

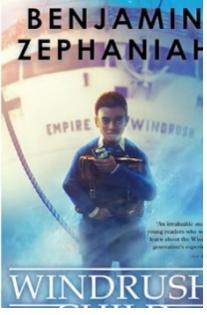
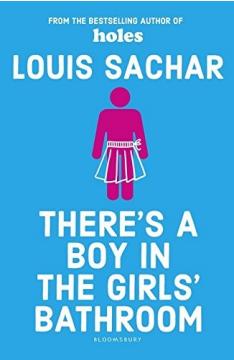


# **Longcot and Fernham CE Primary School**



**Reading Spine: Years 4/5**

Term	Book	Synopsis	Reasoning
Autumn 1		<p>There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...</p>	<p>Imagine making friends with a polar bear? This moving story will win the hearts of children the world over and show them that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference. It also delves into environmental issues that are facing our planet today and how we need to protect our world.</p>
Autumn 2		<p>This is the story of a little girl named Fern, who loves a little pig named Wilbur - and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte, a beautiful large grey spider. When Fern's uncle decrees that Wilbur must become bacon, Fern, Charlotte, Templeton the rat and all Wilbur's farmyard friends come up with an ingenious plan to fool the humans, and save their very special pig.</p>	<p>Joyful, funny, and deeply moving, <i>Charlotte's Web</i> is a story about the power of friendship, and celebrating what makes everyone special.</p>
Spring 1		<p>When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Roar was filled with things they loved – dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure – as well as things that scared them! Now the twins are eleven and Grandad has gone missing- could he have been taken into the Land of Roar?</p>	<p>A story that combines mythical creatures and mystery with the overarching themes of love, bravery and unbreakable friendships. These messages are ones that are central to helping children think about their own lives and how they can build and maintain relationships with a sense of honesty, self-respect and fun!</p>
Spring 2		<p>Shifa and her brother, Themba, live in Kairos City with their father, Nabil. The few live in luxury, whilst the millions like them crowd together in compounds, surviving on meagre rations and governed by Freedom Fields - the organisation that looks after you, as long as you opt in.</p>	<p>Another powerful tale that focuses on the delicate balance between nature and humans. This fits in well with our environmental issues topic and with our school value of integrity.</p>

Summer 1		<p>Leonard is shocked when he arrives with his mother in the port of Southampton. His father is a stranger to him, it's cold and even the Jamaican food doesn't taste the same as it did back home in Maroon Town. Yet, his parents have brought him here to try to make a better life, so Leonard does his best not to complain, to make new friends, to do well at school – even when people hurt him with their words and with their fists.</p> <p><b><i>How can a boy so far from home learn to enjoy his new life when so many things count against him?</i></b></p>	<p>An important story that makes children think about racism, inclusion and the rich history of Britain. It encourages empathy and give children a chance to consider life's experiences and adventures from another perspective.</p>
Summer 2		<p>"Give me a dollar or I'll spit on you."</p> <p>Meet Bradley Chalkers. He's the oldest child in the class. He tells ENORMOUS lies. He picks fights with girls. The teachers say he has 'serious behaviour problems'. And no one likes him ...except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories. Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try.</p> <p>Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.</p>	<p>This is a heartwarming story of isolation, bravery and acceptance from the bestselling author of <i>Holes</i> - Louis Sachar. This is a book that all children can relate to as it's set in a school and they can understand his struggles. Also, the title and cover of the book does not lend itself to children predicting what this story is about. Nothing can quite prepare you for the emotional rollercoaster it is and how important it is to have someone who believes in them - even if it is only one person.</p>