Year 5/6 Reading Spine Cycle A

	Texts covered in discrete reading sessions		Reason for Choice	Texts covered in discrete writing sessions		Reason for Choice
Autumn 1 Theme: Crime & Punishment	KATHERINE RUNDELL GOOD	The Good Thieves Katherine Rundell	Themes of grief and hope		The Man Who Walked Between the Towers Mordicai Gerstein	Themes of bravery, perseverance
	Cosmic es cos qual for total	Cosmic Frank Cottrell Boyce	Non-linear time sequence	THE ISLAND	The Island Armin Greder	Promoting multiculturalism, learning about refugees, British values
Autumn 2 Theme: Sprites & Spirits	WHO LEY GODS O'T	Who Let the Gods Out Maz Evans	Complexity of plot/symbol Greek mythology link	RAIN PLAYER STORY AND PICTORES BY DAVID OF INDICES SES	Rain Player David Wisniewski	Mayan link Theme of perseverance
	MYTHOLOGICA	Mythologica Dr. Stephen P. Kershaw	Greek Mythology link	THEMPEST	The Tempest William Shakespeare	Complexity of plot/symbol
Spring 1 Theme: Affirmation & Acceptance		The Wonderling Mira Bartok	Themes of belonging, courage, identity	t Listo	The Lost Thing Shaun Tan	Complexity of plot/symbol
	Black British A short, essential history	Black and British: A short, essential history David Olusoga	Black History Identity	Freedom Bird	Freedom Bird Jerdine Nolen	Black History

Spring 2 Theme: Legends, Folklore & Fairy Tales	WHEN THE STARS COME OUT	When the Stars Come Out Nicola Edwards	Pupil interest, promotes curiosity and mystery of the world around them	MICHAEL MORPURGO -BEOINUIF-	Beowulf Michael Morpurgo	Archaic Language Complexity of narrator
	MICHAEL MORPURGO SIR GAVAIN GREEN KNIGH	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight Michael Morpurgo	Explores morality	GRIMM THUES	Grimm Tales for Young and Old Phillip Pullman	Archaic Texts
Summer 1 Theme: Lessons from History	AFTER THE WAR TOM PALMER	After the War: From Auschwitz to Ambleside Tom Palmer	British Values Survival, liberty	BEAUTIFUL LAE IREAN MASTER	A Beautiful Lie Irfan Master	Transition - moving on Indian History British Values BAME author
	Poetts Security World War Lawrence	Poems from the Second World War Gaby Morgan	British Values Survival, liberty Classic Poetry	Anne Fran	Anne Frank Josephine Poole	Courage, empathy
Summer 2 Theme: Solving mysteries	Overheard in a Tower Block Blo	Overheard in a Tower Block Joseph Coelho	Complexity of plot/symbol	HIGH RISE MYSTERY	High Rise Mystery Sharna Jackson	BAME author Diverse characters
	REAL-LIFE MYSTERIES	Real-life Mysteries: Can you explain the unexplained? Susan Martineau and Vicky Barker	Promotes curiosity	CURIOSITY The Stery of a Mars Rover	Curiosity Markus Motum	Pupil Interest Aspirations Promotes Curiosity

Year 5/6 Reading Spine Cycle B

	Texts covered in discrete reading sessions		Reason for Choice	Texts covered in discrete writing sessions		Reason for Choice
Autumn 1 Theme: Journeys & Migration	FLY AE HOME POLY NO YEN	Fly Me Home Polly Ho Yen	Complexity of narrator Complexity of symbolism Themes of acceptance LBGTQ+ rights	THE ODYSSEY	The Odyssey Gillian Cross	Non-Linear time sequence Ancient Greek link
	MICHAEL ROSEN On the Move Home Is Where You Find It	On the Move: Poems about Migration Michael Rosen	Resistant text Complexity of symbol	BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH WINDRUSH CHILD	Windrush Child Benjamin Zephaniah	Promoting Black History
mn 2 iservation & vation	DARWIN'S OF DISCOURTS	Darwin's Voyage of Discovery Jake Williams	Science links Significant person	can we save the tiger?	Can We Save the Tiger? Martin Jenkins	Conservation issues Activism
Autumn 2 Theme: Conservation & Preservation	KATE DICAMILLO	The Tiger Rising Kate DiCamillo	Conservation issues Activism	HANNAH COLO	The Last Bear Hannah Gold	Climate Change
Spring 1 Theme: Inspiration & Activism	POLITICS FOR ECONNESS	Politics for Beginners Louie Stowell	British Values	HIDDEN	Hidden Figures Margot Lee Shetterly	STEM based careers for women BAME aspirational figures
	HUCO CAURAT	The Invention of Hugo Cabret Brian Selznick	Non-linear time sequence	THE BATTLE FOR COMPANY ROLL OF SHIPLE STATE OF SHIPLE SHIP	Suffragette: The Battle for Equality David Roberts	British values Feminism

Spring 2 Theme: Dystopian Worlds		Caged Bird Maya Angelou	Significant person BAME poet Classic poetry	Madorie BLACKMAN PLACKMAN PLACKMAN	Robot Girl Malorie Blackman	Diversity of character Aspirations
	The Vokes of Villespiles Chief	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Joan Aiken	Archaic text	BOY ON THE TOWER PRICE NOTES	Boy in the Tower Polly Ho-Yen	Mental health awareness
Summer 1 Theme: Fate & Fortune		The Listeners Walter de la Mare	Archaic text Complexity of plot/symbol Classic Poetry	SALIS SAMPLE ROYAL CA	The Wind in the Wall Sally Gardner	Pupil Interest (Gothic Horror!)
	William Stokespeare	Poetry for Kids: William Shakespeare illustrated edition William Shakespeare	Complexity of plot/symbol Classic Poetry	ROMEO AND JULIET	Romeo and Juliet William Shakespeare	Complexity of plot/symbol
Summer 2 Theme: A Sense of Place	INCREDIBLE Y SUPPLY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO	Incredible Journeys Levison Wood	Aspirations Resilience	michael morpurgo (ASPAR 1993)	Kaspar, Prince of Cats Michael Morpurgo	Complexity of narrator
	TITANIC IOR CHEDREN O O O O	The Story of Titanic for Children Joe Fullman	Pupil Interest	NIGHT MAIL	<i>Night Mail</i> W H Auden	Complexity of symbol Classic poetry