Wenlock CE Academy
Reading Curriculum 2026-27

Y3/4	AUTUMN		SPRING		SUMMER	
1st half term	**Reading Spine**	**Call Me Lion Camilla Chester**	**Reading Spine**	**The Last Bear Hannah Gold**	**Reading Spine**	**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe CS Lewis**
	Week 1	Dick King Smith (The Hodgeheg, Henry Pond the Poet, Aristotle)	Week 1	Monsters (Isadora Moon Goes on Holiday, Amelia Fang the Unicorn Lords, The Nothing to See Here Hotel)	Week 1	Novels Volume 2 (The Wild Robot, The Brilliant World of Tom Gates, Fortunately, THe Milk)
	Week 2	Colours (The Colour Monster, Lucy's Blue Day, True Colours)	Week 2	Shang Dynasty (Mandate of Heaven, Tools and Treasures of Ancient China, The Yellow River)	Week 2	Light and Shadows (The Dark, Smoot: A Rebellious Shadow, My Shadow)
	Week 3	Prehistoric Britain (How to Wash a woolly mammoth, Stone Age Boy, Stonehenge)	Week 3	Poetry Volume 1 (The Owl and the Pussycat, The Sound Collector, Matilda Who Told Lies and Was Burned to Death)	Week 3	Spiders (The Spider and the Fly, Milton the Mighty)
	Week 4	Picture Books Volume 1 (The Man Who Walked Between the Tower, The Tunnel, Henry's Freedom Box)	Week 4	Forces (Sir Isaac Newton & the Apple Story, Egg Drop, Magnes the Shepherd)	Week 4	Lighthouses (How does a Lighthouse Work? My Lighthouse, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch)
	Week 5	Towns, Cities and Villages (Settlements, Tokyo, Town is by the Sea)	Week 5	Philip Reeves and Sarah Mcintyre (Jinks and O'Hare Funfair Repair, Pugs of The Frozen North, Olivver and the Seawigs)	Week 5	Songs (Count on Me, Rise Up, Fight Song)
	Week 6	Songs from Musicals (When I Grow up, It's a Hard-Knock life, This is me)	Week 6	Internet Safety (Be Safe On the Internet, Digiduck's Big Decision)	Week 6	Poetry Volume 2 (From a Railway Carriage, Walking with my Iguana, Be Glad your Nose Is on your Face)
2nd half term	**Reading Spine**	**Owen and The Soldier Lisa Thompson**	**Reading Spine**	**Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet Zanib Mian**	**Reading Spine**	**Diary of an Accidental Witch Honor and Perdita Cargill**
	Week 1	Keeping Healthy (Broken bones, Bone Health in Children, Sugar)	Week 1	Children's Classics Vol 1 (Stuart Little, THe Magic Faraway Tree, The Reluctant Dragon)	Week 1	Robots (Rusty the Squeaky Robot, The Iron Man, The Iron Woman)
	Week 2	Novels Volume 1 (Sam Wu is not afraid of Zombies, The Legend of Spud Murphy, Ottoline and the Yellow Cat)	Week 2	Different Cultures (Same, Same but Different, Planet Omar, Anisha Accidental Detective)	Week 2	Picture Books Volume 2 (The Day the Crayons Quit, Masai and I, I'll Take you to Mrs Cole)
	Week 3	Roald Dahl (BFG, Fantastic Mr Fox, The Dentist and the Crocodile)	Week 3	Weather (Cloudy with a chance of meatballs, Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head, How are Rainbows formed?)	Week 3	Plants (Du Iz Tak?, A See is Sleepy, Why are tomatoes a fruit?)
	Week 4	Disney Songs (The Bare Necessities, How Far I'll Go, Try Everything)	Week 4	Hearing Impairment (Freddie and the Fairy, Dachy's Deaf, Harriet Versus The Galaxy)	Week 4	Notable People Vol 2 (Grace Darling, Hatshepsut, Louis Braille)
	Week 5	Rocks and Fossils (The Pebble in my pocket)	Week 5	Anne Fine (The Gingerbread Star, Bill's New Frock)	Week 5	Greece (Moussaka Recipe, The Role of Women in Ancient Greece, Theseus and the Minotaur)
	Week 6	Notable People Vol 1 (Bessie Coleman, Katherine Johnson, David Attenborough)	Week 6		Week 6	Children's Classics Vol 2 (Winnie the Pooh, Stig of the Dump, Charlotte's Web)

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	Reading Spine	**The Boy at the Back of the Class Onjali 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 Kamkwanba, 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)
	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 by 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)
	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 Boy
	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)