

Bank View School Primary English Focus Texts



Pre-Formal Learners and KS1

Our 'Reading Spine' is one element of the approach we take to foster a love for reading in our children. The spine is a core of books that create a living library inside our children's minds. It is a store of classic stories and essential reads that help our children engage at a deeper level and enter the world of the story.

To create a more engaging and effective primary reading curriculum for Key Stage One and pre-formal learners, consider incorporating a variety of texts that cater to different learning themes, interests, and reading levels. Here is a structured plan with recommended texts and activities for each learning theme:

Main Texts:

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| KS1 Cycle 1 | Marvellous Me <i>I AM HENRY FINCH</i>  | Autumn Colours <i>the LEAF THIEF</i>  | Superheroes <i>Super Milly and the Super School Day</i>  | Rhymes and Stories <i>Hairy Maclary and Friends</i>  | London's Burning <i>Naughty Bus</i>  | Castles <i>The Knight who wouldn't Fight</i>  |
| | Once Upon a Time <i>Little Red</i>  | Toys <i>STANLEY'S STICK</i>  | Dinosaurs <i>DINOSAURS AND ALL THAT RUBBISH</i>  | Ready Steady Grow <i>THE EXTRAORDINARY GARDENER</i>  | Adventures <i>THE NIGHT PIRATES</i>  | Coastline <i>The SEA SAW</i>  |

Additional Texts:

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| <p>Autumn 1 Cycle 1</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Marvellous Me</p> |
| <p>Autumn 2 Cycle 1</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Autumn Colours</p> |
| <p>Spring 1 Cycle 1</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Superheroes</p> |
| <p>Spring 2 Cycle 1</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Rhymes and Stories</p> |

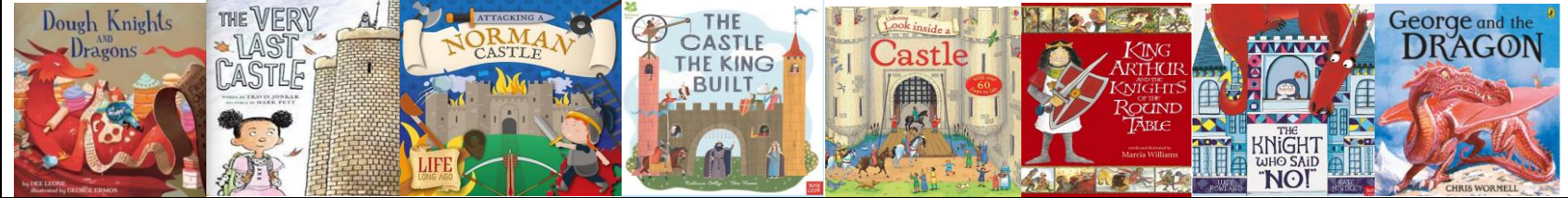
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London's Burning



Summer 2
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Castles



Autumn 1
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Once Upon a Time



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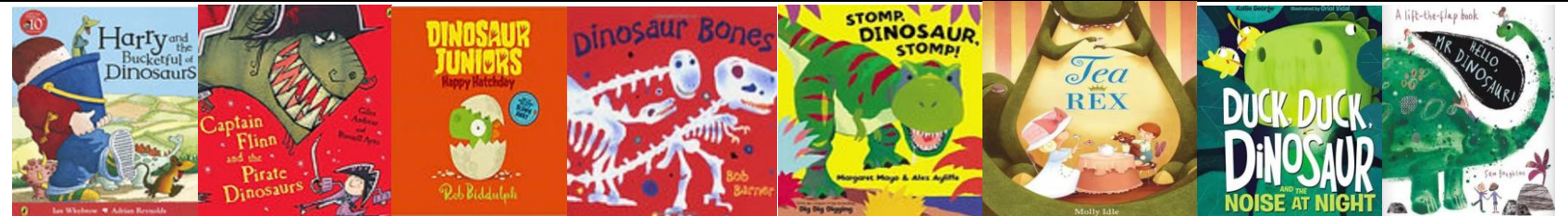
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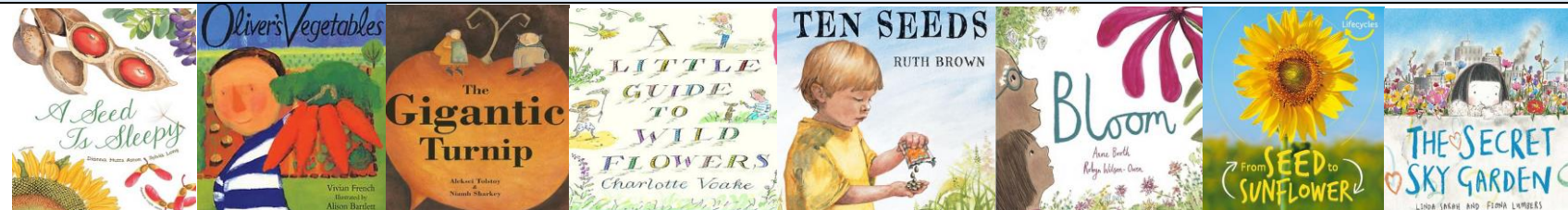
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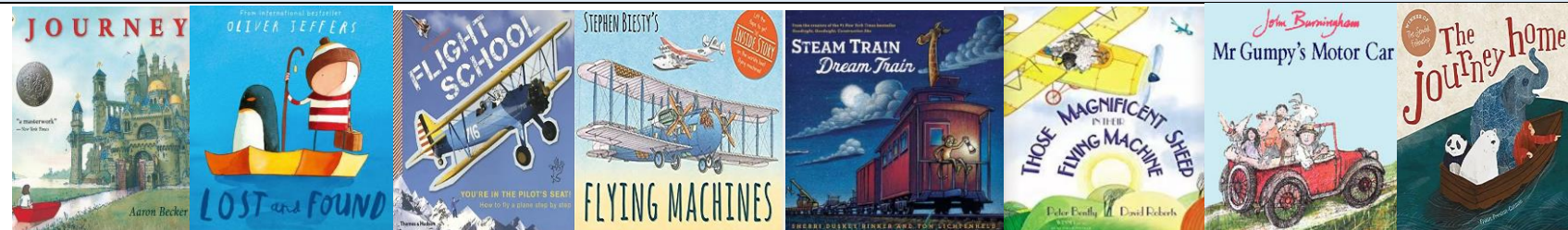
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Ready Steady Grow



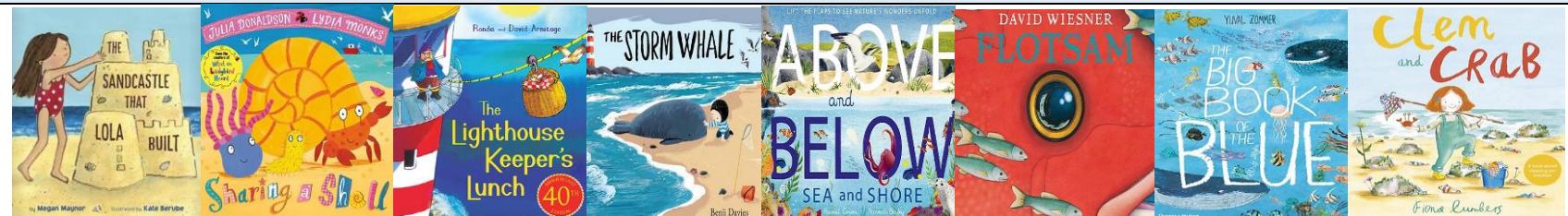
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Adventures





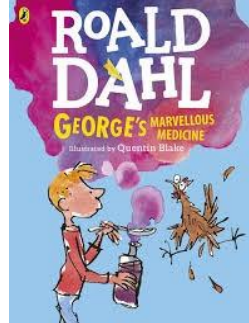
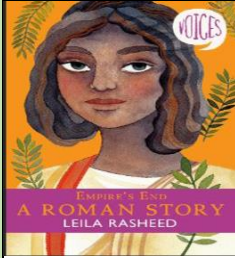
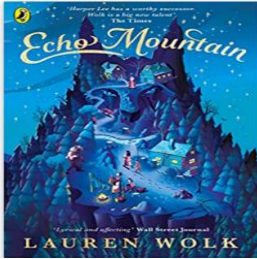
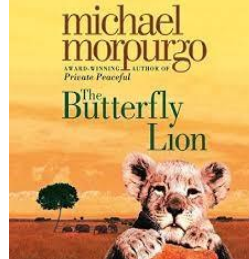
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Coastlines



KS2

Our class texts for each theme, as well as the main genres studied, include:

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| Croxteth Cycle 1 | Flintstones | King of the Food Chain | Magic Potions |
| |  <p>Key Text: 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein</p> <p>Themes: Friendship, dealing with loss, respecting other cultures.</p> |  <p>Key Text: 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold.</p> <p>Themes: hope, resilience and environmental impact.</p> |  <p>Key Text: 'Georges Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl.</p> <p>Theme: selfishness, jealousy and arrogance.</p> |
| Croxteth Cycle 2 | Roman Empire | Mighty Mountains | Wild Africa |
| |  <p>Key Text: 'Empires End a Roman Story' by Leila Rasheed.</p> <p>Theme: migration, cultural identity, Roman Britain.</p> |  <p>Key Text: 'Echo Mountain' by Lauren Wolk.</p> <p>Theme: depression, blame, strength, love of nature, nostalgia.</p> |  <p>Key Text: 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo.</p> <p>Themes: loneliness, love, courage, success against odds.</p> |
| | Out of this World | The America' | Tomb Raiders |

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| <p>Long Lane Cycle 1</p> |  | <p>Key Text: 'Lunar' by Chris Bradford.</p> <p>Theme: ingenuity, courage and determination.</p> |  | <p>Key Text: 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell</p> <p>Themes: Unlikely friendships, Amazon, survival, aeroplanes</p> |  | <p>Key Text: 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll.</p> <p>Themes: Diversity, putting right past wrongs, friendship, swimming against the tide, feminism</p> |
| <p>Long Lane Cycle 2</p> | <p>War and Peace</p> | | <p>Natural Disasters</p> | | <p>Scrumptious</p> | |
| |  | <p>Key Text: 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo.</p> <p>Themes: the futility of war, relationships between brothers, bravery and heroism,</p> |  | <p>Key Text: 'Swimming Against the Storm' by Jess Butterworth</p> <p>Themes: the natural world, the power of nature, courage, bravery and resourcefulness.</p> |  | <p>Key Text: 'The Cooking Club Detectives' by Ewa Jozefkiewicz</p> <p>Themes: food poverty, community, greed, worry, anxiety.</p> |