Nettlesworth Primary School Reading Spine



At Nettlesworth Primary School, we are dedicated to instilling a love of reading to ensure that all children, even the most reluctant reader, have read and studied in depth, a range of texts each year.

In EYFS, our curriculum is bespoke and child-initiated to the cohort of children each year, therefore the texts will vary depending upon the topic chosen by the children.

The texts used in the year 2023/24 are documented below and will be updated as we go through the year..

From Years 1 to 6 the texts will link with the school's overarching Literacy themes that run through each term; allowing children to make links and show clear progression through each year group.

In addition to the core texts covered in our Curriculum, we also have a selection of 'Favourite Five' books, throughout EYFS and Key Stage 1; these are read to the children at the end of each day to encourage reading for pleasure. This also ensures our children will have access to, 'a wide vocabulary, and understanding of grammar and knowledge of conventions for linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language,' in line with national curriculum expectations.

Across Key Stage 2, we have our 'Love to Read' Cornerstones text which link directly to the overall theme of learning in class each half term. This encourages a love of classic and contemporary literature and allow our children to be involved in reading at a deeper level to develop their understanding of literary styles and techniques to help them meet the expectations for reading comprehension at Key Stage 2.

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Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Marvellous Me	Jungle Explorers
<u>Fiction:</u>	<u>Fiction:</u>
Who's in My Family? - Robie Harris	Elma — David McKee
Love Makes a Family — Sophie Beer	Hippo with a Hat – Julia Donaldson
The Colour Monster goes to School - Anna Llenas	I don't want to go to bed — Julie Skys
Meesha Makes Friends — Tom Percival	The cuddliest cuddle in the world – Sarah Nash
	Rumble in the Jungle - Giles Andreae
Non - Fiction:	· ·
My Body: First Fabulous Facts – Ladybird	Non - Fiction:
Me and My Amazing Body - Joan Sweeney	Sounds of the Wild — Morris Pledger
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Poems and Rhymes:	, J
Big Book of Nursery Rhymes (Big Books) — Felicity	Poems and Rhymes:
Brooks	Doing the Animal Bop – Jan
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Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading):	Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading):
Perfectly Norman — Tom Percival	Ruby's Worry — Tom Percival
We're going on a Bear Hunt — Michael Rosen	The Christmasaurus — Tom Fletcher
Little Glow – Katie Sahota & Harry Woodgate	 Oi Frog! — Kes Gray
Owl Babies — Martin Waddel	 Rosie's Walk – Pat Hutchins
 The Rainbow Fish – Marcus Pfister 	 Ferdie and the Falling Leaves – Julia Rawlinson

Spring 1	Spring 2
Dinosaurs	
Fiction: Are the dinosaurs dead, Dad? — Julie Middleton	Fiction:
Stomp, chomp, Big roars! — Kaye Umansky Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus - Tony Mitton	<u> Non - Fiction:</u>
Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs - Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds	Poems and Rhymes:
Non - Fiction: Can you find 1001 Dinosaurs Storybook Dinosaurs World of Discovery Dinosaurs all you ever need to know! Meet the Dinosaurs - DK Readers Poems and Rhymes: Dinosaur Poems compiled by Paul Cookson	
Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading): Ravi's Roar — Tom Percival Tiger who came to tea — Judith Kerr Arlo, the lion that couldn't sleep — Catherine Rayner The Dum that diddled — Kes Gray Hello, Friend! — Rebecca Kobb	 Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading): Catch that Chicken – Atinuke You're Safe with Me – Chitra Soundar The Perfect Fit – Naomi Jones Maybe – Chris Haughton On the way home – Jill Murphy

Summer 1	Summer 2	
<u>Fiction:</u>	Fiction:	
Non - Fiction:	<u> Non - Fiction:</u>	
Poems and Rhymes:	Poems and Rhymes:	
Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading): Dear Zoo — Rod Campbell Elmer — David Mckee The Day the Crayons Quit — Drew Daywalt The Very Hungry Caterpillar — Eric Carle Would you Rather — John Burningham	Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading): The Gruffalo — Julia Donaldson Handa's Noisy Night — Eileen Brown The Tiger who came to Tea — Judithe Kerr How a Seed Grows — Helene J. Jordan The Little Green Hen — Alsion Murray	

Years 1 & 2

"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary" Jim Rohn

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Literacy – Food	Literacy – Fairy Tales
Cornerstones Topic - Muck, Mess & Mixtures	Cornerstones Topic – Enchanted Woodland
Fiction:	<u>Fiction:</u>
Oliver's Vegetables — Alison Bartlett	Hansel and Gretel - Clare Bevan
The Little Red Hen — Jess Stockham	Rapunzel - Sarah Snashall
	Sleeping Beauty - Sarah Snashall
Non - Fiction:	
Beans to Chocolate — Sarah Ridley	Non - Fiction:
	DK Findout! Castles — Philip Steele
Poems and Rhymes:	·
Spaghetti — Frank Flynn	Poems and Rhymes:
	One, Two, Buckle my Shoe (anonymous)
	Magic Horse — John Foster
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Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading):	Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading):
 Mad about Dinosaurs – Giles Andreae 	 My Grandma is Wonderful – Nick Butterworth
The Dinosaur who lost her Voice – Julie Ballard	Billy Button Telegram Boy — Sally Nicholls
• There's a T-Rex in Town — Aleksei Bitskoff	Grandma's House — Alice Melvin
Dinosaur Bones — Bob Barner	The Paper Dolls
The Fossil Girl — Catherine Brighton	 Alfie and Grandma — Shirley Hughes

Spring 1	Spring 2
Literacy – Zoo	Literacy – Ourselves
Cornerstones Topic – Beachcombers	Cornerstones Topic – Moon Zoom
Fiction:	Fiction:
Zoo – Anthony Brown	Funny Bones — Allan Alberg
What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday — Julia	Elma — David McKee
Donaldson	
	Non - Fiction:
Non - Fiction:	See Inside your Body — Katie Daynes
Fact Files — based on children's choice	The Body Book — Hannah Alice
The Animal Book (The Fact Book) — Ruth	•
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	Wonderful Me! — Hadley James
Poems and Rhymes:	
Apes to Zebras: An A-Z of Shape Poems —	
Roger Stevens	
Animal Poems — Jennifer Curry	

Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading):

- The Rainy Day Anna Milbourne
- The Cloud Spotter Tom Mclaughlin
- My Friend the Weather Monster Steve Smallman
- A Windy Day in Spring Charles Ghinga
- The boy who lost his bumble Trudi Esberger

Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading):

- Max the Brave Ed Vere
- Willy the Wimp Anthony Brown
- Superkid Claire Freedman
- The Ninja Pigs David Bedford
- Superhero Dad Joe Berger

Summer 1	Summer 2
Literacy – Habitats	Literacy – Pirates
Cornerstones Topic – Scented Garden	Cornerstones Topic – Bright Lights, Big City
Fiction: Katie Morag & the Two Grandmothers — Mairi Hedderwick The Hodgeheg — Dick King Smith	Fiction: Captain Flynn & the Pirate Dinosaurs — Giles Andreae The Pirate Cruncher — Jonny Duddle
<u>Non - Fiction:</u> Hello Hedgehog — Laura Buller Living Habitats — Jon Richards	<u>Non - Fiction:</u> Pirate's Handbook — Peter Ridley
<u>Poems and Rhymes:</u> Snow in the Suburbs — Thomas Hardy	<u>Poems and Rhymes:</u> Pirate Poems — David Harmer
Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading): • Looking after Cats and Kittens — Katherine Stark • Chicken Licken — Vera Southgate • The Frog Olympics — Brain Moses • Slowly Slothy Said the Sloth — Eric Carle • Alan's Big Scary Teeth — Jarvis	Favourite Five (End of Day Love for Reading): Tigers — James Maclaine Two can Toucan — David McKee We're Roaming in the Rainforest — Laurie Krebs Brazil — Anita Ganeri Brazil World Adventure — Gemma Mcmullen

Year 3

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Literacy – Roald Dahl	Literacy – Robots
Cornerstones Topic – Predator	Cornerstones Topic – Mighty Metals
Fiction:	Fiction:
The Enormous Crocodile — Roald Dahl	The Iron Man — Ted Hughes
The Twits — Roald Dahl	Iron Man – Scholastic CD Rom
George's Marvellous Medicine — Roald Dahl	Robots — Scholastic CD Rom
The Tortoise and the Hare — Aesop	
	Non - Fiction:
Non - Fiction:	Robots — National Geographic Kids
Storyteller: The Life of Roald Dahl — Donald Sturrock	Everything Robotics — National Geographic Kids
Fantastic Mr Dahl — Michael Rosen	Robot - DK
	Children compose their own piece of non-narrative,
Poetry:	non-fiction texts on Robots that they will review and
Revolting Rhymes – Roald Dahl	improve.
Classic Nursery Rhymes — Dorothy M. Wheeler	,
	<u>Poetry:</u>
	Robot Poetry Samples – Scholastic CD Rom
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Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text
The Sheep Pig — Dick King Smith	The Iron Man - Ted Hughes

Spring 1	Spring 2
Literacy – Kings, Castles and Queens	Literacy – Aliens
Cornerstones Topic – Gods and Mortals	Cornerstones Topic – Tremors
Fiction:	<u>Fiction:</u>
The Princess and the Pea — Hans Christian Andersen	Beegu — Alexis Deacon
Sleeping Beauty — Vera Southgate	King of Cloud Forests — Michael Morpurgo
King Midas and Other Greek Myths — Eric A. Kimmel	Here Come The Aliens — Colin McNaughton
The Emperor's New Clothes — Hans Christian	
Andersen	Non - Fiction:
English Fairytales and Legends — Rosalind Kerven	Aliens: Join the Scientists Searching Space for
	Extraterrestrial Life — Joalda Morancy
Non - Fiction:	
See Inside Castles — Katie Daynes	<u>Poetry:</u>
Kings and Queens — Tony Robinson	Aliens Stole My Underpants — Brian Moses

<u>Poetry:</u> The King's Breakfast — A.A.Milne	
Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text
Mini Greeks Myths for Young Children — Heather Amery	The Firework-Maker's Daughter — Phillip Pullman

Summer 1	Summer 2
Literacy – Chocolate	Literacy – Superheroes
Cornerstones Topic – Scrumdiddlyumptious	Cornerstones Topic – Heroes and Villains
Fiction:	<u>Fiction:</u>
George's Marvellous Medicine — Roald Dahl	The Adventures of Captain Underpants — Dav
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory — Roald Dahl	Pilkey
	Mini Greeks Myths for Young Children — Heather
Non - Fiction:	Amery
Chocolate: from Bean to Bar — Anita Ganeri	Greek Myths for Young Children — Anna Milbourne
The True History of Chocolate — Sophie D. Coe and	The Story of Heracles — Scholastic CD Rom
Michael D. Coe	
The Story of Chocolate — Katie Daynes	Non - Fiction:
	Children will research current newspaper articles
Poetry:	and web pages of 'real life heroes'.
Chocolate Cake — Michael Rosen	
Sweets Poem — Scholastic CD Rom	Poetry:
Chocolate Poems — Scholastic CD Rom	The Amazing Captain Concorde — Paul Cookson
	Superhero Poems — Scholastic CD Rom
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Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory — Roald	The Hundred and One Dalmatians – Dodie
Dahl	Smith

Year 4			
"Books are a uniquely portable magic." Stephen King			
Autumn 1	Autumn 2		
Literacy – Robin Hood	Literacy — Science Fiction		
Cornerstones Topic – Road Trip USA	Cornerstones Topic – Misty Mountain Sierra		
<u>Fiction:</u>	<u>Fiction:</u>		
Robin Hood: the Legend — Scholastic CD Rom	Until I Met Dudley — Roger McGough		
The Adventures of Robin Hood – Marcia Williams	Spaceboy — David Walliams		
The Adventures of Robin Hood — Roger Lancelyn	The Kid Who Came From Space — Ross Welford		
Green			
English Fairytales and Legends — Rosalind Kerven	Non - Fiction:		
Non - Fiction:	Popular Science Almanac for Kids — Scott Mowbray		
Richard the Lionheart: The Life of a King and	The Way Things Work Now — David Macauley and		
Crusader — David West	Neil Ardley		
Children examine the sources of tale of Robin Hood	The Science Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained — DK		
and discuss their validity and opinions.			
· ·	Poetry:		
Poetry:	Space Poems — Gaby Morgan		
The Ballad of Robin Hood — Scholastic CR-Rom	Spaced Out — James Carter and Brian Moses		
Robin Hood and Allan-a-Dale - Anonymous	·		
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Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text		
Range of American Non-Fiction Texts	• The Hobbit – J.R.R.Tolkein		

Literacy – Dragons	Literacy – Normans
Cornerstones Topic – Potions	Cornerstones Topic – 1066
Fiction:	<u>Fiction:</u>
How To Train Your Dragon — Cressida Cowell	Dear Daddy - Philippe Dupasquie
St George and the Dragon — Scholastic CD Rom	The Battle of Hastings — Scholastic CD Rom
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them —	William of Malmesbury's Account of the Battle of
J.K.Rowling	Hastings — Scholastic CD Rom
The Dragon of Krakow — Scholastic CD Rom	
Boudicca Our Queen – Scholastic CD Rom	Non - Fiction:
	Great Events: The Battle Of Hastings – Gillian
Non - Fiction:	Clements
Chinese New Year — Nancy Dickmann	

Spring 2

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Chinese Dragon — Scholastic CD Rom	Ladybird Histories: The Battle of Hastings — Chris
	Baker
Poetry:	The History Detective Investigates: The Normans
Not My Best Side — UA Fanthorpe	and the Battle of Hastings – Philip Barker
100 Brilliant Poems for Children — Paul Cookson	, , ,
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	<u>Poetry:</u>
	<u>Poetry:</u> The Battle of Hastings - Marriott Edgar
Love to Read Text	

Summer 1	Summer 2
Literacy – Jacqueline Wilson	Literacy – Rainforests
Cornerstones Topic — Invasion	Cornerstones Topic – Blue Abyss
<u>Fiction:</u> The Suitcase Kid — Jaqueline Wilson	<u>Fiction:</u> Tigress — Nick Dowson
Cliffhanger — Jaqueline Wilson	Running Wild — Michael Morpurgo Diary of a Wimpy Kid — Jeff Kinney
Non - Fiction: Facts about Jaqueline Wilson — Scholastic CD Rom Children access book reviews online to read and	Deer and Jaguar: A Brazilian Folk Tale — Scholastic CD Rom
reflect upon. <u>Poetry:</u> Timothy Winters – Charles Causley	Non - Fiction: Rainforests — National Geographic Kids Rainforests — Lucy Beckett-Bowman 100 Questions About The Amazon Rainforest — Simon Abbott
	Poetry: Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme – Marianne Berkes and Jeanette Canyon Rainforest Animals – Paul Hess
 Love to Read Text The Saga of Erik the Viking — Terry Jones 	Love to Read Text ● Treasure Island: Robert Louis Stevenson

Years 5/6 — Year A

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." Walt Disney

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Literacy – The Railway Children	Literacy – Journeys
Cornerstones Topic – Fallen Fields	Cornerstones Topic — Hola Mexico
Fiction:	<u>Fiction:</u>
The Railway Children — E. Nesbitt	Journey to the River Sea — Eva Ibbotson
Non - Fiction:	Non - Fiction:
Information Books about Canals and British	Rocket Launch Apollo 13 – Scholastic CR Rom
Railways from the Past	
Information Books on Steam Trains	<u>Poetry:</u>
Flying High Newspaper Report — Scholastic CDRom	The Road Not Taken — Robert Frost
	Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening — Robert
<u>Poetry:</u>	Frost
Night Mail — WH Auden	Geography Lesson — Brian Pattern
Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text
Private Peaceful — Michael Morpurgo	Burnett Holes — Louis Sachar

Spring 1	Spring 2
Literacy – Other Cultures	Literacy – CS Lewis
Cornerstones Topic – Off With Her Head	Cornerstones Topic – Frozen Kingdom
Fiction:	<u>Fiction:</u>
Traditional Chinese Stories	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe — CS Lewis
- One Rice Thousand Gold	
- Hua Mulan	Non - Fiction:
Stories from India	Written Accounts of Evacuation in World War 2
- Seasons of Splendour: Tales, Myths and	- Real letters from Evacuees
Legends of India — Madhur Jaffrey	Operation Pied Piper — Scholastics
- Haroun and the Sea of Stories — Salman	·
Rushdie	<u>Poetry:</u>
-	Recite Jabberwocky — Chapter 2 — LWW
Non - Fiction:	The Picnic — Marian Swinger

Newspaper Report — The Death of Ghandi	To see a Unicorn – Adrian Mitchell
Poetry: Traditional Haikus — Matsuo Basho - Old Pond The Iron Book of British Haiku — David Cobb	
Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text
• Treason — Berlie Doherty	The Call of the Wild — Jack London

Summer 1	Summer 2
Literacy – Greek Myths	Literacy – Street Child
Cornerstones Topic – Alchemy Island	Cornerstones Topic – Tomorrow's World
Fiction:	<u>Fiction:</u>
Greek Myths and Legends — Marcia Williams	Street Child — Berlie Doherty
- Theseus and the Minotaur	
- Daedalus and Icarus	Non - Fiction:
- Arachne and Athena	Research information about Workhouses:
	- Dr Barnado
Non - Fiction:	- Victorian Child Workers
Ancient Greek deities — Gods & Goddesses	- Isambard Kingdom Brunel
Travel Guide to Greece	· ·
(A trip to Minos in Crete and Sounion in Greece)	Poetry:
·	A range of Victorian Poetry
Poetry:	- I Remember, I Remember — Thomas Hood
Poetry of the Ancient Greeks	- Henry King — Hilaire Belloc
- Victory odes of Pindar and Bacchylides	- Poems from Alice in Wonderland — Lewis
	Carroll
	- In the Fields — Charlotte Mew
Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text
Wizard of Earthsea — Ursula Le Guin	Stormbreaker — Anthony Horowitz

Years 5/6 — Year B

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." J.K. Rowling

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Literacy – King Arthur	Literacy – Lewis Carroll
Cornerstones Topic – Darwin's Delights	Cornerstones Topic – Allotment
Fiction: Arthur High King of Britain — Micael Morpurgo King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table —	Fiction: Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
Marcia Williams	Non - Fiction: Henry King — Scholastic CR ROM
Non - Fiction: Children examine the sources of the Arthur Legend and discussing fact, myth, legend and opinion. Poetry: The Lady of Shalott – Alfred, Lord Tennyson	Poetry: Nonsense verses: - The Hunting of the Snark - Jabberwocky The Walrus and the Carpenter
Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text
• Sky Hawk — Gill Lewis	The Secret Garden — Francis Hodgson

Spring I	Spring 2
Literacy – Michael Morpurgo	Literacy – Africa
Cornerstones Topic – Gallery Rebels	Cornerstones Topic – Beast Creator
Fiction:	Fiction:
Kensuke's Kingdom — Michael Morpurgo	Journey to Jo'Burg — Beverley Naidoo
The Wreck of the Zanzibar — Michael Morpurgo	Stories about Anansi
	- From Tiger to Anansi
	- Bandalee
Non - Fiction:	- The Kling Kling Bird
Research about the plight of orang-utans.	-
	Non - Fiction:
<u>Poetry:</u>	Research Africa

Until I saw the Sea — Lilian Moore Sea Fever — John Masefield Sea Timeless Song — Grace Nichols The Rime of the Ancient Mariner — ST Coleridge	Long Walk to Freedom — Nelson Mandela <u>Poetry:</u> The Zebras — Roy Campbell Buck Fight — DJ Brindley
Love to Read Text	Love to Read Text
Framed – Frank Cottrell Boyce	Charlotte's Web – E.B White

Summer 1	Summer 2
Literacy – Carrie's War	Literacy – The North Pole
Cornerstones Topic – A Child's War	Cornerstones Topic – Firedamp & Davy
	Lamps
Fiction: Carrie's War — Nina Bawden The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe — CS Lewis Non - Fiction: Investigate the Blitz The Diary of a Young Girl — Anne Frank Poetry: The Airman — RC Trevelyan An Irish Airman Foresees His Death — WB Auden Refugee Blues — WH Auden Naming of Parts — Henry Reed	Fiction: Lone Wolf — Kathryn Lasky Non - Fiction: The Arctic - A report about the effects of Climate Change - The plight of Polar Bears in the Arctic North Pole - A report about Fridtjof Nansen - Extracts from Nansen's Journal Leaflets - Fish and Fish Locations - Grandbanks Fishery off Newfoundland Poetry: Inuit People — Scholastics CD Rom Song to Spring Sitting Bull — Tatanka Yotanka 1877 Behold my Brothers The Sioux
Love to Bood Toy	Important Notice — Phillip Waddell
Love to Read Text ■ Goodnight Mr. Tom — Michelle Magorian	Love to Read Text ■ The Silver Sword — Ian Serrailler