

### Autumn Term - whole school, whole class reading texts

### Reception



# The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman and Ros Asquith

This is a fresh, optimistic look through children's eyes at today's wide variety of family life: from homes, food, ways of celebrating, schools and holidays to getting around, jobs and housework, from extended families, languages and hobbies to pets and family trees.



### Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.

Year 1



### This is Gus by Chris Chatterton

Gus doesn't like much of anything, not going walkies, not playing fetch, and especially not making new friends. So what will Gus do when a lively little puppy appears on the scene? Is grumpy Gus really a big old softie – maybe, or maybe not...

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### The Queens Handbag by Steve Antony

What does the Queen do when a sneaky swan snatches her handbag? Gives chase, of course. By car, motorbike, plane and more! Hold on to your hats (and handbags) for a whirlwind trip around the British Isles.

### Year 2



### Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Black Beauty, a handsome well-born, well-bred horse of the era before automobiles, narrates the story. He is initially owned by kind masters but is sold to successively crueller owners. Eventually he

collapses from overwork and ill treatment, but in the end he is sold to another kind owner and recovers.



#### The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark

Plop the Barn Owl is like every other barn owl, except he is afraid of the dark. "Dark is nasty", he says and so he won't go hunting with his parents.



### Year 3



# George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

It is about a young boy, George, who is forced to stay with his witchlike grandmother one day. While his parents are out shopping, George remembers to give his grandmother her medicine. But, he decides to banish her and create his own recipe using various household items.

# NARNIA PPLION WITCH

### Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S Lewis

Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie— step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

### Year 4



### Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

Evacuated from London to Wales during World War II, Carrie and her brother are sent to live with the very strict Mr Evans. In trying to heal the breach between Mr Evans and his estranged sister, Carrie does the worst thing she ever did in her life.



# Spring Term - whole school, whole class reading texts

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#### Jack and the Beanstalk - Tradition Tale

Based on the traditional fairy tale Jack and the Beanstalk, Jack's mother is very angry when he swaps their only cow for some magic beans. But before Jack knows it, he is off on a big adventure!



### Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French

Do you like chips? Oliver does. In fact, he won't eat anything else - until he plays a game with his grandpa.

Whatever vegetable Oliver finds in the garden, he must eat. On Monday, he pulls up carrots, on Tuesday, it is spinach . . .

#### Year 1



### Traction Man is Here by Mini Grey

With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic

fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?

#### Year 2



### The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.

#### Year 3



# Iron Man By Ted Hughes

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction by the Iron Man and set a trap for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world



# Year 4



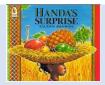
# The Boy with the Bronze Axe by Kathleen Fidler

Kali and Brockan are in trouble. They have been using their stone axes to chip limpets off the rocks, but they've gone too far out and find themselves trapped by the tides. Then, an unexpected rescuer appears, a strange boy in a strange boat, carrying a strangely sharp axe of a type they have never seen before.



### Summer Term - whole school, whole class reading texts

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### Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne

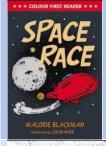
This is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wonders, I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?



#### The Little Red Hen - Tradition Tale

Based on the classic fairy tale. Little Red Hen wants help planting and cutting the wheat, grinding the flour and making the bread, but the cat, the rat and the dog refuse to join in - until the bread needs eating!

#### Year 1



### Space Race by Malorie Blackman

What can Lizzie do when big-headed Jake challenges her to a race in space? She's GOT to beat him. But Jake has a super-duper, deluxe new spaceship that runs on special fuel...

#### Year 2



# Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird

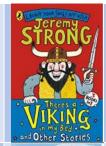
Finn has always been different, and in the tiny fishing village of Stromhead he sticks out like a sore thumb. Always told to keep away from the water, he's felt that something was missing until one day he dives in and finds that, swimming with the dolphins, he feels completely at home.

But his new friends are in danger of being injured by the rubbish that floats out into the water - and now a supermarket is going to release thousands of balloons that could drift out to sea and cause even more damage. Desperate to help the dolphins, Finn goes to the Lighthouse Crew, a group of kids who have always left Finn out. Will they be able to set aside their differences to save the dolphins? And what will Finn discover about his past along

the way?



#### Year 3



# There's a Viking in my Bed by Jeremy Strong

After falling overboard from his longboat, Sigurd the Viking finds himself in modern-day Flotby – a small English seaside town. Finding refuge in the aptly named Viking Hotel, Siggy's attempts to embrace modern ways end in disaster. His attempt at romance is no better off as even the course of true love doesn't run smoothly when Siggy's involved!

#### Year 4



### Joe's New World by Maria Ferrer

When Joe's parents told him the family would be moving, Joe took it in stride. Moving to a new house would be an adventure, nothing to worry about, right?

But then they dropped the bomb: they weren't simply moving to a different house down the road, or even one in the same town. No, they were moving to a new country!

They urge Joe to make new friends and try to fit in, not seeming to understand that Joe doesn't want new friends--he just wants his old friends. His friends back home already love and accept him for who he is (wheelchair, bad jokes,

and all!). Who would want to start over?

At the airport, Joe's suitcase goes missing, and he is sent home with a giant, friendly, funny polar bear instead. Mister P. will be Joe's new friend, even though Joe isn't quite sure how the two of them will pull this off. What could a polar bear and a kid have in common?