

## 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

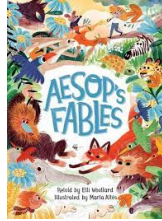
We also hope that, as time goes on, there will be a way of having parents recommend books as well. Watch this space for how that may be done.

**Year 3 Reading Spine**  
**Class Books**

Autumn one

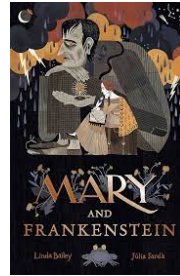
**Aesop's Fables (Retold by Ellie Woollard & Maria Altés)**

This unique collection of Aesop's Fables is a fresh and funny take on an enduring classic. Richly illustrated throughout by Marta Altés, author of Little Monkey, this is perfect for new and younger readers and will delight children and adults alike.



Autumn Two

**Mary and Frankenstein**



Mary loves stories, but the stories in her daydreams are far more thrilling than those in any book. After learning about electricity that can make dead frogs twitch, she has a nightmare that triggers the birth of one of the greatest scary stories of all time: Frankenstein...

Spring one



**The Witches (Roald Dahl)**

Real witches dress in ordinary clothes, have ordinary jobs and look very much like ordinary people.

But they are far from ORDINARY...

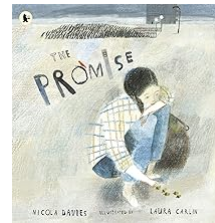
The Grand High witch, leader of all the witches, has a plan to make each and every child disappear.

That is, unless one boy and his grandmother can stop her.

Spring Two

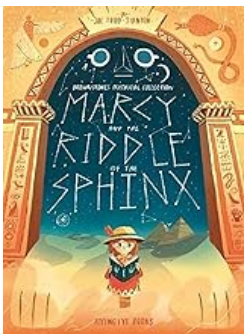
**The Promise (Nicola Davies)**

On a mean street in a mean city, a thief tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But she finds she can't have it without promising something in return - to "plant them all". When it turns out the bag is full of acorns, the young thief embarks on a journey that changes her own life and the lives of others for generations to come.



Summer one

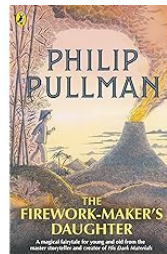
**Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx (Joe Todd Stanton)**



Buried amongst the treasures in Professor Brownstone's vault, lie his most prized possessions - a humble collection of books. Filled with stories from his ancestors, they contain tales of fearless fighters, unlikely heroes and legends from years gone by.

Summer Two

**The Firework Maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman)**




Lila doesn't just want to be a Firework-Maker's daughter, she wants to be a Firework Maker herself. But although she's learned a lot she still must get through the most difficult and dangerous part of her apprenticeship - and her father won't tell her what it is.

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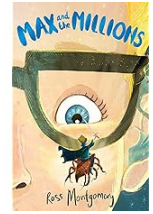
**Lower Key Stage Two Reading Spine Recommended Reads**

**Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon** - Torben Kuhlmann

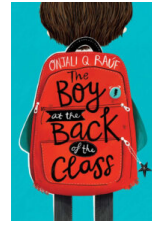


How do you convince your friends that the moon is not made of cheese? Be the first to venture into space and prove it of course! Armstrong is a captivating and compelling work of beauty.


**Max and the Millions** - Ross Montgomery



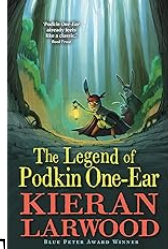
**The Boy at the Back of the Class** - Onjali Q. Rauf & Pippa Curnick



**Squid Happens** - Isabel Roxas

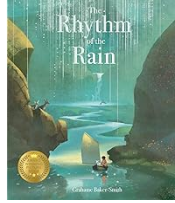


**The Legend of Podkin One-Ear** - Kieran Larwood & David Wyatt




Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around. But then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee.

**The Rhythm of the Rain** - Grahame Baker-Smith



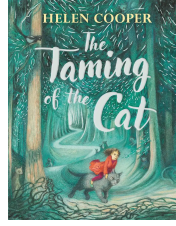
Issac plays in his favourite pool on the mountainside. As rain starts to fall, he empties his little jar of water into the pool and races the sparkling streams as they tumble over waterfalls, rush through swollen rivers and burst out into the vast open sea.

**The Highland Falcon Thief** - M. G. Leonard & Sam Sedgman




**The Taming of the Cat** - Helen Cooper

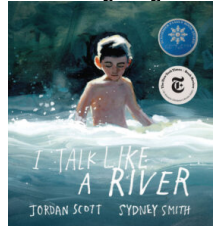
An exquisite story within a story, featuring a mouse who is forced to tell stories to save his life, a cat who plans to eat said mouse as soon as the story is finished, and our protagonist's protagonist, a princess in trouble.



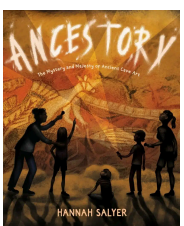
**Brand New Boy** - David Almond & Marta Aftes



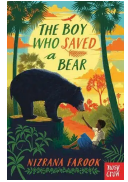
**I Talk Like A River** - Jordan Scott & Sydney Smith



**Ancestry** - Hannah Salyer



**The Boy who Saved a Bear** - Nizvana Farook



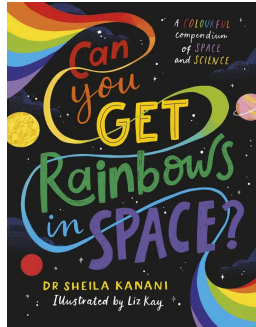
Nuwan works at the library, delivering books. one day, he accidentally takes away a very valuable key that's been hidden inside one of the books, and in the process thwarts the plans of some very dangerous thieves. on the run, he hides in a cave, only to discover in the middle of the night that he is sharing it with a big hairy, terrifying bear!

**Rescuing Titanic** - Flora Delargy



This engagingly illustrated book tells in thrilling detail the story of the Carpathia, the small vessel which saved hundreds of people from drowning during the sinking of the Titanic.

**Can You Get Rainbows in Space?** - Dr Sheila Kanani



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