



St Laurence's Reading & Writing Spine

Reviewed 2022

Rationale

Reading for pleasure is a vital part of every child's educational entitlement. Developing a love of reading has huge benefits for children, contributing to pupils' educational achievement across the curriculum in addition to providing a lifetime of enjoyment. At St Laurence's Catholic Primary school, we believe in both the importance of developing children's discrete word-reading skills and comprehension, as well as the need to foster a love of books and reading. 'Reading widely and often increases pupils' **vocabulary** because they encounter words they would rarely hear or use in everyday speech. Reading also feeds pupils' imagination and opens up a treasure house of wonder and joy for curious young minds.' (National Curriculum). We recognise that these two elements are intertwined: each relies on the other if children are to become **life-long readers**. With so much competition for children's time and attention it is vital that we embed a culture of reading into the core of what we do as a school, helping every child to become a lifelong reader. At St Laurence's Catholic School we ensure reading is a **top priority** within all areas of the curriculum. We ensure **purposeful books and vocabulary focuses** are at the heart of everything we teach to ensure extensive reading and exposure to a wide range of texts make a vital contribution to every child's educational achievement, regardless of their personal background.

Autumn One

Our World



Book Focus (Year 1 - Autumn 1) :

Literacy Lesson Focus



Dear Zoo

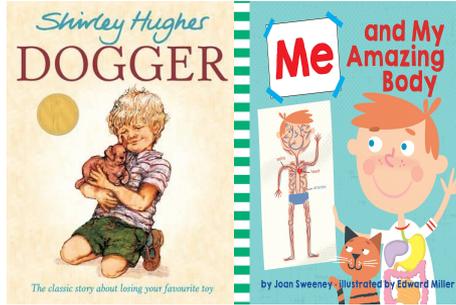


Rod Campbell

One Day on our Blue Planet - This teaches the children about life Savannah through the eye of a lion cub and her mother. They learn facts about the Savannah to then write a non-fiction text.

Dear Zoo looks at various zoo animals and the reasons why they would not make a good pet. The children use this as a base for writing their own short narrative.

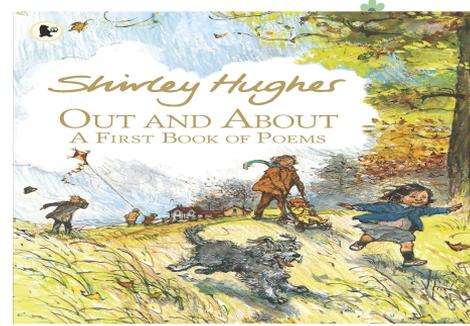
Cross Curricular Texts



Dogger is about a teddy getting lost at the school fair. This links with our Geography topic 'Our School'.

Me and My Amazing Body looks at the various parts of a human body and the five senses. This links to our Science topic 'Animals including Humans'.

Class Read / Poetry



This poetry book looks at the seasons and the effects the seasons have on the world and the people in it. The children are exposed to a range of poems that they can learn and perform.



Writing Outcomes : Autumn 1

Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss
One	Narrative based on 'Dear Zoo' (title changed to 'Dear Farm'). Poems about the seasons	Information book about lions.		

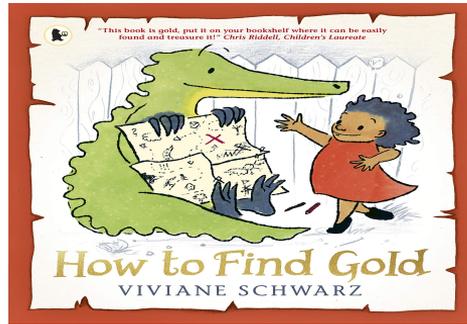
Autumn Two

Breaking
Stereotypes &
Fighting Adversity



Book Focus (Year 1 - Autumn 2) :

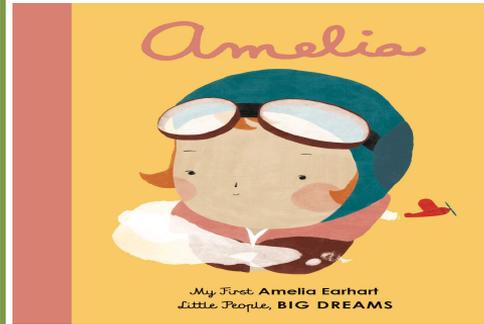
Literacy Lesson Focus



This fiction book looks at a little girl and a crocodile as they make a fictional journey across the sea. The girl and crocodile have very different and surprising personalities. The children use this book to learn about breaking stereotypes. They write letters based on this.

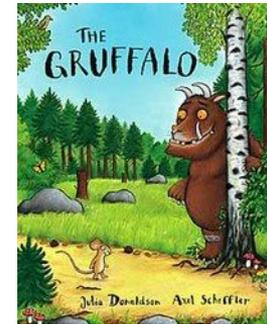


Cross Curricular Texts



Amelia is about Amelia Earhart (the first woman to fly an aeroplane). This links with our History topic - Travel and Transport.

Class Read / Poetry



The Gruffalo is about a little mouse who manages to stop the Gruffalo from eating him. The children learn that the mouse is the bravest animal in the forest.



Writing Outcomes : Autumn 2

 Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss
One	Diary entry about the journey across the sea.	Recount		



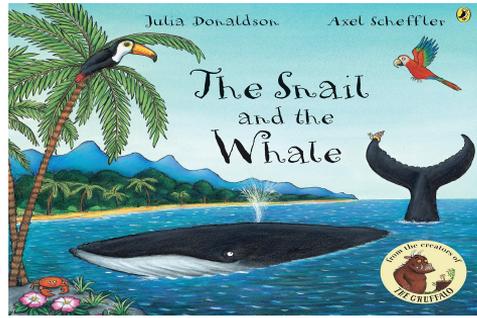
Spring One

Favourite Authors



Book Focus (Year 1 - Spring 1 Julia Donaldson):

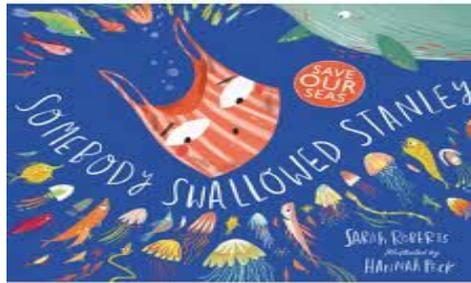
Literacy Lesson Focus



This book is about a tiny snail who hitches a ride on the tail of a whale and sets off on an adventure across the world. The children will use this adventure to write about their own fictional adventures

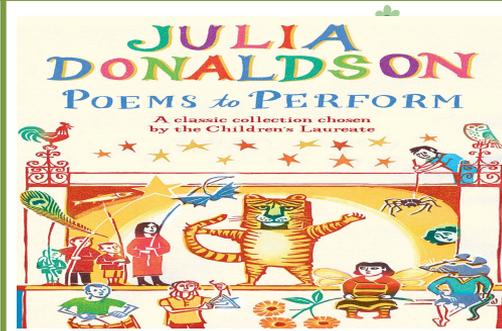


Cross Curricular Texts



This book is about the problems that a simple plastic bag can create in the ocean. It links with our topic on Materials.

Class Read / Poetry



This book of poetry by Julia Donaldson looks at a range of poems that children are able to learn and perform.



Writing Outcomes : Spring 1

 Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	 Discuss
One 	Travel journey entry (descriptive writing).	Newspaper report - recount.		



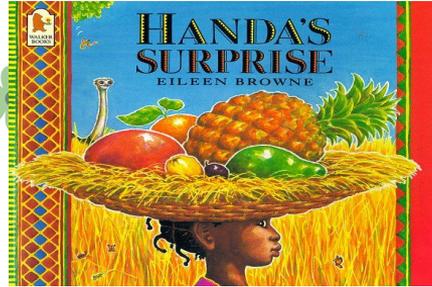
Spring Two

Other Cultures



Book Focus (Year 1 - Spring 2):

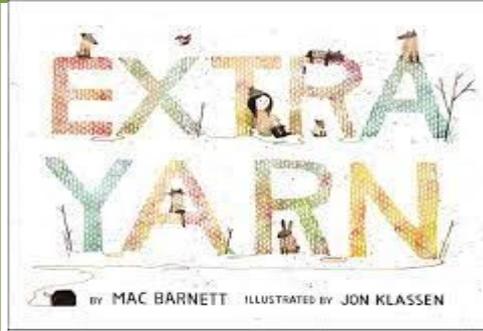
Literacy Lesson Focus



This book is based in Africa and tells the story of a girl called Handa, who sets off to see her friend in another village with a basket full of fruit. On the way, a range of African animals steal the fruit. The children use this story to learn about Africa and the differences between there and England. They write a short narrative based on this story but set in England.

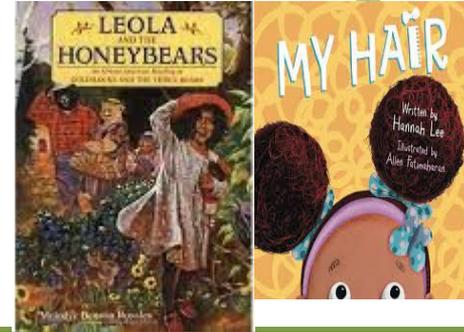


Cross Curricular Texts



This book is about a little girl who finds a box full of yarn, which she uses to knit lots of different things. It links with our Science topic on 'Materials'.

Class Read / Poetry



Leola and the Honeybear is an African retelling of the fairy tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children can compare this to 'Handa's Surprise'.

My hair celebrates the differences in African hair, and exposed the children to even more differences between the African culture and ours.



Writing Outcomes : Spring 2

Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss*
One	A narrative based on 'Handa's Surprise'	Fruit descriptions (using 'and')		



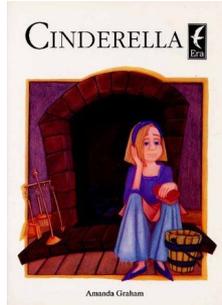
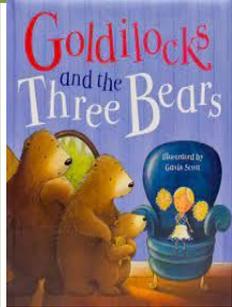
Summer One

Classic Narrative &
Poetry



Book Focus (Year 1 - Summer 1):

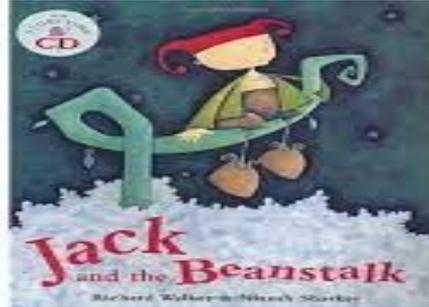
Literacy Lesson Focus



Goldilocks and the Three bears is a classic fairytale.
Cinderella looks at a twist on the classic story - Alex and the Glass Slipper. Alex works in a kitchen and ends up with a shiny motorbike. The children write a short narrative using another twist on the story.



Cross Curricular Texts



This book is about a little boy and his adventures up a giant beanstalk. This links to our Science topic on 'Plants'.

Class Read / Poetry



This book tells the story of the three little pigs but from the wolf's point of view. The children learn both sides of the story and discuss who is right.



Writing Outcomes : Summer 1

Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss
One	Narrative based on Cinderella.	Letter		



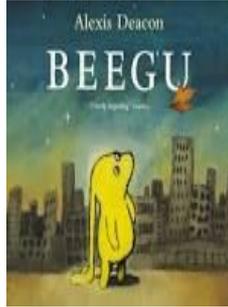
Summer Two

Growing Up



Book Focus (Year 1 - Summer 2):

Literacy Lesson Focus



Beegu looks at an alien that has to look after himself after he lands on our planet. This teaches the children about how he cares for himself until his mother arrives on Earth. The children write a diary entry about this.

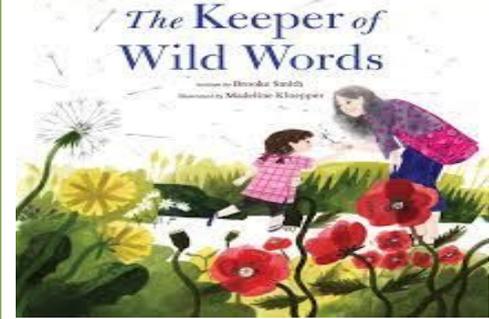
The Robot and the Bluebird looks at the role the Robot plays in helping a weak bluebird grow strong again. The children write about the Bluebird getting strong again.

Cross Curricular Texts



This book looks at the journey of a seed. It links to our Science topic on 'Plants'.

Class Read / Poetry



This book is about a little girl who grows up with her grandma teaching her words that are disappearing. The children learn about less common vocabulary.



Writing Outcomes : Summer 2

Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss
One	Diary entry. Letter.	Information booklet about Bluebirds.		