

Reading Spine – Year 5				
To choose a selection throughout the year – a mix of genres/skills/styles				
Year 5	Book	Plagues of Reading / English	Genre	Why now?
Autumn 1 – children to choose a selection from:	The Explorers	Complexity of plot	Adventure tale / journey	Literacy link Brilliant description and adventure Recommended read
	A Monster Calls	Resistant Text	Drama/suspense fiction	Building of suspense Personal journey
	Clockwork Philip Pullman	Complexity of the narrator	Fantasy adventure	Brilliant characters and story Enjoyment
	Sky in the Pie	Resistant Text	Poem	Play with words
Autumn 2 - children to choose a selection from:	War Horse	Complexity of the Narrator	Personal journey	Lit and topic link Suspense and language Different viewpoint
	The Raven Edgar Allen Poe	Archaic	Poem	Language and fantasy elements
	Silver - Walter De La Mare	Complexity of plot	Poem	Beautiful language Short, powerful poem Rhyming couplets

	In Flanders Fields	Complexity of Plot	Poem	War poetry and symbolism
	One Boy's War	Non-Linear time sequence	Moving picture book	WW1 Lovely illustrations Unusual ending
Spring 1 - children to choose a selection from:	<b>The Varmints</b>	<b>Complexity of character / resistant text</b>	<b>Fantasy</b>	<b>Lit unit</b> <b>Beautiful description and contrast of settings</b> <b>Unusual character</b> <b>Climate change</b>
	Varjak Paw	Complexity of plot	Fantasy fictions	Dream sequences and plot complexity
	Call of the Wild Jack London	Archaic	Adventure fiction	Different viewpoint and storyline
	The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day	Non-linear time sequence	Science and fantasy	Lovely book with tricky plot Links to physics, astronomy and philosophy
	Where the Mountain meets the moon	Complexity of the Narrator	Fantasy adventure	Chinese links to New Year Beautiful imagery and imagination
Spring 2 - children to choose a selection from:	<b>Odd and the Frost Giants</b>	<b>Complexity of plot</b>	<b>Fantasy fiction based on Viking gods</b>	<b>Character building/description and immersion in Viking mythology</b>
	Sky Song	Complexity of the narrator	Adventure	Story about belonging Engaging characters
	Charge of the Light Brigade – Alfred Lord Tennyson	Archaic	Poem	Archaic language

Summer 1 - children to choose a selection from:	Nowhere Emporium	Non-Linear time sequence	Fantasy tale	Flashbacks Character description Enjoyment from previous years
	The Highwayman	Archaic	Narrative poem	Link to journeys
	Windrush Child	Complexity of the narrator	Intense, historical fiction	Enjoyment Historical facts Diary like writing
Summer 2 - children to choose a selection from:	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Complexity of plot	Fantasy tale	Lots of vocabulary (new and unusual) Surprising protagonist
	Cloud Busting	Resistant text	Story in prose	Imaginative book Developing friendship and difference Prose
	If Edgar Allen Poe	Archaic	Poem	End of year – future aspirations
	The Pebble in my Pocket	Complexity of the narrator	Historical	Great non-fiction vocabulary
	Farm Boy Michael Morpurgo	Nonlinear time sequence	Short fictional story	Follow on from War Horse Nonlinear time sequence

Archaic	Non-Linear time - sequences	Complexity of Narrator	Complexity of Plot/symbol	Resistant texts
<p>The Highwayman</p> <p>Charge of the Light Brigade – Alfred Lord Tennyson</p> <p>Call of the Wild – Jack London</p> <p>The Raven - Edgar Allen Poe</p> <p>If - Edgar Allen Poe</p>	<p>The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day</p> <p>One Boy’s War</p> <p>Nowhere Emporium</p> <p>Farm Boy</p>	<p>Clockwork</p> <p>War Horse</p> <p>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</p> <p>Sky Song</p> <p>Windrush Child</p> <p>The Pebble in my Pocket</p>	<p>The Explorers</p> <p>In Flanders Field</p> <p>Varjak Paw</p> <p>Odd and the Frost Giants</p> <p>Silver – Walter De La Mare</p> <p>Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone</p>	<p>A Monster Calls</p> <p>Sky in the Pie</p> <p>The Varmints</p> <p>Cloud Busting</p>