

KS1 Reading Spine

Some great picture books

Classic 'must reads'	Not Now Bernard – David McKee The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak Peace At Last – Jill Murphy Handa's Surprise – Eileen Browne
Inclusive	What Happened to you? – James Catchpole And Tango Makes Three – Peter Parnell & Henry Cole Meesha Makes Friends – Tom Percival
Diverse	Look Up – Dapo Adeola & Nathan Bryon Ada Twist Scientist - Andrea Beatty & David Rogers The Suitcase – Chris Baletros
Morals	Worrysaurus – Rachel Bright & Chris Chatterton Be More Bernard – Simon Philip & Kate Hindley Sid and Pat - Emily Gravett

Year 1 – supplemented by a diverse and inclusive range of picture books

Rabbit and Bear – Rabbits bad habbit	Julian Gough and Jim Field
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson
Jolly Rogers – Cave of Doom	Jonny Duddle
Mr Penguin	Alex T Smith
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
Truth Pixie	Matt Haig

Year 2

Nothing To See Here Hotel	Steven Butler & Stephen Lenton
Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts	Kevin & Katie Tsang
The Boy Who Grew Dragons	Andy Shepherd
The Twits	Roald Dahl
The Legend of Kevin	Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre
Royal Rabbits of London	Simon and Sebag Montefiore

All of the KS1 novels are short and could easily be read in less than 3 weeks, some are even achievable in a week or less. This enables class teachers to either supplement with picture books, non-fiction based on topics or class interest alternatively, there is scope to try new releases or additional older favourites (teachers to be mindful of racist/disablist tropes in older books – eg Enid Blyton and Roald Dahl – if in doubt google or ask someone else)

These books cover – Asian heritage, mental health and confidence/self-belief. The authors are also diverse. Featuring authors of Asian and Jewish heritage, LGBTQ+ representation and a mixture of male and female authors. Other cultures and disabilities are covered by the rest of the ks2 reading spine and supplemented by picture books.