



# BOREHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



## A Friendship School

'Daring to aim high, scale new heights, spread our wings and fly far'

### Boreham Primary School's Recommended Reading Spine

At Boreham Primary School, children are encouraged to read, listen to, learn off by heart, perform and discuss a wide range of stories, non-fiction texts, poetry, plays and textbooks in order to experience texts that are structured in different ways and written for different purposes.

Alongside children's phonics learning, your child will be encouraged to evaluate texts, giving reasons for their opinions and by making comparisons with other texts.

As children develop their reading skills further, they will be encouraged to ask and answer questions about a text to further develop their understanding of what is going on. They will learn how to draw inferences about a character's actions, speech or motives and provide evidence from the text to support their ideas.

It is our intention to expose the children at our school to high quality texts that they will enjoy and will provide them with an appropriate level of challenge. We want our children to have access to great books from which they can develop their imagination and vocabulary.

Using Pie Corbett's reading spine as a starting point, we have created our own reading spine to build a common bank of texts that we recommend children are exposed to at home and at school throughout each year. Wherever possible, we have matched books to the key people including authors, scientists and historians and areas of study your child will be learning about in each year group. The reading spine should also be supplemented with other books of your child's choice to develop a love of reading.

Please see below our recommended books for children in Year 5.

### Year Five

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess by Julia Jarman

The Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling

Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them by JK Rowling

Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver

Street Child by Berlie Doherty



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The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byers

FARThER by Grahame Baker-Smith

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Beetle Boy by M.G. Leonard

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

The Carpet People by Terry Pratchett

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snickett

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans

The Boy At The Back of The Class by Onjali Q Rauf

Heard It In The Playground by Allan Ahlberg