

Monkey Class Reading Spine – Y1/2

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Grandad's Island Contemporary narrative picture book Same author as Y1 – Storm Whale Addresses bereavement through story. Vibrant images, gentle narrative Themes of love, family and loss	Paddington Heritage text Classic picture book Essential cultural reference Themes of kindness, family and coping with change	The Quangle Wangle's Hat Edward Lear Heritage poem and seminal poet Archaic language and nonsense words Builds on study of The Owl and the Pussy Cat in Y1	Rhythm of the Rain Contemporary narrative picture book Explores aspects of the water cycle and the circle of life Strong themes of environmental responsibility, belonging and world perspectives	Great Women Who Changed the World Illustrated anthology of biographies of women who have had a significant impact in their lifetime including Mary Anning, Rosa Parks and Frida Kahlo. Themes of bravery, tenacity, resilience and ingenuity	Fantastic Mr Fox Classic short novel An introduction to chapter books Light and humorous Representations of anthropomorphism Strong themes of morality, patience, family, community and tenacity
Aesop's Fables – The Goose that laid the Golden Eggs Heritage text Story with a moral Essential cultural reference. Themes of greed, patience, contentment and foolishness		Coming to England Contemporary narrative picture book Female Black protagonist and author. Tells the true story of Floella Benjamin's relocation to the UK as part of the Windrush generation. Themes of prejudice, coping with change and belonging			
Mrs Noah's Pockets Contemporary narrative picture book Female author and protagonist (illustrator local to Suffolk) Essential cultural reference Recontextualises the biblical story Themes of kindness, inclusion and hope	The Christmas Pine Julia Donaldson Contemporary narrative poem Told from the perspective of a Christmas tree Celebrates Christmas traditions and values. Includes cultural references to British landmarks	The Street Beneath My Feet Contemporary non-narrative picture book Female author Large, fold out format Documents the Earth from the street to the core High volume Tier 3 Science vocabulary Strong themes of environmental responsibility	Little People Big Dreams: David Attenborough Illustrated biography Explores the life and work of Sir David Attenborough and the importance of understanding the natural world Specific links to Living things and Animals... science units High volume Tier 3 Science vocabulary	Aesop's Fables – The Sun and The Wind Heritage text Story with a moral Essential cultural reference Themes of pride, vanity and self-awareness	