

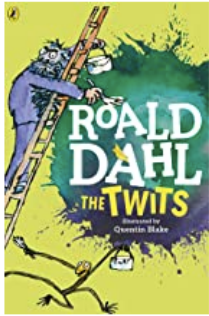
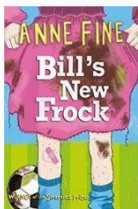
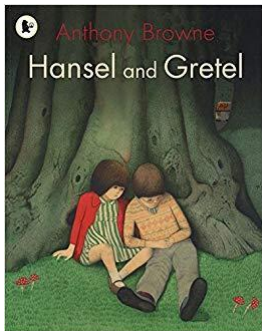
Chesterfield Core Text

Year 3

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.

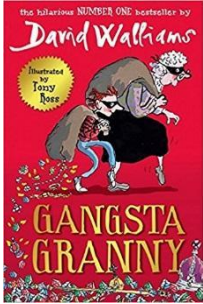
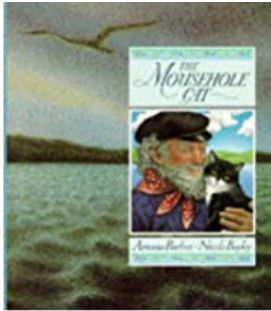

Research shows that sharing quality narratives, which the children would not necessarily choose to read for themselves, develops not only a love of reading but improves vocabulary development and language skills, develops imagination and empathy, and enables children to learn about people, places and 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. One reading session a week should be replaced with a poem from the year group poetry anthology.

1		<p><u>The Twits by Roald Dahl</u></p> <p>Mr Twit is a foul and smelly man with bits of cornflake and sardine in his beard. Mrs Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye. Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope not to meet. Down in their garden, the Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer, because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits and make their escape, once and for all . . .</p>
2		<p><u>Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine</u></p> <p>Link with: PSHE - Relationships</p> <p>Bill Simpson wakes up to find he's a girl, and worse, his mother makes him wear a frilly pink dress to school. How on earth is he going to survive a whole day like this? Everything just seems to be different for girls . . .</p>
3		<p><u>Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne</u></p> <p>Hansel and Gretel: Hansel and Gretel is perhaps the darkest and greatest of the fairytales from the Brothers Grimm. This extraordinary book brings the classic childhood tale to a new generation courtesy of one of the world's greatest picture book artists, Hans Christian Andersen Award-winner Anthony Browne.</p>


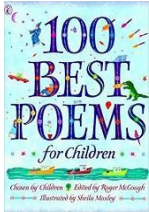
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4		<p><u>Gangsta Granny by David Walliams</u> Link with: English</p> <p>Our hero Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma's house. She's the boringest grandma ever: all she wants to do is to play Scrabble, and eat cabbage soup. But there are two things Ben doesn't know about his grandma.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) She was once an international jewel thief. 2) All her life, she has been plotting to steal the Crown Jewels, and now she needs Ben's help...
5		<p><u>The Mousehole Cat - Antonia Barber & Nicola Bayley</u></p> <p>Tom who rocks the rocking chair just right, and catches fresh fish for dinner every night. Their life is a happy one – until one terrible winter, the Great Storm-Cat comes clawing and snarling and leaping at the harbour walls, so that no boat can go out to sea to fish. Soon, with Christmas coming, there is no food left in Mousehole. It is then that Mowzer and Tom set out to brave the fury of the waves together, and discover that it might just need a cat's perspective to understand – and tame – the ferocious ways of the Great Storm-Cat sea...</p>
6		<p><u>Zeraffa Giraffa</u></p> <p>This is the astonishing true story of Zeraffa, a giraffe who was sent as a gift by the Ottoman Viceroy of Egypt to King Charles X of France in 1826. A young boy, Atir, takes care of Zeraffa on her epic journey by felucca down the Nile and by ship across the sea. ...</p>
7		<p><u>The Sea of Tranquility</u></p> <p>Years ago there was a little boy who dreamed of rocketing to the moon, of landing on the crumbly rock and walking across the Sea of Tranquility.</p> <p>He borrowed library books and read how astronauts had orbited the earth and walked in space. And every night he hoped that they would find a way to land on the moon and walk where he had dreamed of walking. And eventually, one cloudless night, they did...</p>

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8		<p><u>The Hodgehog by Dick King-Smith</u></p> <p>Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails!</p> <p>The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?</p>
Poetry Anthology		<p><u>100 Best Poems for Children</u></p> <p>A collection of the very best poems for children, edited by Roger McGough. A wonderful collection of contemporary and classic poems chosen by children from schools around the UK.</p>