

## Monkey Class Reading Spine – Y1/2

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