

## **Gilthill Primary School: Reading Spine**

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. 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 class read texts - fiction, non-fiction and a poetry. The books should be kept in the zippy wallet/ box/ cupboard and remain available in the classroom. Children should be read to for 10 minutes each day from a chosen half termly text indicated on the reading spine. One reading session a week should be replaced with a poem from the year group poetry selection.

Year Group	Novel	Picture Book/Graphic Novel	Non-Fiction	Poetry
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam: The Aliens are Coming</li> <li>- Rabbit and Bear: Rabbit's Bad Habits</li> <li>- Rocket Boy</li> <li>- Mrs Armitage on Wheels by Quentin Blake</li> <li>- Shhhh! by Sally Grindley and Peter Utton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Danny McGee Drinks the Sea</li> <li>- I Am Bat</li> <li>- How to be a Lion</li> <li>- Wild</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If You Go Down to the Woods Today</li> <li>- Hello World</li> <li>- The World Around Me</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the Very Young</li> <li>- Poems to Perform by Julia Donaldson</li> </ul>
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Genie and Teeny Make a Wish</li> <li>- The Hat Full of Secrets</li> <li>- The Queen's Nose</li> <li>- The Enormous Crocodile</li> <li>- Don't Look in this Book by Samuel Langley - Swain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Book With No Pictures</li> <li>- Hoot Owl</li> <li>- Little Red</li> <li>- Billy and the Beast</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Big Book of the Blue</li> <li>- Wild Animals of the North</li> <li>- A Street Through Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Poems Out Loud</li> <li>- The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems</li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Space Detectives</li> <li>- The Animals of Farthing Wood</li> <li>- Martin's Mice</li> <li>- Fred: Wizard in Training</li> <li>- The Dark by Lemony Snickett</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Spots and the Dots</li> <li>- When we Say Black Lives Matter</li> <li>- Look Up</li> <li>- Odd Dog Out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Big Book of the UK</li> <li>- Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World</li> <li>- A First Book of Nature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree</li> <li>- A Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry</li> </ul>
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The lion, the witch and the wardrobe</li> <li>- The Christmasaurus</li> <li>- Milton the Mighty</li> <li>- The Bad Guys</li> <li>- The Abominables</li> <li>- Song of a Dolphin Boy</li> <li>- Oliver and the Seawigs</li> <li>- The Butterfly Lion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nen and the Lonely Fisherman</li> <li>- Trailblazer: Lily Parr</li> <li>- The Proudest Blue</li> <li>- Hansel and Gretel (Anthony Browne)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear</li> <li>- The Street Beneath my Feet</li> <li>- How to be Extraordinary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ape to Zebras</li> <li>- 100 Best Poems for Children</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Charlie Changes into a Chicken</li> <li>- The House at the Edge of Magic</li> <li>- Krindlekrax</li> <li>- The Explorer</li> <li>- Operation Gadgetman</li> <li>- Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B Alston</li> <li>- The Accidental Prime Minister</li> <li>- Varjak Paw</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- My Name is Not Refugee</li> <li>- The Tide</li> <li>- Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior: An Op Alliance</li> <li>- Claire, Justice Ninja</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You are a Champion</li> <li>- The Skies Above my Eyes</li> <li>- A world of Information</li> <li>- Darwin's Origin of Species</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I Don't Like Poetry</li> <li>- Because a Fire Was in My Head by Michael Morpurgo</li> </ul>

Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The last wild</li> <li>- Goldfish Boy</li> <li>- The boy at the back of the class</li> <li>- Evernight</li> <li>- Brightstorm</li> <li>- Kensuke's Kingdom</li> <li>- The Unforgotten Coat</li> <li>- Once</li> <li>- The Land of Roar</li> <li>- Pig-Heart Boy</li> <li>- The Nowhere Emporium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Town is by the Sea</li> <li>- It's a No-Money Day</li> <li>- Varmints</li> <li>- When Stars are Scattered</li> <li>- The Mysteries of Harris Burdick</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I Am Malala</li> <li>- Captain Tom's Life Lessons</li> <li>- Shackleton's Journey</li> <li>- Animalium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Lost Words</li> <li>- 101 Poems for Children by Carol Ann Duffy</li> </ul>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Holes</li> <li>- Considine Curse</li> <li>- Wave Riders</li> <li>- Skellig</li> <li>- Refugee Boy</li> <li>- Mortal Engines</li> <li>- The Bubble Boy</li> <li>- Beetle Boy</li> <li>- The Watertower</li> <li>- The Boy who sailed the ocean in an armchair</li> <li>- Crater Lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can I Build Another Me?</li> <li>- The Arrival</li> <li>- The Barnabus Project</li> <li>- The Island</li> <li>- Small Things</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Climate Emergency Atlas</li> <li>- Timelines From Black History</li> <li>- The World's Most Pointless Animals</li> <li>- Historium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overheard in a Tower Block</li> <li>- A Poem for Every Night of the Year by Allie Esri</li> </ul>