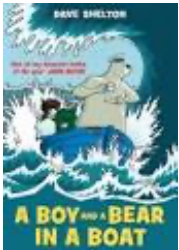
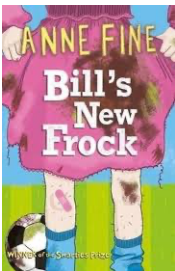

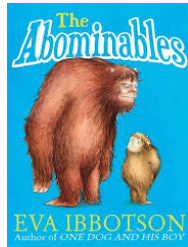



Lemur Class Reading Spine – 2024 - 2025

Year A	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Text	<p>A boy and a bear in a boat by Dave Shelton</p> 	<p>Bill's New Frock - Anne Fine</p> 	<p>The Puffin Keeper - Michael Morpurgo</p> 	<p>The Iron Man – Ted Hughes</p> 	<p>The Abominables - Eva Ibbotson</p> 	<p>The Beast and The Bethany - Jack Meggitt-Phillips</p> 
Synopsis	<p>Brilliantly funny and tender, this beautiful book maps the growth of a truly memorable friendship and tells the story of how, when all becomes lost, the most unexpected joys can be found.</p>	<p>One morning, almost as if in a dream, Billy wakes up to find that he has turned into a girl! His mother casually dresses him in a pink dress and sends him off to school, where he realizes how differently girls are treated. A unique story that will serve as a springboard for discussions among young readers</p>	<p>Allen is on a ship when it is shipwrecked. Benjamin, the lighthouse keeper, rescues the passengers in his boat. As he grows up, Allen writes letters to Benjamin but never receives a reply. When he goes back to visit, he finds him still at the lighthouse – having not replied to Allen's letters because he can't read or write. Allen decides to stay and help look after a young puffin with a broken wing.</p>	<p>Melding science fiction with fairy tale, The Iron Man tells the story of a gigantic metal robot who appears out of nowhere, crashing onto the beach and shattering into many parts. He is discovered by Hogarth, a young boy. The Iron Man proceeds to devour farm machinery, until the farmers rise up against him.</p>	<p>A hundred years ago, in the Himalayan peaks of Nanvi Dar, the daughter of an English earl is kidnapped by a huge hairy monster. In a secret valley Agatha Farley is introduced to a family of motherless yetis and devotes her life to their upbringing.</p>	<p>Ebenezer Tweezer has a beast in the attic who he feeds all manner of things in return for potions which keep him young and beautiful. But the beast grows ever greedier, and soon only a nice, juicy child will do. So when Ebenezer encounters orphan Bethany, it seems like (everlasting) life will go on as normal. But Bethany is not your average orphan!</p>
Rationale for use	<p>The book was recommended by Pie Corbett. This is a lovely story, just right for the age group. The language in the story has some challenges so stretches the children but the storyline enables the children to follow easily. It is a good introduction to a longer novel. The children are able to identify with the main character and the sense of humour appeals to children.</p>	<p>This book creates a lot of discussion surrounding gender and identity and really allows for open discussions in class. The stereotypical gender roles of boys being strong and girls wearing pretty pink dresses is challenged within this book and children explore that boys and girls are equal and should have the same opportunities therefore this is why we have chosen this book.</p>	<p>Michael Morpurgo's story of Allen Lane, is a wonderful tale of survival, love, loneliness and friendship. Sometimes, fate seems to bring us to certain places and people, and this heart-warming story of a lost puffin, a lonely artist and a life-changing friendship is a real testament to Morpurgo's talent for capturing those pivotal moments in people's lives where everything changes.</p>	<p>This story is a complete contrast to previous stories. The language allows the children to think about good over evil in a modern form. As the book unfolds, the children can admire the little boy in the story, who is able to show bravery and kindness to a character that adults are afraid of. It also shows that clever thinking can overcome difficulties.</p>	<p>This book allows children to empathise with other characters. The yetis take on almost human characteristics with emotions that the children should be able to recognise. It provides a setting in a country that is new to children but a relationship between humans and animals that children will enjoy</p>	<p>A newer text from a more recent author, this books offers a wealth of humour along with great warmth. The ideas and writing are original to inspire readers and writers of this age. The text can be used to inspire children to read others in the series.</p>