



Severne Junior, Infant and (NC) School

Literature Spine

2026



Core texts are read, explored and used as a root into writing over the course of each term. When selected these core texts, the following questions have been considered:

- **Authors**
 - Is this a familiar author? Are they able to compare this text to another they have written by the same author?
 - Are there other books available by the same author, if the children enjoy their style of writing?
 - Does this author reflect our culturally diverse community?
- **Content**
 - Is the content age-appropriate?
 - Is the content culturally appropriate for our community?
 - Does this text relate to prior learning across the curriculum, allowing children to build and access schemas of knowledge?
 - Are there a range of opportunities for wider reading, to support understanding of the text?
- **Teaching Resources**
 - How will the text serve as a vehicle to access writing opportunities?
 - Are there supporting resources available, to support teacher workload?
- **Language**
 - Is the language suitably challenging for the year group?
 - Is the language contemporary or archaic? Is there a balance across the year group?
- **Experience and Input**
 - Has this text been taught previously? Has it been successful?
 - Do teachers enjoy teaching the text?
 - Do children enjoy reading the text?

EYFS Core Texts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You Choose – Pippa Goodhard • The Colour Monster – Anna Llenas • Elmer – David McKee • Watermelon Sukkah – Sylvia Rouss • Goldilocks and the Three Bears – Mara Alperin • Paddington Bear – Michael Bond • Stick Man – Julia Donaldson • The Best Diwali Ever – Sonali Shah • My Hair – Hannah Lee • I Definitely Don't Like Winter – Fiona Barker • Room on the Broom – Julia Donaldson • Kipper's Birthday – Mick Inkpen • The Rainbow Fish - Marcus Pfister • The First Christmas – Jan Pienkowski | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Bear's Spring – Eli Woollard • Dear Zoo – Rod Campbell • Little Red Hen – Ronne Randall • We're Going on a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen • My Most Exciting Eid – Zeba Talkhani • The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle • Oi Frog! – Kes Gray • A Very Happy Ramadan – AM Dassu • The Mess We Made – Michelle Lord • Happy Holi! – Chitra Soundar • The Easter Story – Brian Wildsmith | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can't take an elephant on a bus - Patricia Cleveland-Peck • Three Little Pigs – Nicola Baxter • The Smartest Giant in Town – Julia Donaldson • Aliens in Underpants – Claire Freedman • What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside • Wesak – Lisa J Amstutz • The Princess and the (greedy) Pea – Leigh Hodgkinson • Hear we are – Oliver Jeffers • Zog – Julia Donaldson • Supertato – Sue Hendra • Pirates Love Underpants – Claire Freedman • Rapunzel – Alison Sage • You can't take an elephant on holiday – Patricia Cleveland-Peck |
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Year 1 Core Texts			Supporting Texts
The Everywhere Bear <i>Julia Donaldson</i>	Lila and the Secret of the Rain <i>David Conway</i>	The Disgusting Sandwich <i>Gareth Edwards</i>	
Coming Home <i>Floella Benjamin</i>	Mr Wolf's Pancakes <i>Jan Fearnly</i>	Meerkat Mail <i>Emily Gravett</i>	
The Three Little pigs <i>Maggie More</i>	Supertato <i>Sue Hendra</i>	The Elves and the Shoemaker <i>Lucy M George</i>	
The Three Little pigs <i>Jon Scieszka</i>			
Year 2 Core Texts			
How to Clean a Woolly Mammoth <i>Michelle Robinson</i>	Greta and the Giants <i>Zoe Tucker</i>	Fantastic Mr Fox <i>Roald Dahl</i>	
Look Up! <i>Nathan Byron</i>			
There's a Lion in my Cornflakes <i>Michelle Robinson</i>	Ghanaian Goldilocks <i>Dr Tamara Pizzoli and Phil Howel</i>	The Twits <i>Roald Dahl</i>	
The Day the Crayons Quit <i>Drew Daywalt</i>			
Year 3 Core Texts			
The No.1 Car Spotter <i>Atinuke</i>	Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp <i>Philip Pullman</i>	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory <i>Roald Dahl</i>	
Year 4 Core Texts			
The Girl who Stole an Elephant <i>Nizrana Farook</i>	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe <i>C.S. Lewis</i>	The Legend of Podkin One-Ear <i>Kieran Larwood</i>	
Year 5 Core Texts			
The Boy at the Back of the Class <i>Onjali Rauf</i>	Viking Boy <i>Tony Bradman</i>	Sky Song <i>Abi Elphinstone</i>	
Year 6 Core Texts			
The Nowhere Emporium <i>Ross MacKenzie</i>	Letters from the Lighthouse <i>Emma Carroll</i>	Cogheart <i>Peter Bunzl</i>	