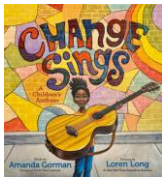
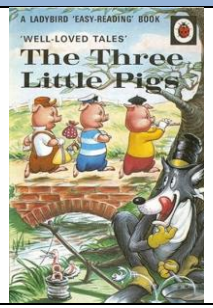
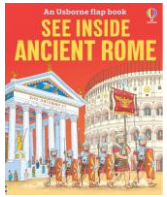
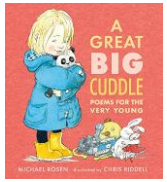
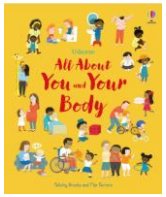
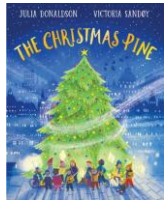
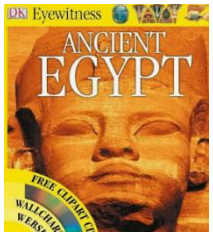
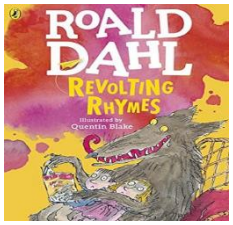
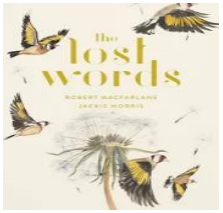
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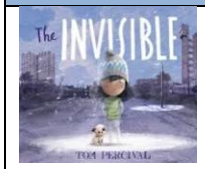
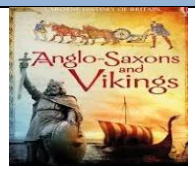
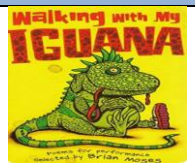
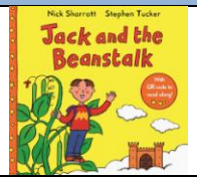
Our English curriculum aims to raise aspiration and close disadvantage gaps by promoting high standards of language and literacy for every child. Rooted in our values—**Together We Learn, Grow and Achieve**—we equip pupils with a strong command of both spoken and written language and nurture a love of literature through reading for pleasure. In our community, where many children have limited early language experiences, these skills are vital. They empower pupils to learn confidently, grow in knowledge and independence, and achieve the foundations needed to participate fully and equally in society.

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Helps pupils explore positive change and community while developing their reading and writing skills through rich language and inspiring imagery.	Introduces Year 3 pupils to the key features of traditional tales through a familiar narrative structure, repeated patterns and memorable characters, providing a strong model for their own storytelling and retellings.	Supports pupils in developing their historical understanding of Roman life through engaging illustrations and accessible information, providing rich vocabulary and factual content to inform their instruction writing while developing vocabulary and imagination.	Explores playful language and poetic devices while providing inspiration for presenting their own ideas creatively through calligram poetry.	Inspires pupils when writing diary entries by providing a memorable winter journey that encourages them to write in role, express feelings and recount events in chronological order.	This book develops non-chronological report writing by providing clearly organised factual information about health and wellbeing, alongside age-appropriate Our Lives vocabulary and concepts.	Through its rich vocabulary, vivid imagery and atmospheric Christmas setting, this book develops descriptive writing while providing an engaging model for creating pupils' own setting descriptions.

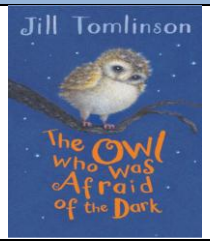
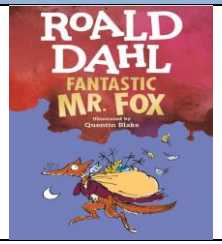
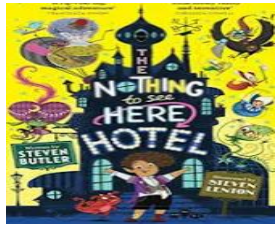
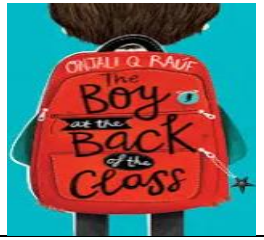
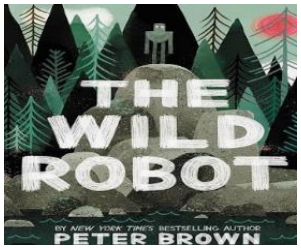
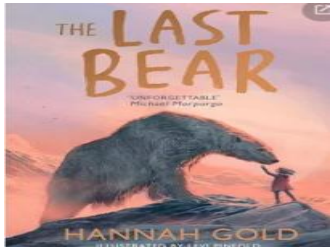
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SPRING TERM			
			
This book was chosen because it is colourful, interesting and full of fascinating facts about Ancient Egypt. It introduces children to new vocabulary, people, places and experiences that they may not have encountered before. The pictures and information help children to learn about a different culture and time in history while developing their knowledge and understanding of the world.	Revolting Rhymes is funny, playful and engaging. It introduces children to familiar traditional tales in a new and exciting way, while developing their vocabulary and understanding of rhyme. The humour encourages children to enjoy poetry and reading aloud, while helping them to develop their imagination and confidence with language.	Chosen because it is fascinating, colourful and helps children discover what is beneath their feet. It introduces new vocabulary and teaches children about rocks, soil, roots, tunnels, animals and the world beneath the ground. It encourages children to ask questions, explore the world around them and develop their knowledge and understanding.	The Lost Words introduces children to beautiful and interesting words from the natural world. It helps to develop vocabulary and encourages children to notice and appreciate the world around them. The wonderful illustrations and poems inspire imagination, curiosity and discussion, while giving children opportunities to hear and use new language.

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SUMMER TERM				
				
This book was chosen because it is an engaging and thought-provoking story that helps children understand the lives and experiences of others. It introduces children to ideas about friendship, kindness, community and belonging, while developing their vocabulary and encouraging them to think about the world around them.	It is colourful, interesting and full of fascinating facts about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. It introduces children to new vocabulary, people, places and ways of life from the past. The illustrations and information help children develop their knowledge of history while encouraging them to ask questions and discover more.	This book was chosen because it is fun, imaginative and full of lively poems that children can enjoy. It introduces children to new vocabulary, rhyme and different styles of poetry. The poems encourage children to use their imagination, play with language and enjoy reading aloud.	The Sound Collector is fun and imaginative poem that encourages children to listen carefully to the world around them. It introduces new vocabulary and helps children to think about sounds in different ways. It encourages children to use their senses, develop their imagination and enjoy playing with language.	Jack and the Beanstalk is colourful and engaging version of a familiar traditional tale. It introduces children to new vocabulary and encourages them to use their imagination. The humour and illustrations make the story enjoyable and accessible to all children, while providing opportunities to discuss characters, events and choices.

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READING FOR PLEASURE During the year, these stories will be shared and enjoyed as a class at least once.		
		
Reading Plop – The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark encourages pupils to develop a love of reading through an engaging and relatable character, while exploring themes of courage, friendship and overcoming fears in a humorous and accessible story.	Fantastic Mr Fox supports pupils to inspire a love of reading through its humour, memorable characters and exciting plot, while fostering prediction, discussion and engagement with a classic work of children's literature.	This book was chosen because it is funny, exciting and easy to enjoy. It introduces children to new vocabulary, characters and experiences that they may not come across in everyday life.
		
The Boy at the Back of the Class is engaging, funny and helps children to understand the experiences of others. It introduces children to new vocabulary, different cultures and experiences that they may not have encountered before. It provides opportunities for children to develop empathy, kindness and understanding while enjoying an exciting and thought-provoking story.	This book was chosen because it is exciting, funny and engaging. It introduces children to new vocabulary, nature and experiences that they may not have encountered before. It encourages children to use their imagination and think about friendship, kindness and caring for others.	This book is an exciting and engaging story that introduces children to new vocabulary, different places and experiences. It encourages children to think about friendship, kindness and caring for the environment, while developing their imagination and understanding of the world.

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