

## New Marston Primary Reading Spines

"Early reading, whether it is in a parent's lap, on the carpet of a classroom, or in a snug reading corner, gently but indelibly imprints upon us the mould from which will cast a lifetime of communication in the world."

Alex Quigley - *Closing the Reading Gap* 2020.

This spine is designed to do two things: one, let you know what books each year group will read as part of their English lessons; the second is to share some of the recommended reads that experts have made (The Book Trust, The National Literacy Trust, educational researchers - such as Pie Corbett or Doug Lemov - and recognised award nominees like the Carnegie Award). It is important to stress that the recommended books for each phase (EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2) are ideas to help guide the children towards age-appropriate books. As an aside, there is conscious thought given to the children and their lives. These books have been selected to reflect the cultural capital of the children as well as who they are. We hope that children will recognise themselves in the books that they read.

In the recommended reads and the class books, there is at least one picture book included in each year group. As your child becomes a more competent reader, their decoding and fluency skills improve. In KS2, picture books can be judged as often carrying complex themes which help develop children's inference and prediction skills. They are invaluable for discussion both within and out of the classroom setting. We have also tried to recommend short chapter books in KS1 and some poetry and non-fiction texts for each phase.

Research has time and again shown a clear link between a child who reads for pleasure and success in life, 'Readers are more engaged politically, and more likely to become involved in their communities.'

- Cherry Gand Vignoles A 2020

We also hope that, as time goes on, there will be a way of having parents recommend books as well. Watch this space for how that may be done.

**EYFS Reading Spine**  
**Class Books**

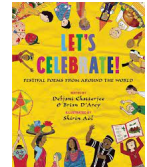
Autumn one

The Colour Monster (Anna Lenas)  
Super Duper You (Sophy Hen)  
A Great Big Cuddle (Michael Rosen)  
Supertato (Paul Linnet)  
When's My Birthday? (Julie Fogliano)



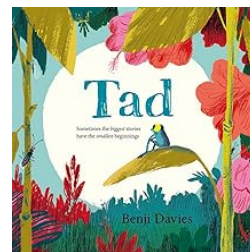
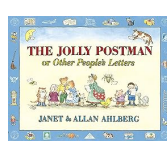
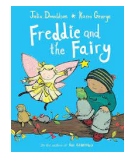
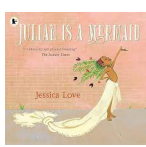
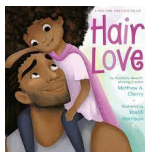
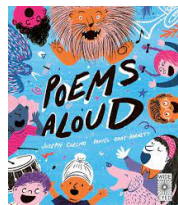
Autumn Two

The Pea and the Princess (Mini Grey)  
Hansel and Gretel  
There is no dragon in this story (Lou Carter)  
Let's Celebrate: Festival Poems From Around the World (Debjani Chatterjee)



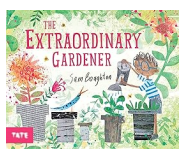
Spring one

Hair Love (Matthew Cherry)  
Julian is a Mermaid (Jessica Love)  
Freddie and the Fairy (Julia Donaldson)  
Poems aloud (Joseph Coelho)  
A Jolly Postman (Janet and Allan Ahlberg)



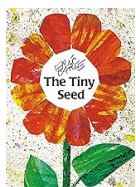
Spring Two

Arrgh, Spider (Lydia Monks)  
Do you love bugs? (Matt Robertson)  
Yucky worms (Vivian French)  
Tad (Benji Davies)



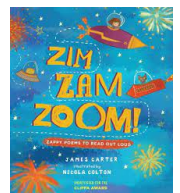
Summer one

The Extraordinary Gardener (Sam Boughton)  
The Tiny Seed (Eric Carle)  
The Big Book of Bloom (Yuval Zommer)  
Bog Baby (Jeanne Willis)  
Big Green Crocodile (Jane Newberry)

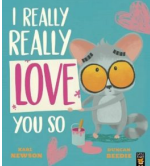

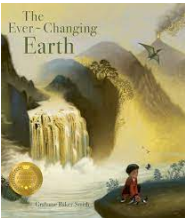


Summer Two

Coming to England (Floella Benjamin)  
Naughty Bus (Jan and Jerry Oke)  
Martha Maps Out (Leigh Hodgkinson)  
We're going to find the monster (Malorie Blackman)  
Zim Zam Zoom (James Carter)



**EYFS Reading Spine  
Recommended Reads**

<p>Kindness Makes Us Strong - Sophie Beer</p> 	<p>I Really, Really Love You So - Karl Newson &amp; Duncan Beedie</p> 	<p>Mixed - Arree Chung</p> 	<p>Not Now, Noor! - Farhana Islam &amp; Nabila Adani</p> 
<p>whether we share a toy or rescue an animal, all acts of kindness - no matter how big or small - make our community stronger!</p>	<p>The Tiger who Came to Tea - Judith Kerr</p> 	<p>The classic picture book story of Sophie and her extraordinary teatime guest has been loved by millions of children since it was first published more than fifty years ago.</p>	<p>How to Catch a Star - Oliver Jeffers</p> 
<p>The Rabbit, The Dark and the Biscuit Tin - Nicola O'Byrne</p> 	<p>My Must-Have Mum - Maudie Smith</p> 	<p>Family and Me! - Michaela Dias-Hayes</p> 	<p>There once was a boy who loved stars so much that he wished he had one of his very own. So, one day, he decided to set about catching a star of his very own...</p>
<p>Rabbit has had a very good idea. He does NOT want to go to bed and so he puts The Dark in the biscuit tin so that he won't have to</p>	<p>The Ever-Changing Earth - Grahame Baker-Smith.</p> 	<p>A joyful book that shows children how their wonderful features, traits and heritage can be lovingly passed down from biological and chosen family members.</p>	<p>Rain Before Rainbows - Smriti Halls &amp; David Litchfield</p> 
<p>Rosa Explores Life Cycles - Jessica Spanyol</p> 	<p>That's MY Flower - Alice Hemming &amp; Nicola Slater</p> 	<p>Hello sunshine! Hello lovely leaves. Nice to see you back. Squirrel is so excited. It's spring and the most perfect flower has started to blossom - and Squirrel has decided the flower is HIS!</p>	<p>Ready for Spaghetti - Michael Rosen &amp; Polly Dunbar</p> 