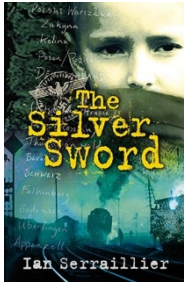


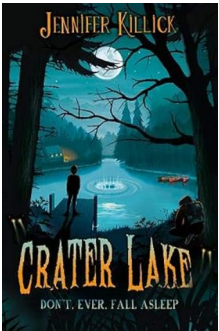
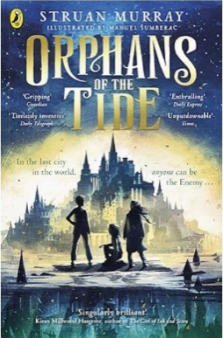
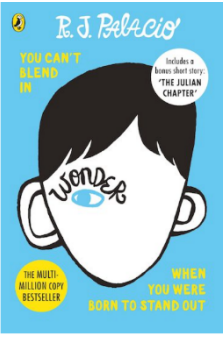


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**Reading Spine: Years 5/6**

Term	Book	Synopsis	Reasoning
Autumn 1		Stanley Yelnats, a boy who has bad luck due to a curse placed on his great - great - grandfather, is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention camp, for a crime he did not commit. Stanley and the other boys at the camp are forced to dig large holes in the dirt every day.	This is a CLASSIC! Definitely a must read for all Upper Key Stage 2 children. It is such a deep book that switches between the past events and the present. It is book that would inspire lots of high-quality pieces of writing. It challenges the minds of children to make connections using clues in the story. It cleverly unravels a lot of unanswered questions and has lots of surprises. This book has got even reluctant reads engrossed.
Autumn 2		They meet a ragged orphan boy, Jan, who treasures a paperknife - a silver sword - which was entrusted to him by an escaped prisoner of war. The three children realise that the escapee was their father, the silver sword a message that he is alive and searching for them.	This book is very informative as it touches a lot on the Nazis, Hitler and life as a refugee. It also creates a sense of hope and encourages children to believe that there is always light at the end of the tunnel. It is another book that allows children to show appreciation and empathy. It's mainly about three children who got separated from their parents due to the war and had to grow up very quickly and fend for themselves in a dangerous environment
Spring 1		Aya is a Syrian asylum seeker, looking after her mother and baby brother in the cold, unfamiliar city of Manchester – but she is also a talented ballet dancer. A part of her life that seemed lost forever when she fled her home comes back to her when she encounters a ballet class led by the elegant Miss Helena. As the book unfolds, she finds new friends and learns to depend on "the kindness of strangers".	This is a lovely story of friendship and finding a light amongst the darkness. It is hard to read this book without shedding a tear at the journey that Aya and her family went on. It will give our pupils a chance to empathise with what an asylum seeker must go through. It highlights the message of seeing people for the person they are and not their lack of wealth or home etc.

Spring 2		Who is the mysterious bloodstained man who stops their coach? Why is no one around when Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre? But this is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death.	A story that about the importance of friendship and one that highlights the need to stay true to your friends especially when things get tough!
Summer 1		When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide, the citizens believe he's the Enemy - the god who drowned the world - come again to cause untold chaos. Only Ellie, a fearless young inventor living in a workshop crammed with curiosities, believes he's innocent.	A book with an important message about standing up for others, even when the consequences might cause your own life to change. The story also includes a strong message about the importance of the power of one person to stand up and make a difference.
Summer 2		Based on the New York Times bestseller, Wonder tells the incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade.	This book sends a strong message of acceptance, inclusion and self-esteem. It's really good for Upper Key Stage 2 in particular in preparation for secondary school. It is good for children who have a low self-esteem, disability or special needs to encourage them to believe in themselves and believe they can achieve anything they set their minds to do.