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Reading Spine: Anchor Texts (Cycle A)

Our English curriculum centres around our anchor texts in our reading spine: this delineates the broad, varied range of texts that children will engage with through taught content throughout their time with us at Theale C of E Primary School. We actively encourage a love of reading and writing, purposely creating opportunities for exposure to texts through which we can celebrate our similarities and differences; texts that are, in Rudine Sims Bishop's words, "*windows, mirrors and sliding glass doors*". (*Theale C of E Primary School English Policy, 2024*)

Note: Our anchor texts are taught in a 2-year cycle for our mixed year group classes.



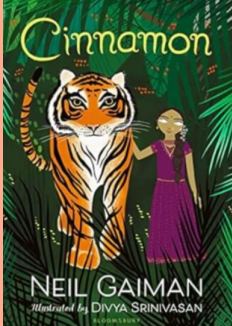
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Foundation Stage/ Year 1

Autumn	 <p><i>Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention</i>, Pip Jones <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i>, Michael Rosen <i>I Don't Want to Wash My Hands</i>, Tony Ross <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i>, Drew Daywalt <i>Oliver's Vegetables</i>, Vivien French <i>Firework Poem</i> from <i>Zim Zam Zoom</i>, James Carter <i>Jack and the Beanstalk Retold</i>, Anna Milbourne <i>Can I Be Your Dog?</i> Troy Cummings <i>Santa Post</i>, Emma Yarlet</p> <p>Supplementary texts: <i>Izzy Gizmo</i>, Pip Jones <i>We're going on a Leaf Hunt</i>, Steve Metzger <i>We're going to find the monster</i>, Malorie Blackman <i>Seasons</i>, Hannah Pang <i>Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk</i>, Rachael Mortimer <i>Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk</i>, Colin Stimpson</p>
Spring	 <p><i>The Tin Forest</i>, Helen Ward <i>Handa's Surprise</i>, Eileen Browne <i>I Will Love You Anyway</i>, Mike Inkpen <i>The Enormous Crocodile</i>, Roald Dahl <i>Astro Girl</i>, Ken Wilson <i>The Gigantic Turnip</i> (Y1), Alksei Tolstoy <i>The Enormous Turnips</i> (FS2), Retold by Katie Daynes</p> <p>Supplementary texts: <i>Mae Jemison</i>, Neil Armstrong from the Little People, Big Dreams series <i>The Magic Finger</i>, Roald Dahl <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>, Roald Dahl <i>Mr Men Books</i>, Roger Hargreaves</p>
Summer	 <p><i>Monkey and Me</i>, Emily Gravett <i>When We Were Very Young</i>, A. A. Milne <i>Elmer</i> series, David McKee <i>Mr Gumpy's Outing</i>, John Burningham <i>How to Catch a Star</i>, Oliver Jeffers <i>Ada Twist, Scientist</i>, Andrea Beaty</p> <p>Supplementary texts: <i>Mr Gumpy's Rhino</i>, <i>Mr Gumpy's Motor Car</i> <i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i>, Andrea Beaty</p>



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Year 2/3	
Autumn	<div>  <p><i>Cinnamon</i>, Neil Gaiman</p> </div> <div>  <p><i>The Snow Queen</i>, Hans Christian Andersen</p> </div> <div> <p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>The Jungle Book</i>, Rudyard Kipling (extract)</p> <p><i>Where the Poppies now Grow</i>, Hilary Robinson</p> </div>
Spring	<div>  <p><i>Six Dots: A story of young Louis Braille</i>, Jen Bryant</p> </div> <div>  <p><i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>, Roald Dahl</p> </div> <div>  <p><i>The King who was eaten for breakfast</i>, BBC Tales from around the world, video</p> </div> <div> <p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>Rosa Parks</i>, <i>Little People</i>, <i>Big Dreams</i>, Lisbeth Kaiser</p> <p><i>Last: The Story of a White Rhino</i>, Jeanette Winter</p> </div>
Summer	<div>  <p><i>Diary of a Killer Cat</i>, Anne Fine</p> </div> <div>  <p><i>The Dark</i>, Lemony Snicket</p> </div> <div>  <p><i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>, Usborne</p> </div> <div> <p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>Gorilla</i>, Anthony Brown</p> </div>



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Year 4/5	
Autumn	   <p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>Mirror</i>, Jeannie Baker</p> <p><i>The Arrival</i>, Shaun Tan</p>
Spring	   <p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>The Little Black Fish</i>, Samad Behranghi</p>
Summer	   <p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>Hamlet</i>, William Shakespeare (extract)</p> <p><i>We are all born free</i>, Amnesty International</p>



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	Year 6		
Autumn	 <p><i>Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone</i>, J. K. Rowling</p>	 <p><i>A Christmas Carol</i>, Charles Dickens</p>	<p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>Macbeth</i>, William Shakespeare (extract)</p> <p><i>Macbeth: A Shakespeare Story</i>, Andrew Matthews</p>
Spring	 <p><i>The Hobbit</i>, J. R. R. Tolkien</p>	 <p><i>Journey</i>, Aaron Becker</p>	<p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>Jabberwocky</i>, Lewis Carroll</p> <p><i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>, Anne Frank (Extract)</p>
Summer	 <p><i>The Final Year</i>, Matt Goodfellow</p>	 <p><i>Germans in the Woods</i>, Literacy Shed Video</p>	 <p><i>Oliver Twist</i>, Charles Dickens</p> <p>Supplementary texts:</p> <p><i>Migrants</i>, Issa Watanabe</p>