

Wenlock CE Academy  
Reading Curriculum 2025-26

Y3/4	AUTUMN		SPRING		SUMMER	
1st half term	Reading Spine	Beowulf Michael Morpurgo	Reading Spine	Llama Out Loud Annabelle Sami	Reading Spine	Ariki and the Island of Wonders Nicola Davies
	Week 1	Children's classics Vol 1 (A Bear called Paddington, The Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe, Alice's Adventures)	Week 1	Spies and Crimes (Agent Zaiba and The Missing Diamonds, Agent Asha: Mission Bytes, Frames)	Week 1	Novels Volume 2 (Kid Normal, The Girl who Stole and Elephant, Running o the Rood of the World)
	Week 2	Recycling Week (Recycling Week, Greta's Story, The Great Paper Caper	Week 2	Rivers (A River's Journey, A River, Just Around the Riverbend)	Week 2	Electricity (The History of Electricity, Thomas Edison, Electricity)
	Week 3	Romans (Ancient Rome, Romulus and Remus, Boudica: A Celtic Folk Song)	Week 3	States of Matter (A Rhythm of the Rain, Plasma, What's the Matter?)	Week 3	Witches and Wizards (The Witches, The Worst Witch, Harry Potter and the Philosophers)
	Week 4	Poetry Vol 1 (If, Mr Mistoffelees, Chocolate Cake)	Week 4	Disney Songs (Under the sea, Reflection, Let it Go)	Week 4	Migration (Refugees, My Beautiful Birds, The Boy at the Back of the Class)
	Week 5	Teet (Tooth by Tooth, Dentist Dan, Demon Dentist)	Week 5	Picture Books Vol 1 (Cloth Lullaby, Varmints, Voices in the Park)	Week 5	Poetry vol 2 (Life Doesn't Frighten Me At All, The Adventures of Isabel, Oh the Places You'll Go)
	Week 6	Rabbits (The Legend of Podkin One-Ear, The Velveteen Rabbit, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane)	Week 6	Chinese New Year (Chinese New Year, The Firework Maker's Daughter, The Story of the Chinese Zodiac)	Week 6	
2nd half term	Reading Spine	Step-Father Christmas L.D. Lapinski	Reading Spine	Rumayasa: A Fairy Tale Radiya Hafiza	Reading Spine	Varjak Paw SF Said
	Week 1	Armistice Day (Why do people wear poppies?, Tail End Charlie, No Man's Land)	Week 1	Children's Classics Vol 2 (Pippi Longstocking, The Demon Headmaster, The Animals of Farthing Wood)	Week 1	Songs from Musicals (The Place Where the Lost Things Go, Castle on a Cloud, A Spoonful of Sugar)
	Week 2	Vikings (Nat Geo Kids, Viking Gods Fact Cards, How to Be a Viking)	Week 2	International Women's Day (Emmeline Pankhurst, Rosa Parks, Marie Curie)	Week 2	Notable People Vol 2 (Howard Gayle, Dr Barnardo, Frida Kahlo)

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	Week 3	Mental Health (Life with ADHD, One Wave at a Time)	Week 3	Habitats (The unusual adaptations to habitats, Dolphins in the River Mersey, The Brilliant Deep)	Week 3	Picture Books Vol 2(The Journey, How to Live Forever, After the Fall)
	Week 4	Novels Vol 1 (Little Badman and Invasion of the Killer Aunties, Fizzlebert Stump, The Great Chocoplot)	Week 4		Week 4	Money (What is money? Brother can you spare me a dime?, It's a No-Money Day)
	Week 5	Notable People Vol 1 (Mary Queen of Scots, Boudicca, Pocahontas)	Week 5	Songs (Who's laughing now?, Bridge over troubled water, Read All About It)	Week 5	Jennifer Killick (Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink, Mo, Lotties and The Junkers, Crater Lake)
	Week 6		Week 6		Week 6	

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	Reading Spine	The Boy at the Back of the Class Onajli Q Rauf	Reading Spine	Wonder R.J. Palacio	Reading Spine	Who Let the Gods Out? Maz Evans
1st half term	Week 1	Frank Cottrell Boyce (Cosmin, The Unforgotten Coat, Millions)	Week 1	Great Openings (The Clockwork Crow, The Storm Keeper's Island, Cogheart)	Week 1	Children's Classics Vol 1 (Around the world in 80 days, The Hobbit, The Jungle Book)
	Week 2	Energy and Forces (William Kamkwamba, How Parachutes Work, How do Solar Panels Work?)	Week 2	Life Cycles (Cicada, The Circle of Life, Life Cycle of a Butterfly)	Week 2	Poetry Vol 2 (The Walrus and The Carpenter, Do Not Stand at my Grave and Weep, We Refugees)
	Week 3	Novels Vol 1 (The Gauntlet, Floodland, A Girl Called Owl)	Week 3	Sia (Titanium, Alive, Elastic Heart)	Week 3	Middle Eastern Countries (The Breadwinner, Gertrude Bell, Searching for Hidden Beauty Across the Middle East)
	Week 4	Islands/Leprosy (Leprosy, The island at the End of Everything, The Island)	Week 4	Medieval Monarchs (Henry II, King Richard and King John, Henry V)	Week 4	Novels Volume 2 (Kick, Wonder, Street Child)
	Week 5	Micheal Morporugo (War Horse, Private Peaceful, Kensuke's Kingdom)	Week 5	Equality (International Women's Day and Clara Zetkin, Cesar Chavez, The Youngest Marcher)	Week 5	Changing Materials (Chromatography, Heston's Craziest Recipes, Mentos & Cokes)

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	Week 6	Brazil (Pele, Journey to the River Sea, Trains to Brazil)	Week 6	Nigeria (Explore Nigeria: 12 Facts, Poverty)	Week 6	Antarctic Explorers (Shackleton's Journey)
2nd half term	Reading Spine	Malamander Thomas Taylor	Reading Spine	The House with Chicken Legs Sophie Anderson	Reading Spine	Boy in the Tower Polly Ho-Yen
	Week 1	Children's Classics: Peter Pan (Peter Pan, Mermaids Lagoon)	Week 1	Kate DiCamillo (Flora and Ulysses, Raymie Nightingale, Louisiana's Way)	Week 1	Children's Classic's Vol 2 (The Wind in The Willows, The Secret Garden, The Phantom Tollbooth)
	Week 2	Songs (Where is the Love? Cat's in the Cradle, Piece bu Piece)	Week 2	Titanic (Liverpool's Link to the Titanic, RMS Titanic, The Unsinkable)	Week 2	Rainforests (Running Wild, The Great Kapok Tree, The Explorer)
	Week 3	Space (Margaret Hamilton, Dorothy Vaughan, The Jamie Drake Equation)	Week 3	Picture Books Vol 1 (Greenling, The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris)	Week 3	Songs from Musicals (A Conversation, Do you Hear the People Sing? You Will be found)
	Week 4	Notable People Vol 1 (Lilian Bader, Mae Jamison, Helen Sharman)	Week 4	Disney Songs (I've Got a Dream, Be Prepared, Out There)	Week 4	Notable People Vol 2 (Ada Lovelace, John Archer, Tim Berners-Lee)
	Week 5	Poetry Vol 1 (The Highwayman, The Listeners)	Week 5	Circuses (Leon and the Place Between, Wild Boy)	Week 5	Picture Books Vol 2 (The Wolves in the Walls, The Promise)
	Week 6	Christmas (The Christmas Tree Ship, Twas the Night Before Christmas, A Christmas Carol)	Week 6		Week 6	Beetles (Beetles, Beetle Boy, Eleanor Rigby)

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1st half term	Reading Spine	Letters from the Lighthouse Emma Carroll	Reading Spine	Holes Louis Sachar	Reading Spine	Freedom Catherine Johnson
	Week 1	Katherine Rundell (Rooftoppers, The Good Thieves, The Wolf Wilder)	Week 1	Magic (The Last Spell Breather, The Nowhere Emporium, Nevermoor)	Week 1	Songs (When You Love Someone, The Living Years, Both Sides Now)
	Week 2	Resilience (The Dot, Drive, You are Awesome)	Week 2	Notable People Vol 2 (John Brodie, Reginad Joseph Mitchell, Kitty Wilkinson)	Week 2	Ibithaj Muhammad (Proudest Blue, I am a Muslim Woman, Proud)

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	Week 3	Animals Inc. Humans (RBC, Preventing Heart Disease, Fad Diets)	Week 3	Electricity ( James Chadwick, How Burglar Alarms work, Wires)	Week 3	Civil Rights (Rosa Parks, A Change is Gonna Come, Caged Bird)
	Week 4	Novels Volume 1 (Phoenix, The Star Spun Web, Orphans of the Tide)	Week 4	Inspirational Women (Amna Al Hadda & Mary Kom, The Bronte Sisters, Michelle Obama)	Week 4	The Raven (The Raven)
	Week 5	Poetry Vol 1 ( Ozymandias, The Moment)	Week 5	Children's Classics Volume 1 ( Holes, The Graveyard Book, Northern Lights)	Week 5	Living Things and Their Habitats ( Carolus Linnaeus, Odd Egg-Laying Mammals)
	Week 6	Spooky Openings (Malamander, The Dreamsnatcher, Room 13)	Week 6	Songs from Musicals (Speechless, Defying Gravity, Waving Through a Window)	Week 6	Children's Classics Volume 2 (Treasure Island, Swallows and Amazons, Oliver Twist)
2nd half term	Reading Spine	When the Sky Falls Phil Earle	Reading Spine	Can You See Me? Libby Scott	Reading Spine	The Final Year Matt Goodfellow
	Week 1	World War 2 (Once, Letters from the Lighthouse, Goodnight Mr Tom)	Week 1	Critiquing the Media (Diego & Mia, Kate & Meghan, Little Pigs)	Week 1	Novels Volume 2 (Mortal Engines, Who Let the Gods out?, The Goldfish Booy)
	Week 2	Picture Books Vol 1 (Can I Build Another Me?,The Viewer, Sulwe)	Week 2	The Arrival (The Arrival)	Week 2	Evolution (Charles Darwin, Moth)
	Week 3	SPies (Silverfin, Jake Atlas)	Week 3	Light (A Beam of Light, The Parts of the Eye)	Week 3	Poetry Vol 2 (Tyger, Invictus, Jabberwocky)
	Week 4	Notable People Vol 1 (Alan Turing, Malala Yousafzai, Claudette Colvin)	Week 4	Autism (Understanding Autumn, Can You See Me/ The London Eye Mystery)	Week 4	Liverpool (The Cultural Impact of The Beatles, The History of the Docks, Liverpool FC)
	Week 5	Verse Novels (The Crossover, Inside Out and Back Again)	Week 5	Population (Uno's Garden, Russian Population and Population Sparsity)	Week 5	Picture Books Vol 2 (Farther, Way Home, The Dam)
	Week 6	Drugs and Alcohol (The Risk Factors of Smoking, Stories from former smokers, Old Red Eyes is Back)	Week 6	Industrial Revolution (Thomas Edison, Mary Walton, How did Industrial Revolution affect Liverpool?)	Week 6	Pompeii (Pompeii & Mt Vesuvius, Escape From Pompeii, Pompei (song)