

## 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.

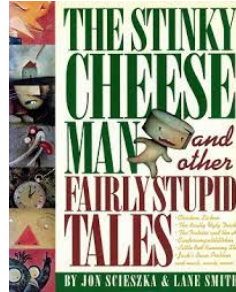
**Year 2 Reading Spine**  
**Class Books**

Autumn one

**The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales** (Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith)

A long time ago, people used to tell magical stories of wonder and enchantment. Those stories were called Fairy Tales.

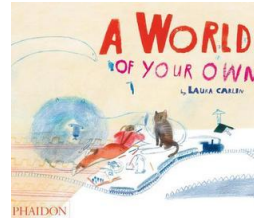
Those stories are not in this book. The stories in this book are Fairly Stupid Tales.



Autumn Two

**A world of Your own** (Laura Carlin)

If you were creating a world of your own, what would it look like? Taking the reader on an extraordinary visual journey through her imaginative world, award-winning illustrator, Laura Carlin, inspires children to look, draw and make.



Spring one

**Amazing Grace** (Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch)

Grace was a girl who loved stories. She didn't mind if they were read to her or told to her or made up in her own head. She didn't care if they were from books or on TV or in films or on the video or out of Nana's long memory. Grace just loved stories.



Spring Two

**wolves** (Emily Gravett)

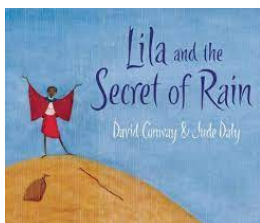
Rabbit borrows a book about wolves from the library. Straightforward enough. But it's not long before a sinister figure with sharp claws and a bushy tail starts to creep right off the pages.



Summer one

**Lila and the Secret of Rain** (David Conway and Jude Daly)

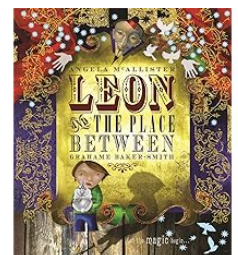
For months the sun has burned down on Lila's village. It is too hot to gather firewood, or weed the garden. It is even too hot to milk the cow. Without rain the well will run dry and the crops will fail. Lila is so worried that when her grandfather whispers the secret of rain to her, she sets off to talk to the sky herself.



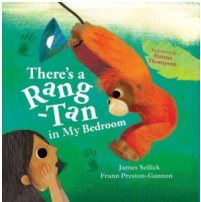
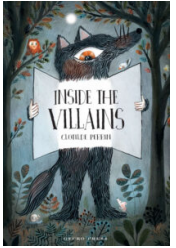
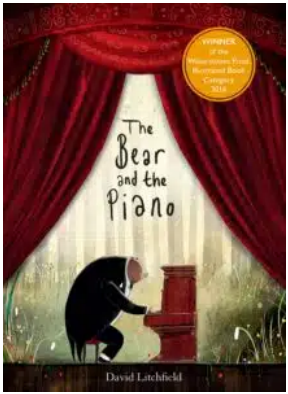
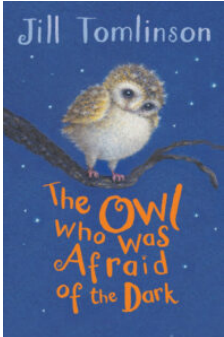


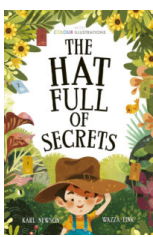
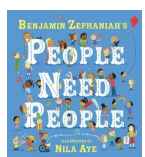
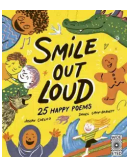


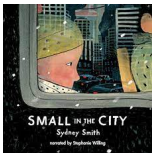
Summer Two

**Leon and the Place Between** (Graham Baker-Smith)

wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists, Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show and gets transported to a mysterious world. Filled with rabbits, doves, playing cards and magician's assistants - among other things - if a magician can make it disappear, it will end up in the Place Between!



**Key Stage one Reading Spine Recommended Reads**

<p><b>The Bear And The Piano - David Litchfield</b> one day, a young bear stumbles upon something he has never seen before in the forest. As time passes, he teaches himself how to play the strange instrument - the piano. A moving tale of exploration and belonging.</p>	<p><b>Iceberg - Claire Saxby &amp; Jess Racklyeft</b></p> 	<p><b>There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom - James Sellick &amp; Frann Preston-Gannon</b></p> 	<p><b>Inside the Villains - Clotilde Perrin</b></p> 
	<p><b>The owl who was Afraid of the Dark - Jill Tomlinson &amp; Paul Howard</b></p> 	<p>Pop, the Baby Barn owl, is like every Barn owl there ever was, except for one thing - he is afraid of the dark. "Dark is nasty" he says and so he won't go hunting with his parents. Filled with gentle humour and giving comforting reassurance to nighttime fears and anxieties, this has been enjoyed by children for decades.</p>	<p><b>our Tower- Joseph Coelho &amp; Richard Johnson</b> our Tower tells the story of three children living in a tower block. viewing their environment as "concrete and grey", they decide to seek out another world.</p> 
<p><b>Adventuremice: otter Chaos Philip Reeve &amp; Sarah McIntyre</b></p> 	<p><b>The Hat Full of Secrets - Karl Newson &amp; wazza Pink</b> Henry's got a secret ... a big one! And he doesn't know what to do with it. Grandpa suggests he should keep it under his hat - and he's got just the hat for the job.</p> 	<p><b>People Need People - Benjamin Zephaniah &amp; Nita Aye</b></p> 	<p><b>Smile out Loud - Joseph Coelho &amp; Daniel Gray-Barnett</b></p> 
<p><b>The Comet - Joe Todd Stanton</b></p> 	<p><b>The Kindest Red - Ibtihaj Muhammad, S. K. Ali &amp; Hatem Aliy</b> Faizah and her friends spend the day showing acts of kindness and seeing them spread until the whole class is beaming. However, it's school photo day and when it comes to her turn to step up with Asiya, she needs a small act of kindness herself which her friends gladly give.</p> 		
<p><b>Small in the City - Sydney Smith</b></p> 	<p>It can be a little scary to be small in a big city, but it helps to know you're not alone. when you're small in the city, people don't see you, and loud sounds can scare you, and knowing what to do is sometimes hard. But this little kid knows what it's like, and knows the neighborhood. And a little friendly advice can go a long way.</p>		