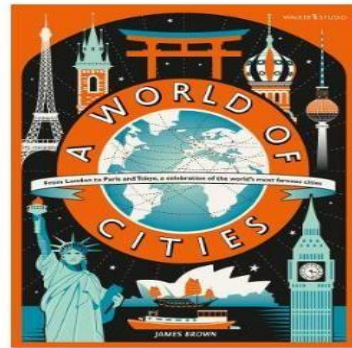
**Exploring Ancient Greece (Second Edition.)**  
Dr Brian Knapp



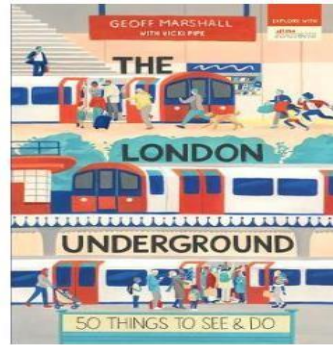
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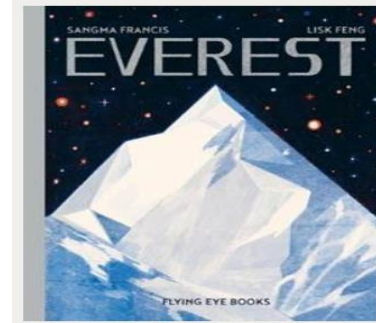
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Jenny Bloom & Kristiana Williams



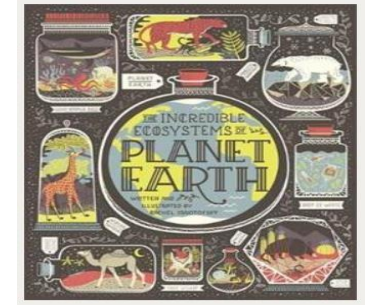
**A World of Cities**  
Lily Murray



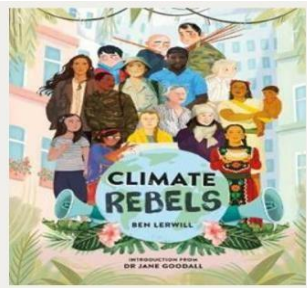
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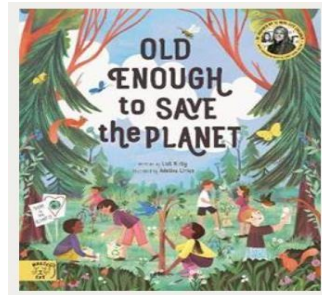
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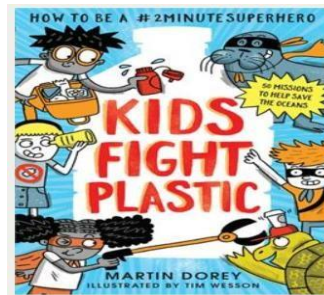
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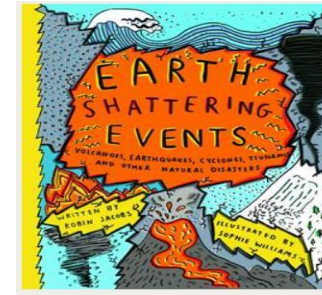
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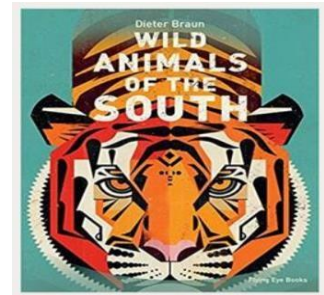
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Loll Kirby



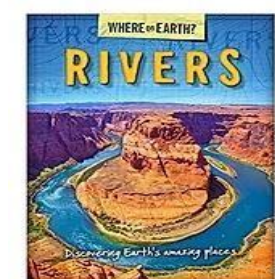
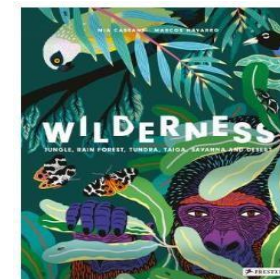
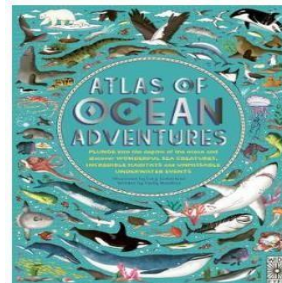
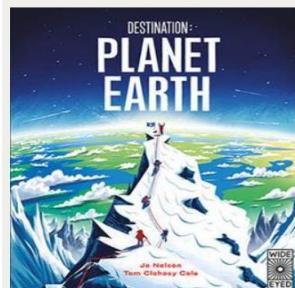
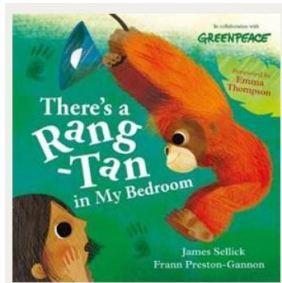
**Kids Fight Plastic**  
Martin Dorey



**Earth Shattering Events**  
Robin Jacobs




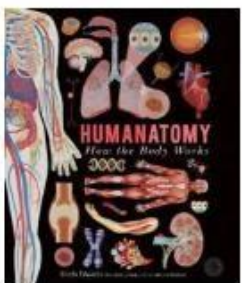
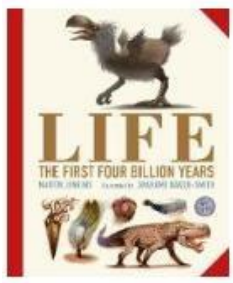
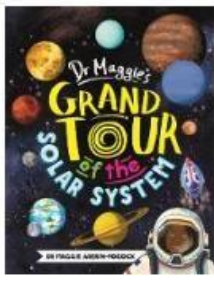
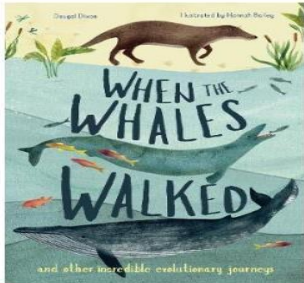
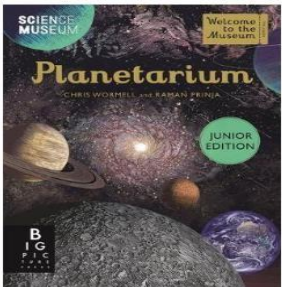
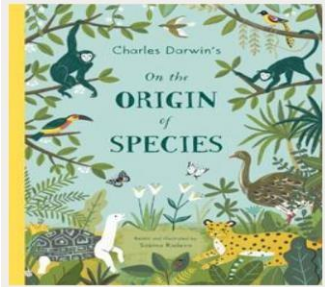
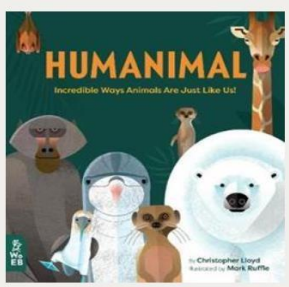
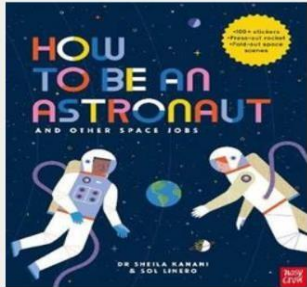
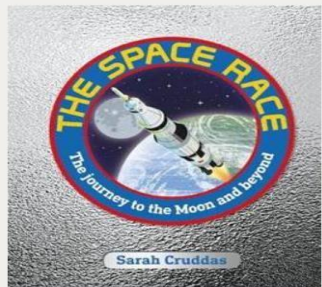
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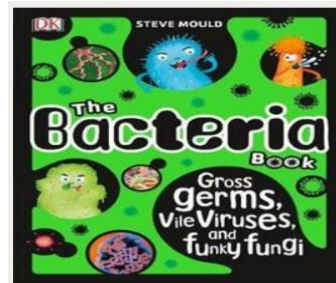
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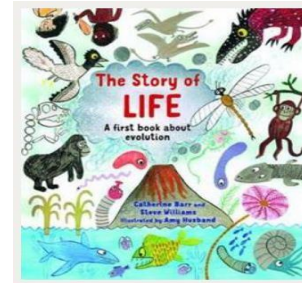
				
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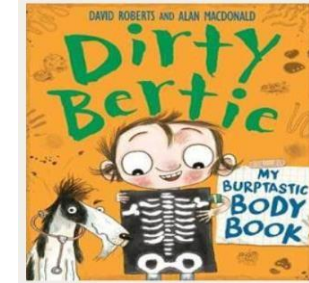
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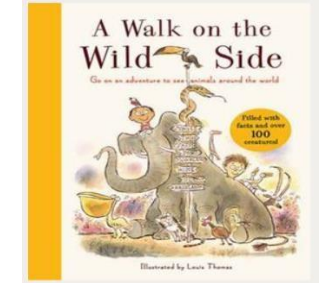
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**The Story of Life**  
Lolt Kirby



**Dirty Bertie**  
Alan Macdonald



**A Walk on the Wild Side**  
Robin Jacobs

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<p><b>Myth Atlas</b> Thiago de Moraes</p>	<p><b>What is Humanism?</b> Michael Rosen</p>	<p><b>Let's Celebrate</b> Debjani Chatterjee</p>	<p><b>The Seed of Compassion</b> His Holiness the Dalai Lama</p>	<p><b>Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets</b> Emily Hawkins</p>
				
<p><b>Jewish Tales</b> Susie Brooks</p>	<p><b>Encyclopedia Mythologica</b> Matthew Reinhart</p>	<p><b>This is how we do it</b> Matt Lamothe</p>	<p>Libby Jackson Susan Reuben</p>	<p><b>Nicola Edwards</b> Catherine House</p>
				

<b>Ramadan Moon</b> Dr Maggie's Grand tour of the Solar	<i>-Pocock</i> Jonathon Landaw	<small>Dougal Dixon</small> <b>Religions</b> Susan Meredith	<b>Hinduism for Kids</b> Shalu Sharma	<b>Rama &amp; Sita</b> Malachy Doyle
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<b>Young Heroes</b> Lula Bridgeport	<b>Sheila Kanani</b> Jamia Wilson	<b>Perfectly imperfect stories</b> Leo potion	<b>Politics for Beginners</b> Steve Parker	<b>Rise Up</b> Amanda Li
				
<b>Don't Pick on Me</b> Rosemary Stones	<b>Big Ideas for Young Thinkers</b> Jamia Wilson	<b>Who are Refugees and Migrants?</b> Michael Rosen	<b>Create your own Happy</b> Penny Alexander	<b>Thiago de Moraes</b> Ali Winter
				
<b>The Undefeated</b> Kwame Alexander	<b>Crescent Moons and Painted Minarets</b> Hena Khan	<b>Bold Women in Black History</b> Vashti Harrison	<b>Respect</b> Rachel Brian	<b>Encyclopedia Mythologica</b> Matthew Reinhart Tiffany Jewell





## Year Five Author Study

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<u>Grahame Baker-Smith</u>  Farther Rhythm of the Rain Leon and the Place Between	<u>Michael Morurgo</u>  Why the Whales Came Kensuke's Kingdom War Horse Mr Nobdoy's Eyes The Wreck of the Zanzibar Twist of Gold Beowulf My Friend Walter	<u>David Weisner</u>  Flotsam Night of the Gargoyles Tuesday Hurricane The Three Pigs Art and Max

## Year Five Curriculum Spine

<p><b>Autumn</b></p> <p>What influence did Bentley Colliery have on the community?</p>	<p><b>Spring</b></p> <p>Who were the real leaders of the Space Race?</p>	<p><b>Summer</b></p> <p>What impact does deforestation have on the Amazon?</p>
	<p>Archaic Texts</p> <p>Complexity of Plot</p> <p>Narratively Complex</p> <p>Resistant Text</p> <p>Non-Linear Time Sequence</p>	

<p><b>Fiction:</b>  Farther – Grahame Baker-Smith  Rhythm of the Rain – Grahame Baker-Smith  Leon and the Place Between – Grahame Baker-Smith  The Velveteen Rabbit – Margery Williams</p> <p><b>Non- Fiction</b>  Coal Miner – Nick Gordon  Coal Mining – John Davey  The Coal Mine – Derek Slater  Images of the Past – Brian Elliott</p> <p><b>Poetry</b>  For the Fallen – Laurence Binyon  Roger McGough (Collection)</p>	<p><b>Fiction:</b>  Cosmic – Frank Controlli Boyce</p> <p><b>Non- Fiction</b>  The Ultimate Book of Space – Anne-Sophie Baumann  A Journey Through Space – John Haslam  What is an Astronaut – Baby Professor  Destination Space – Christopher Englert  See Inside Space – Katie Daynes</p> <p><b>Poetry</b>  How Do I Love Thee? – Elizabeth Barrett Browning  The Pobble Who Had No Toes – Edward Lear</p>	<p><b>Fiction:</b>  How to Fly with Broken Wings – Jane Elson</p> <p><b>Non- Fiction</b>  The Rainforest Book – Charlotte Milner  Expedition Diaries: Borneo Rainforest – Simon Chapman  Let's Save the Amazon – Catherine Barr  The Where on Earth Book of Rainforests – Susie Brooks</p> <p><b>Poetry</b>  The Highwayman – Alfred Noyes  Nightwriter – Tony Mitton  Sounds of the Sea – James Berry</p>
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### Year Six Author Study

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<u>Charles Dickens</u>  A Christmas Carol Great Expectations A Tale of Two Cities Oliver Twist	<u>Shaun Tan</u>  The Lost Thing Tales from Outer Suburbia Eric The Rabbits	<u>Philip Pullman</u>  Northern Lights The Subtle Knife The Amber Spyglass The Firework-Maker's Daughter

Hard Times Bleak House David Copperfield Little Dorrit	The Red Tree Cicada The Arrival	The Tin Princess
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## Year Six Curriculum Spine



<p><b>Autumn</b> World War II Were all children in Europe impacted the same in WWII?</p>	<p><b>Spring</b> Henry VIII Was Henry VIII a good leader?</p>	<p><b>Summer</b> Global Warming What are the threats to the Great Barrier Reef?</p>
<p>Archaic Texts Complexity of Plot Narratively Complex Resistant Text Non-Linear Time Sequence</p>		
<p><b>Fiction</b> The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens</p> <p><b>Non – Fiction</b> The Missing – Michael Rosen Skyward – Sally Deng Woeful Second World War – Terry Deary The Story of the Second World War – Peter Chrisp See Inside the Second World War – Rob Lloyd</p> <p><b>Poetry</b> In Flander’s Field – John McCrae Twas the Night Before Christmas – CC Moore All of us Knocking on the Stable Door – David Harmer</p>	<p><b>Fiction</b> Skellig – David Almond Arrival – Shaun Tan</p> <p><b>Non – Fiction</b> Eyewitness: Tudor – DK Henry VIII – Jonathan Melmoth Henry VIII Biography Facts – Alan MacDonald Autobiography of Henry VIII – Margaret George Who Was Henry VIII? – Ellen Labrecque</p> <p><b>Poetry</b> Daffodils – William Wordsworth Sonnet 18 – William Shakespeare Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll The Smuggler's Song – Rudyard Kipling</p>	<p><b>Fiction</b> Holes – Louis Sachar</p> <p><b>Non – Fiction</b> The Story of Climate Change – Catherine Barr This Book is not Rubbish – Isabel Thomas</p> <p><b>Poetry</b> The Tyger – William Blake The Language of Cat – Rachel Rooney Goldilocks on CCTV – John Agard</p>

