



Mellers' Reading Spine - Long Term Overview of Texts



Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
F1	<p><u>Traditional tales (stories from other cultures/fairy tales):</u> POR: We're going on a lion hunt. <u>Classic fiction:</u> POR: The tiger who came to tea. <u>Classic fiction:</u> POR: Stick Man <u>Contemporary fiction:</u> POR: Blue Penguin <u>Non-fiction:</u> ELS: Books about tigers, our bodies and our families. <u>Non-fiction:</u> ELS: All about Diwali All about Christmas Books about cold places and animals who like to live in cold places.</p>	<p><u>Traditional tales (stories from other cultures/fairy tales):</u> The three little pigs Jack and the beanstalk The little red hen <u>Classic fiction:</u> Jasper's Beanstalk <u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Maisy goes to hospital Burglar Bill Fire truck is flashing POR: The Jolly Postman. <u>Non-fiction:</u> ELS: Books about farms, pigs, hens, growing and plants. <u>Non-fiction:</u> ELS: Books about people who help us.</p>	<p><u>Traditional tales (stories from other cultures/fairy tales):</u> POR: Handa's Surprise <u>Classic fiction:</u> Mog and the V.E.T. <u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Oliver's Fruit Salad POR: Oliver's vegetables Oliver's milkshake <u>Contemporary fiction:</u> (POR) Aaaaarrgghh Spider, Lydia Monks The bad-tempered ladybird, Eric Carle. (POR) What the ladybird heard, Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks Starting School, Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The Very Busy Spider – Eric Carle <u>Non-fiction:</u> ELS: Books about fruit and vegetables. <u>Non-fiction:</u> Books about minibeasts. Books about Eid.</p>
Poetry	<p><u>Poems on a theme/classic poetry:</u> A great big cuddle: Poems for the very young by Michael Rosen and Chris Riddell <u>Poems on a theme/classic poetry:</u> Poems about winter</p>	<p><u>Poems on a theme/classic poetry:</u> Animal poems</p>	<p><u>Poems on a theme/classic poetry:</u> Don't put your finger in the Jelly, Nelly – Nick Sharratt <u>Poems on a theme/classic poetry:</u> There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf. Eid poem</p>
Read aloud texts	A range of books read daily from a variety of genres responding to current events, children's choices and topics.		
F2	<p><u>Non-Fiction:</u> All kinds of people</p>	<p><u>Traditional tales:</u> Three Billy Goats Gruff</p>	<p><u>Traditional tales:</u> Snow White</p>

	All kinds of families <u>Stories from other cultures:</u> Lighting a lamp <u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Stick Man Gruffalo Monkey puzzle Superworm Blue Penguin	Sleeping Beauty <u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Our Very Own Dog The Great Pet Sale Bedtime for Monsters Dinosaurs love underpants	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Tadpoles promise <u>Classic text:</u> Billy's Bucket <u>Non-Fiction:</u> Surprising Sharks
Poetry	Poems on a theme- Fairground	Rhyme & Alliteration	Poems on a theme- Sea
Read aloud texts	A range of books read daily from a variety of genres responding to current events, children's choices and topics.		
1	<u>Traditional Tales:</u> The Story Tree <u>Contemporary fiction:</u> The Secret Sky Garden The Dark Astrogirl	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> How to Find Gold Leaf <u>Classic text:</u> Grace and family The Last Wolf The Necklace of Raindrops	<u>Non-fiction:</u> (One day on our blue planet instead (contemporary fiction)) Moth
Poetry	<u>Poet study:</u> book of poems by Shirley Hughes	<u>Traditional Rhymes:</u> Peter Piper 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive Little Miss Muffet	<u>Poems on a theme:</u> The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems – theme would be food
Read aloud texts	Dogger by Shirley Hughes Peace at Last The Day the Crayons Quit	Where the wild things are Owl Babies Dinosaurs and all that rubbish	Anna Hibiscus The Magic Finger The Diary of a Killer Cat
2	<u>Stories from other cultures:</u> Pattan's pumpkin <u>Traditional tales:</u> The wolf's story <u>Contemporary Fiction:</u> The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Lonely beast The new jumper Robot and the Bluebird <u>Contemporary Fiction:</u> Grandad's secret giant Emperor's egg <u>Traditional tales:</u> Three little wolves <u>Classic narrative:</u>	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> (author study) 10 things I can do to help my world

		Aesop's fables	
Poetry	Twas the night before Christmas Lillian Moore ' Until I saw...'	Classic poetry	Poet study
Read aloud texts	Oi Dog series of books – Claire and Kes Gray Lost and Found and The Way Back Home – Oliver Jeffers	James and the Giant Peach – Roald Dahl Stuck – Oliver Jeffers Grandad's Island – Benji Jeffers	Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl The Bear and the Piano – David Litchfield
3	<u>Contemporary Narrative:</u> The Iron Man- Ted Hughes Jemmy Button	<u>Contemporary Narrative (fantasy):</u> The Tin Forest- Helen Ward <u>Traditional tale/myth/legend:</u> The Lost Happy Endings- Carol Ann Duffy	<u>Contemporary/classic narrative (author study):</u> Gorilla- Anthony Brown Charlotte's Web E.B White
Poetry	<u>Poems on a theme:</u> School	<u>Classic poetry:</u> Please Mrs Butler- Allan Ahlberg Jabberwocky- Lewis Carol	<u>Poet study:</u> Valerie Bloom Hot Like Fire
Read aloud texts	The Magic Faraway Tree- Enid Blyton The Enchanted Wood- Enid Blyton	I was a rat- Philip Pullman Bill's New Frock- Anne Fine	Twits- Roald Dahl The lion, the witch and the wardrobe- C S Lewis
4	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Into the forest Moonman	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Varjak Paw <u>Traditional tale/myth/legend:</u> The lion and the unicorn	<u>Contemporary fiction</u> Arthur and the Golden Rope
Poetry	<u>Poems on a theme:</u> Nottingham	<u>Classic poetry:</u> Colour – Christina Rossetti The spider and the fly – Mary Howitt Windy nights – R.L Stephenson	<u>Poet study:</u> Joseph Coelho – Werewolf Club Rules
Read aloud texts	Voices in the park Zoo The tunnel Through the magic mirror Alice in Wonderland King Kong	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> The morning I met a whale – Michael Morpurgo <u>Classic fiction:</u> Treasure Island – R.L Stephenson	<u>Traditional tales:</u> Phillip Pullman's Grimm Tales <u>Classic fiction:</u> The Folk of the Faraway Tree
5	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Cosmic- Frank Cottrell- Boyce Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx <u>Contemporary picture book:</u>	<u>Classic fiction:</u> Street Child – Berlie Doherty The Secret Garden Tom's Midnight Garden (Graphic novel)	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> The mystery of the whistling caves The First Drawing – Mordicai Gerstein

	Varmints	The Song From Somewhere Else	
Poetry	<u>Poems on a theme:</u> Dark Sky Park- Philip Gross	<u>Poet study</u> Lewis Carrol Rudyard Kipling Edward Lear	<u>Classic narrative poetry</u> – The Highway Man
Read aloud texts	Phoenix – SF Said	Jabberwocky Hunting of the Shark	
6	<u>Non-fiction:</u> Shackleton’s journey Suffragette Battle Equality <u>Stories from other cultures:</u> Asha and the Spirit Bird <u>Contemporary fiction:</u> The boy at the back of the class	<u>Historical fiction:</u> Once by Morris Gleitzmann When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr Goodnight Mister Tom – Michelle Magorian Rose Blanche by Roberto Innocenti and Ian McEwan Carrie’s War – Nina Bawden <u>Contemporary picture book:</u> The Journey by Francesca Sanna	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Skellig There’s a boy in the girl’s bathroom
poetry	<u>Poetry on a theme:</u> The urban environment The spider and the fly	<u>Poet study:</u> War Poetry	<u>Poet study:</u> Karl Nova
Read aloud texts	<u>Picture books:</u> The General King of the sky Fox The Promise The viewer Varmints Way home <u>Contemporary Narrative:</u> Ghost – Jason Reynolds	<u>Historical novel:</u> The boy in striped pyjamas – John Boyne	<u>Contemporary fiction:</u> Room 13

This overview is designed to provide suggestions for texts to support the teaching of English as part of planned teaching sequences and small group teaching of reading. Stimulating and meaningful contexts for writing will also be drawn from themes and children's interests/ lives and current events.

We aim to ensure the children have a balanced coverage of the following genre of texts:

- texts by children’s laureates and poet laureates, e.g. Carol Ann Duffy, Lauren Child, Anthony Browne, Michael Morpurgo, Chris Riddell;

- classic texts, e.g. *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Iron Man*, *The Ice Palace*, *Journey to the River Sea*;
- texts set in different cultures, e.g. *Trash* by Andy Mulligan, *The Garbage King* by Elizabeth Laird; *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell
- traditional texts: fairy tales, myths and legends, e.g. *The Sleeper and the Spindle* by Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell, *The Princess Blankets* by Carol Ann Duffy and Catherine Hyde;
- contemporary fiction (including prize winners): *Black Dog* by Levi Pinfold;
- poetry written by contemporary poets including women and ethnic minorities: Rachel Rooney, John Agard; Grace Nichols; Joseph Coelho;
- non-fiction: *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill, *Lots* by Nicola Davies and Emily Sutton, *What Mr Darwin Saw* by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom;
- picture books, longer novels, books structured in different ways, e.g. narratives told from different perspectives: *Wonder* by RJ Palacio, picture books created by Shaun Tann and David Weisner, *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna;
- books in a series: *Wolf Brother* by Michele Paver; *The Last Wild* by Piers Torbay.