

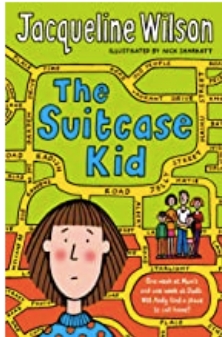

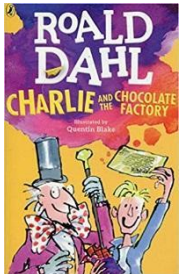
Chesterfield Core Text

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. One reading session a week should be replaced with a poem from the year group poetry anthology.

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| 1 |  | <p><u>The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson</u></p> <p>When my parents split up they didn't know what to do with me... My family always lived at Mulberry Cottage. Mum, Dad, me - and Radish, my Sylvanian rabbit. But now Mum lives with Bill the Baboon and his three kids. Dad lives with Carrie and her twins. And where do I live? I live out of a suitcase. One week with Mum's new family, one week with Dad's.</p> <p>It's as easy as A B C. That's what everyone says. But all I want is to go home - back to Mulberry Cottage...</p> |
| 2 |  | <p><u>Charlotte's Web by EB White</u></p> <p>Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle he realises his life is in even more danger.</p> <p>Enter Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. Charlotte is determined to keep Wilbur from the chopping block, and comes up with an ingenious way to do just that.</p> <p><i>Charlotte's Web</i> is a classic tale of friendship, bravery and some animal magic.</p> |
| 3 |  | <p><u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl</u></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> |

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| 4 |  | <p><u>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter by John Steptoe</u></p> <p>The tale of Mufaro's two daughters, two beautiful girls who react in different ways to the king's search for a wife - one is aggressive and selfish, the other kind and dignified. The king takes on disguises to learn the true nature of both girls and of course chooses Nyasha, the kind and generous daughter, to be his queen.</p> |
| 5 |  | <p><u>The Firework Makers Daughter by Phillip Pullman</u></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> |
| 6 |  | <p><u>The dancing bear by Michael Morpurgo</u></p> <p>High in the mountains, in a tiny village, an abandoned bear cub is adopted by a lonely orphan child. Soon they are inseparable, beloved by the whole village – safe, until the arrival of a glamorous film crew who need a dancing bear...</p> |
| 7 |  | <p><u>Gregory Cool by Caroline Birch</u></p> <p>When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length, and there are none of the televisions, video games and other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted. How will Gregory adjust to the strange culture? And will he learn to enjoy the lifestyle of the Caribbean?</p> |
| Poetry Anthology |  | <p><u>Because a Fire Was in My Head by Michael Morpurgo</u></p> <p>A wonderful anthology of poems to set fire to the imagination. We only have to 'remember, remember the 5th of November' to see a dark night filled with fireworks and bonfires. In their many different ways - through their sounds, rhythms, stories, surprises and jokes - these poems will set the fireworks crackling in our own heads. Michael Morpurgo has brought together poems by writers as diverse as Spike Milligan, Lewis Carroll and Louis MacNeice. Once read, they won't be forgotten - some even beg to be learned by heart.</p> |

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