

At Ambleside Academy, our Reading Spine has been created to ensure that our pupils are exposed to and can enjoy a wide, diverse range of texts throughout their learning journey at our school. These texts have been carefully selected to include stories and information that will encourage our pupils to become the kindest, most empathetic and most tolerant versions of themselves. These texts have also been chosen to address Doug Lemov's 5 Plagues of Reading, through which children can become resilient readers by engaging with texts where, for example, the author uses old-fashioned, archaic language or the narrators or chronology 'jump around'.

**Key:**

**Continuity of author**

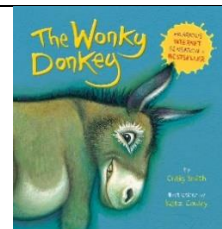
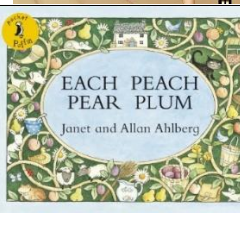
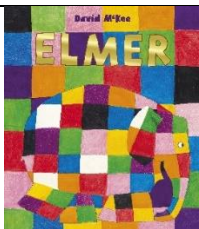
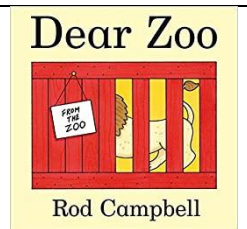
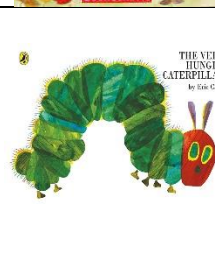
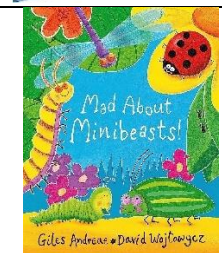
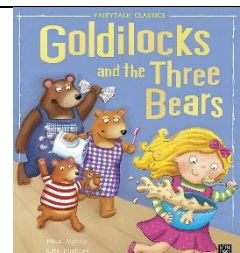
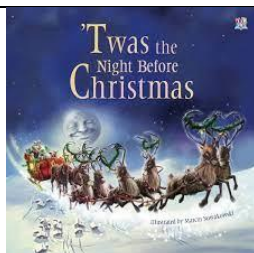
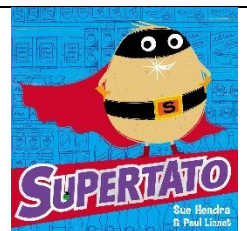
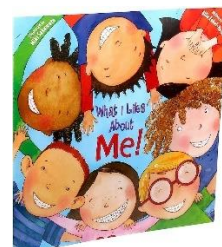
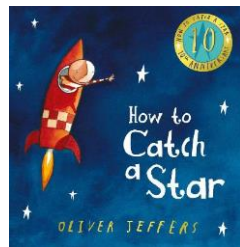
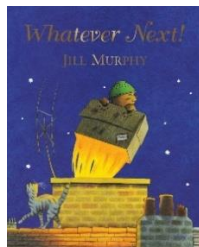
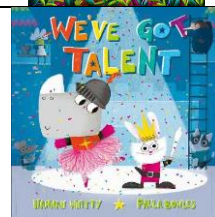
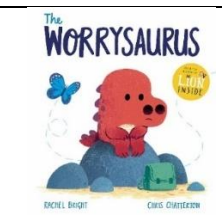
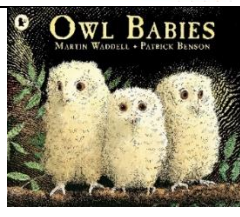
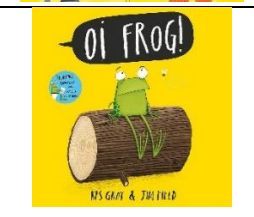
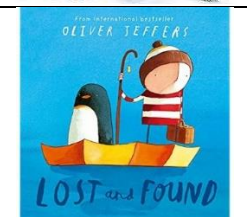
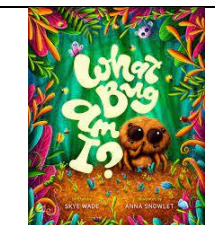
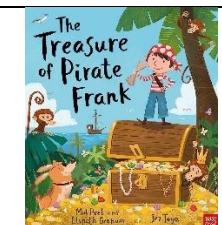
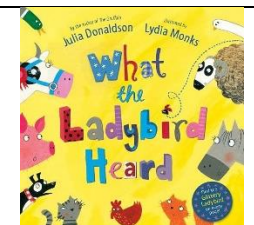
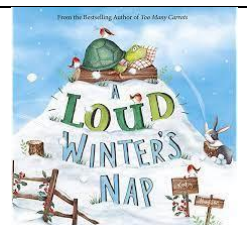
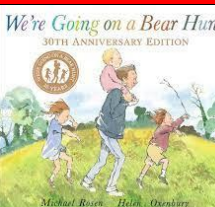
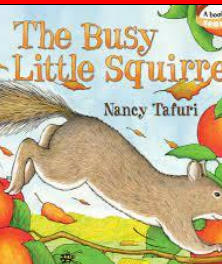
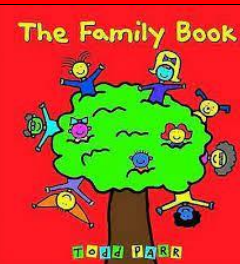
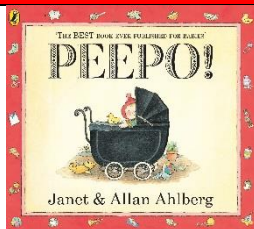
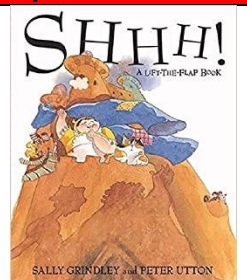
**Heritage Text**

**Includes a BAME author or protagonist**

**Strong female role model**

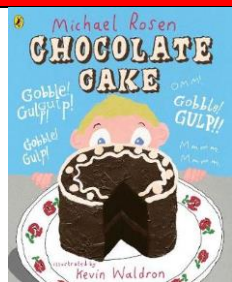
**Addresses a social, moral or ethical issue**

**Addresses a 'Plague of Reading'**

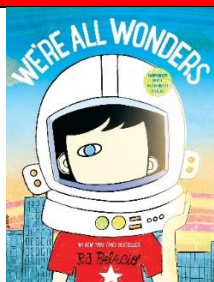
**Nursery**

**Reception**




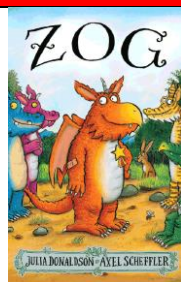
**Year 1**



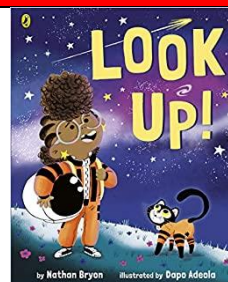
**Humorous contemporary poem**  
Themes of temptation, overindulgence and forgiveness



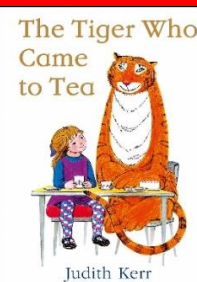
**Contemporary Picture Book**  
Themes of empathy, friendship, acceptance and celebrating differences  
Complexity of Plot/Symbol



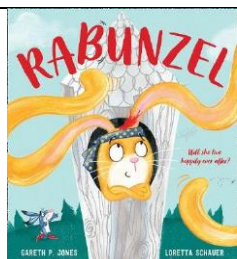
**Contemporary Narrative**  
Themes of resilience, compassion, following your dreams and individuality



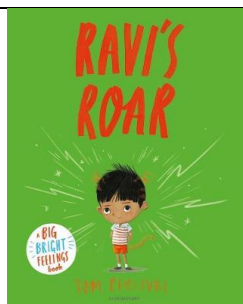
**Contemporary Narrative**  
**Female black protagonist** who aspires to be an astronaut. Reference to **Mae Jemison**. Themes of family, siblings, self-doubt and enthusiasm



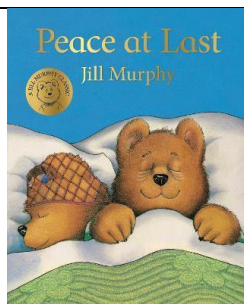
**Classic Picture Book**  
Complexity of Plot/Symbol  
Resistant Text  
Themes of being kind to others and overcoming problems cheerfully



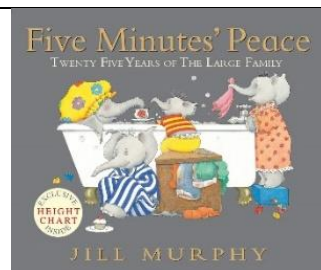
**Twisted Traditional Tale**  
Themes of **female independence**



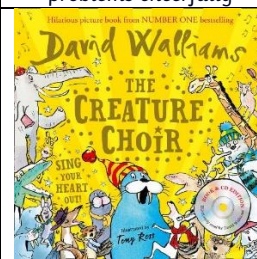
**Contemporary Narrative**  
**BAME protagonist**  
Themes of dealing with emotions, anger, expressing your feelings



**Classic Picture Book**  
**Continuity of author**  
Themes of bedtime routines and family love.

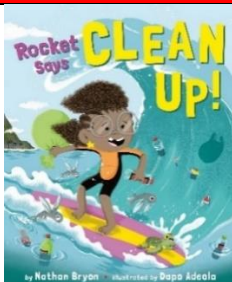


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Themes of anger, sibling jealousy and family love

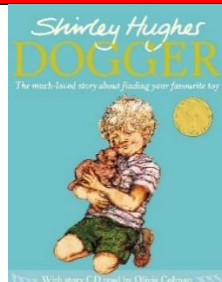


**Contemporary Picture Book**  
Themes of following your dreams and belonging

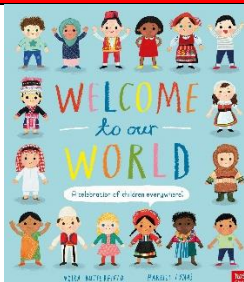
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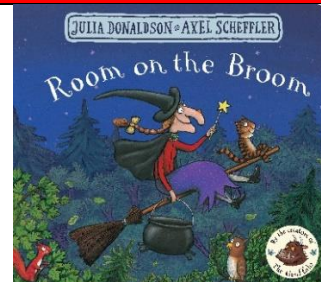
**Contemporary Narrative**  
**Continuity of author**  
**Female black protagonist**. Reference to famous surfer, **Imani Wilmot**. Themes of sustainability and animal welfare.



**Classic Picture Book**  
Themes of belonging and the importance of having a special object to cherish.



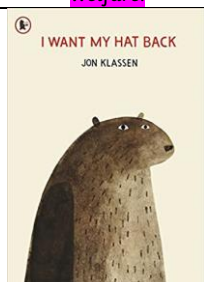
**Non-Fiction**  
Celebrates the customs and traditions from children around the world



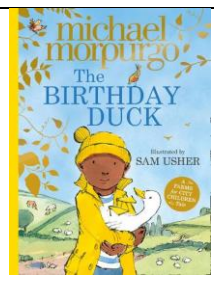
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**Continuity of author**  
Themes of friendship, helping others and teamwork



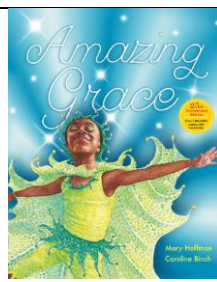
**Classic Narrative**  
Themes of bravery and overcoming fear  
Complexity of Plot/Symbol  
Introduction to Archaic Language



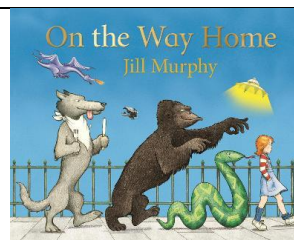
**Contemporary Picture Book**  
Themes of morality and consequences.  
Complexity of Plot/Symbol



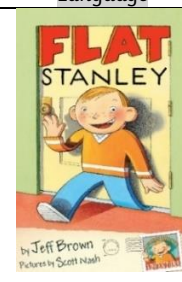
**Contemporary Picture Book**  
Themes of animal welfare and empathy  
**BAME protagonist**



**Classic Picture Book**  
Themes of anger, sibling jealousy and family love  
**BAME author** and **female protagonist**

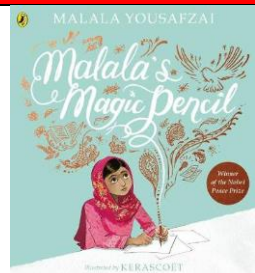


**Classic Picture Book**  
**Continuity of author**  
Themes of telling the truth and going on adventures



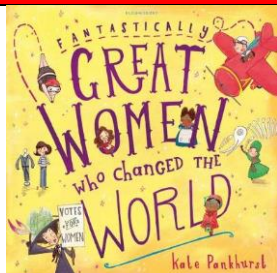
**Classic Narrative**  
Introduction to Archaic Language  
Themes of coping with change and resilience



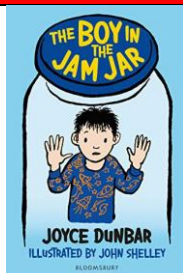
**Year 3**


**Contemporary Narrative based on Real Life**

BAME female protagonist.  
Themes of inspiring change



**Illustrated anthology of biographies** of women who have had a significant impact in their lifetime including Mary Anning, Rosa Parks and Frida Kahlo. Themes of bravery, tenacity, resilience and ingenuity.

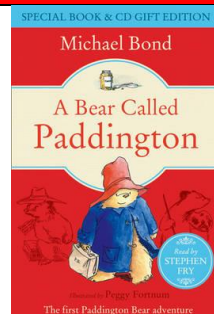


**Contemporary Narrative**  
Protagonist with a hearing disability.

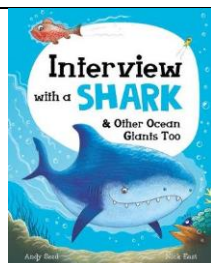
Themes of empathy, friendship and resilience  
Female author



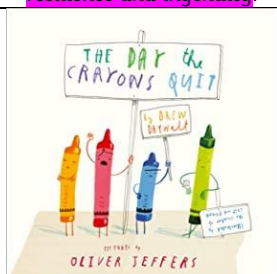
**Contemporary Comic**  
Themes of empathy, kindness and resilience



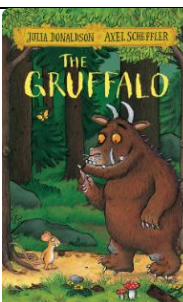
**Heritage Children's Text**  
Essential cultural reference. Themes of kindness, family and coping with change  
Archaic Language



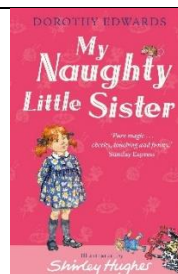
**Non-Fiction**  
Continuity of author



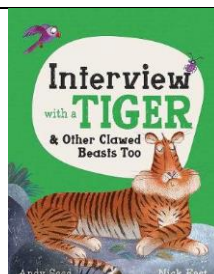
**Contemporary Picture Book**  
Complexity of Narrator  
Themes of empathy and communicating issues effectively



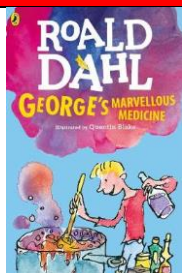
**Contemporary Narrative**  
Continuity of author  
Themes of bravery, ingenuity and feeling safe.



**Classic Narrative**  
Introduction to Archaic Language  
Female author  
Heritage Text



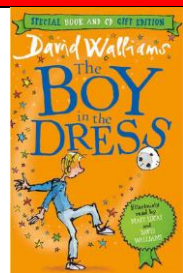
**Non-Fiction**  
Continuity of author

**Year 4**


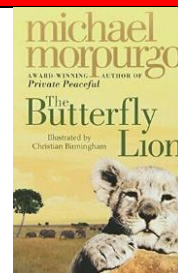
**Classic Narrative**  
Introduction to Archaic Language  
Themes of the power of imagination.  
Heritage Text



**Contemporary Narrative**  
Themes of friendship, empathy and belonging.  
Female author



**Contemporary Narrative**  
Themes of celebrating difference and tolerance.



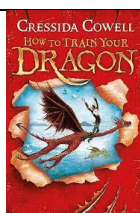
**Classic Narrative**  
Continuity of author  
Non-Linear Time Sequence  
Themes of friendship, war and separation.



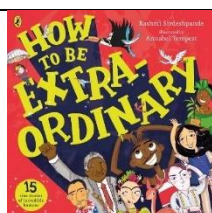
**Classic Narrative**  
Themes of friendship, adventure, helping others, resilience and loyalty.  
Introduction to Archaic Language



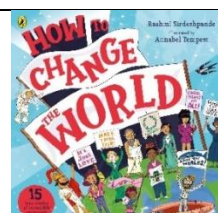
**Classic Narrative**  
Continuity of author  
Themes of friendship, loyalty and perseverance  
Female author and protagonist



**Contemporary Narrative**  
Themes of friendship and acceptance  
Female author



**Non-Fiction**  
Continuity of author  
BAME female author.  
Themes of hardwork and perseverance




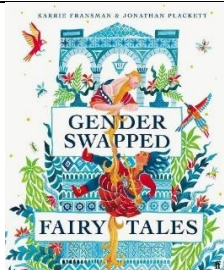
**Non-Fiction**  
Continuity of author  
BAME female author. Focus on a diverse collection of people fighting for change and justice in our world



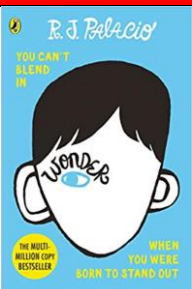
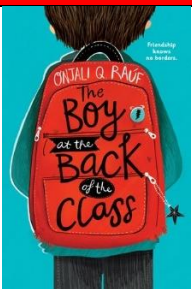
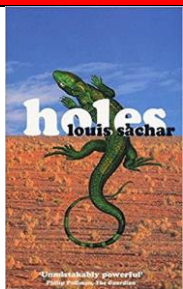
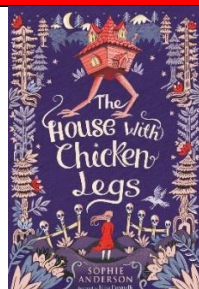
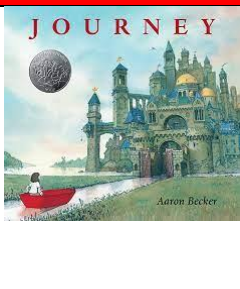
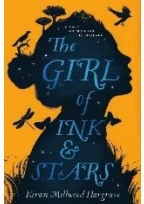
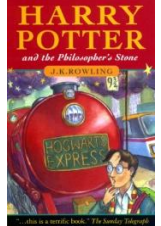
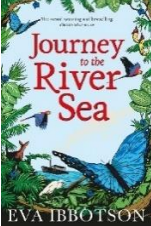

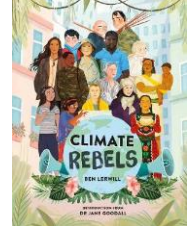
**Classic Narrative**  
Heritage Text  
Complexity of Plot/Symbol  
Themes of bravery, prejudice, inclusion and tolerance.



**Year 5**

				
<b>Contemporary Narrative</b> <b>Female author and protagonist</b> Themes of <b>facing fears</b> , <b>friendship</b> and <b>self-worth</b>	<b>Classic Poetry</b> Complexity of Plot/Symbol <b>Continuity of author</b> <b>Heritage Text</b>	<b>Contemporary Narrative</b> <b>BAME female author</b> Resistant Text Complexity of plot/symbol A story told through poetry, with themes of <b>friendship</b> and <b>prejudice</b>	<b>Contemporary Narrative</b> Themes of <b>morality</b> , <b>family</b> <b>belonging</b> and <b>ethnicity/heritage</b>	<b>Contemporary Comic</b> <b>Female author and protagonist</b> Themes of <b>friendship</b> , <b>growing up</b> and <b>resilience</b>
				
<b>Classic Picture Book</b> Complexity of Plot/Symbol Complexity of Narrator	<b>Non-Fiction</b> A <b>diverse</b> collection of biographies of <b>women</b> who have had a significant impact in their lifetime.	<b>Contemporary Adventure Narrative</b> Complexity of Plot/Symbol Themes of <b>good vs evil</b> , <b>friendship</b> and <b>mental health</b>	<b>Non-Fiction</b> <b>BAME author</b> Themes of <b>resilience</b> , <b>hard-work</b> and <b>achieving your dreams</b>	<b>Twisted Traditional Tales</b> Themes of <b>bravery</b> , <b>resilience</b> , <b>ingenuity</b> and <b>female independence</b> Archaic Language

**Year 6**

				
<b>Contemporary Narrative</b> Complexity of Narrator Themes of <b>empathy</b> , <b>friendship</b> , <b>acceptance</b> and <b>celebrating differences</b>	<b>Contemporary Narrative of a Syrian refugee arriving in the UK</b> Themes of <b>bravery</b> , <b>sensitivity</b> , <b>community</b> and <b>friendship</b> . Written by a <b>female author</b> .	<b>Contemporary Narrative</b> Complexity of Plot/Symbol Non-Linear Time Sequence Themes of <b>fate</b> , <b>friendship</b> , <b>cruelty</b> and <b>history</b>	<b>Contemporary Narrative</b> Themes of <b>life and death</b> , <b>loneliness</b> , <b>love</b> and <b>betrayal</b> <b>Female author and protagonists</b>	<b>Contemporary Picture Book</b> <b>Female protagonists</b> Complexity of Plot/Symbol
				
<b>Contemporary Narrative</b> Complexity of Plot/Symbol Themes of <b>friendship</b> , <b>sacrifice</b> and <b>redemption</b> <b>Female author and protagonist</b>	<b>Classic Narrative</b> Complexity of Plot/Symbol Themes of <b>prejudice</b> , <b>life and death</b> and <b>good vs. evil</b>	<b>Contemporary Narrative</b> <b>Female author and protagonist</b> Themes of <b>responsibility</b> , <b>respect</b> and <b>tolerance</b>	<b>Classic Narrative</b> <b>Female author and protagonists</b> Archaic Language Themes of <b>breaking free of gender stereotypes</b> , <b>family love</b> and <b>resilience</b> .	<b>Non-Fiction</b> A collection of stories about a <b>diverse</b> range of inspirational humans. Themes of <b>sustainability</b> and <b>responsibility</b>