



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 4.

Year Four

Romans on the Rampage by Jeremy Strong

Shackleton's Journey by William Grill

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Riddle of the Runes by Janina Ramirez

1066 (I was there) by Jim Eldridge

Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo

Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine

Why The Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo

The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman



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The Snow Walker's Son by Catherine Fisher

Perry Angel's Suitcase by Glenda Millard

Voices In the Park by Anthony Browne

The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit

The Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Williams

You're a Bad Man Mr Gum by Andy Stanton

War Game by Michael Foreman

The Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horowitz

A Boy and A Bear by Dave Shelton

Cosmic Frank by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Spring Heeled Jack by Phillip Pullman

Count Karlstein by Phillip Pullman

Mega Monster by David Walliams