

St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School

Reading Spine



Core Texts

The Reading Spine consists of six, high-quality, [Core Texts](#) for each year group; Reception* – Year 6. These texts are taken from the Literacy Counts; Read to Write programme of learning.

The Core Texts are introduced in a specific order to ensure a progression of reading across a range of genres, and from a range of authors, throughout the school and also to provide the stimulus for the Writing Curriculum. They cover wider issues such as diversity and the environment and, in some cases, link to other areas of the Curriculum such as science, geography and history.

Wider Reading

Supporting each [Core Text](#) are examples for [Wider Reading Texts](#), these are texts that have been selected for a number of reasons such as texts by the same author or texts with similar themes. These include; [Fiction](#), [Non-fiction](#) and [Poetry](#). Through these [Wider Reading Texts](#), children are able to expand upon their understanding, revisit familiar texts and authors and develop their own preferences for reading material.

Reading for Pleasure – Recommended Texts

Each year group is also provided with a list of [Reading for Pleasure - Recommended Texts](#). This list has been compiled to provide suggestions of high-quality, age appropriate texts for children to enjoy for themselves. These books cover a variety of genres from both familiar and unfamiliar authors – expanding children's opportunities to develop and nurture a life-long love of reading.

[*Nursery are exposed to a wealth of age appropriate songs, stories and rhymes to embed enjoyment of reading from the very start of their time in school.](#)

	Core Text (Read to Write)			Wider Reading (linked to Core Text)		Reading for Pleasure - Recommended Texts (Y3/4) https://www.schoolimprovementliverpool.co.uk/-SIL_Recommended_Reading_Lists
				Fiction (books by the same author/ with a similar theme)	Non-Fiction	
Autumn 1		The Whale by Vita Murrow	Setting Narrative Science – Living things/ habitats & animals	The Blue Whale by Jenni Desmond Whale Boy by Nicola Davies Whale by Judy Allen Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo How the Whale Became and other Stories by Ted Hughes Journey by Aaron Becker Quest by Aaron Becker Return by Aaron Becker	The Big Book of the Blue by Yuval Zoomer Animalium by Jenny Broom & Katie Scott The Wonder by Garden Jenny Broom and Kristjana S. Williams The Whale: In Search of the Giants of the Sea by Philip Hoare	
Autumn 2		Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann	Outsider Narrative Information Report Stories and Poetry – Different forms	The Last Polar Bears by Harry Horse The Journey Home by Frann Preston-Gannon The Last Polar Bear by Jean Craighead George The Polar Bear Son by Lydia Dabovich The Ice Bear by Jackie Morris Polar Bear Explorers' Club by Alex Bell White Fox by Jackie Morris The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan	The Polar Bear by Jenni Desmond Ice Bear by Nicola Davies Animals of the North by Dieter Braun Polar Bears by Mark Newman Polar Bears and The Arctic by Natalie Pope Boyce Polar Bears Facts & Myths by Susan J Crockford Polar Bear by Ina Felixj	
Spring 1		Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton	Myth Narrative Information Text History – Vikings	A Miscellany of Magical Beasts by Simon Holland The Lost Book of Adventure by Unknown Adventurer Viking Gods! From Odin to Thor by Left Brain Kids The Death of Baldur by Louise Simonson Norse Myths by James Corbett Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki by Kevin Crossley-Holland The Dragon's Hoard: Stories from the Viking Sagas by Lari Don Riddle of the Runes by Janina Ramirez	Vicious Vikings by Ellie Dean Vikings by DK Vikings by Stephanie Turnbull Norse Mythology A to Z by Kathleen N. Daly	
Spring 2		The Lost Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy	Twisted Narrative Persuasive Letter Myths and Legends and Poetry – Different forms	Queen Munch and Queen Nibble by Carol Ann Duffy 101 Poems for Children by Chosen by Carol Ann Duffy The Princess' Blankets by Carol Ann Duffy Red Riding Hood Was Rotten by Trisha Speed Shaskan Snow White in New York by Fiona French Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs Battle Bunny by Jon Scieszka & Mac Barnett Me and You by Anthony Brown The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka The Wolf's Story by Toby Forward Izhar Cohen	A Seed is Sleepy by Dianna Aston & Sylvia Long Wangari's Tree of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter Botanicum by Kathy Willis & Katie Scott The Lost Words by Jackie Morris	
Summer 1		The Journey by Frances a Senna	Refugee Narrative Diary Geography – Europe	Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall The Carrot, the Egg and the Tea Bag by M. Marcus A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold After Tomorrow by Gillian Cross Azzi In Between by Sarah Garland Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird Ali's Story – A Journey from Afghanistan by Andy Glynne Hamid's Story – A Journey from Eritrea by Andy Glynne Juliane's Story – A Journey from Zimbabwe by Andy Glynne Navid's Story – A Journey from Iran by Andy Glynne Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce	Who are Refugees and Migrants? What Makes People Leave their Homes? And Other Big Questions. by Michael Rosen and Annemarie Young Dreams of Freedom by Frances Lincoln I Have the Right to Be a Child by Alain Serres and Aurélie Fronty We Are All Born Free by Amnesty International by Frances Lincoln	
Summer 2		Manfish by Jennifer Berne	Invention Narrative Biography Stories, Plays & Poetry – Different forms	The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps by Jeanette Winter Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg Swimming with Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark by Heather Lang Shark Lady: The Daring Tale of How Eugenie Clark Dove into History by Jess Keating Stories for Boys who Dare to be Different by Ben Brooks and Quinton Winter The Man who Walked between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein The Hidden Garden by Jeannie Baker	Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer by Sylvia Earle Jacques Cousteau: Conserving Underwater Worlds by John Zronik Who Was Jacques Cousteau? by Nico Medina & Who Hq Jacques Cousteau: The Sea King by Bradford Matsen Ocean: A Visual Encyclopaedia by DK	

For further, age appropriate, texts to supplement and support teaching – see - <https://www.booksfortopics.com/> additional texts can be sourced from the school library/ library service