



# St Laurence's Reading & Writing Spine

Reviewed 2022

# Rationale

**Reading for pleasure** is a vital part of every child's educational entitlement. Developing a love of reading has huge benefits for children, contributing to pupils' educational achievement across the curriculum in addition to providing a lifetime of enjoyment. At St Laurence's Catholic Primary school, we believe in both the importance of developing children's discrete word-reading skills and comprehension, as well as the need to foster a love of books and reading. 'Reading widely and often increases pupils' **vocabulary** because they encounter words they would rarely hear or use in everyday speech. Reading also feeds pupils' imagination and opens up a treasure house of wonder and joy for curious young minds.' (National Curriculum). We recognise that these two elements are intertwined: each relies on the other if children are to become **life-long readers**. With so much competition for children's time and attention it is vital that we embed a culture of reading into the core of what we do as a school, helping every child to become a lifelong reader. At St Laurence's Catholic School we ensure reading is a **top priority** within all areas of the curriculum. We ensure **purposeful books and vocabulary focuses** are at the heart of everything we teach to ensure extensive reading and exposure to a wide range of texts make a vital contribution to every child's educational achievement, regardless of their personal background.

Autumn One

Our World



# Book Focus (Year 2 - Autumn 1) :

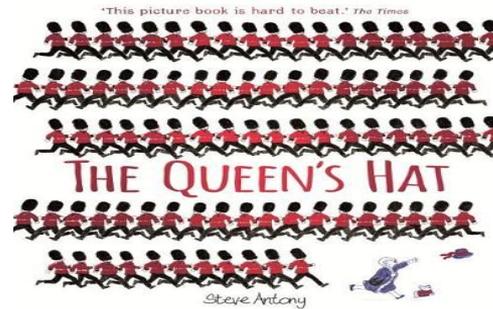
## Literacy Lesson Focus



This book looks at the different ocean animals that inhabit our world.  
I Want my Hat Back follows the adventures of animals in a forest environment.  
We have chosen these books as we know that are children really enjoy learning about animals.

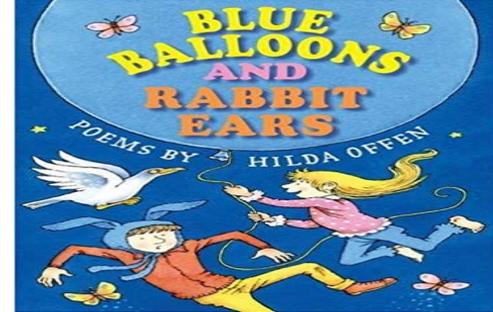


## Cross Curricular Texts



This book looks at several famous London landmarks and links to our Geography topic 'Magical Mapping'. We have chosen this book as it discusses the different famous landmarks in London.

## Class Read / Poetry



This books includes poems that encourage children to describe the world around them.  
The children enjoy the poems particularly 'Into the Blue' as it provides children with real life experiences of releasing their own balloons.



# Writing Outcomes : Autumn 1

Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss
Two	Poetry based on 'Into the Blue'  News Paper Report  Recount.	Fact File about ocean animals.		

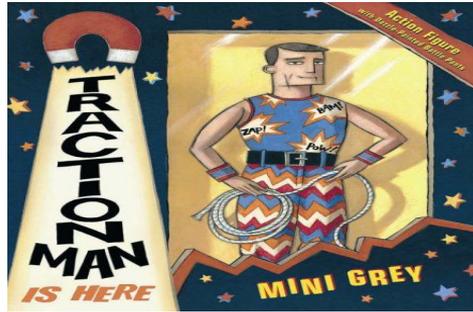
Autumn Two

Breaking  
Stereotypes &  
Fighting Adversity



# Book Focus (Year 2 - Autumn 2) :

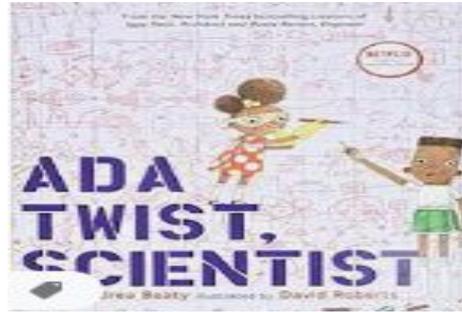
## Literacy Lesson Focus



This book challenges the idea that our outward appearance reflects who we are. We have chosen this book as it appeals to both gender and allows them to create interesting pieces.

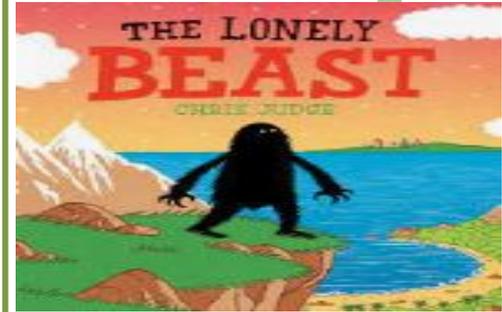


## Cross Curricular Texts



Ada Twist Scientist links to our Super Scientist topic and challenges gender roles and stereotypes. We have chosen this book as it links to our Science Topic (Super Scientists) and promotes female scientists.

## Class Read / Poetry



This book challenges the assumption that all beasts are scary. It encourages children to think about a character's actions rather than their appearance. This book has been used in the previous year groups as a guided reading book and the children have really enjoyed it.



# Writing Outcomes : Autumn 2

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Entertain</b>	<b>Inform</b>	<b>Persuade</b>	<b>Discuss</b>
<b>Two</b>	Comic Strip Story	Instructions Poster		

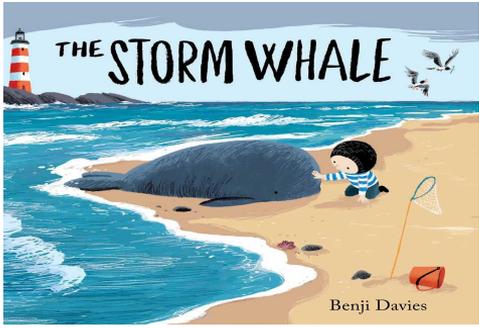
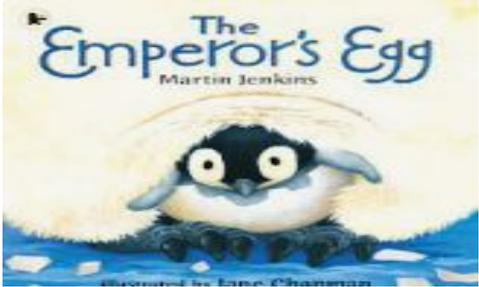
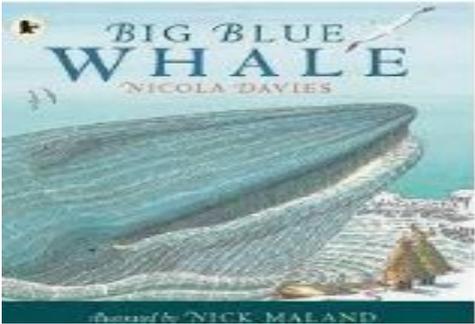


Spring One

# Favourite Authors



# Book Focus (Year 2 - Spring 1):

Literacy Lesson Focus	Cross Curricular Texts	Class Read / Poetry
 <p>THE STORM WHALE Benji Davies</p>	 <p>The Emperor's Egg Martin Jenkins</p>	 <p>BIG BLUE WHALE NICOLA DAVIES</p>
<p>The Storm Whale explores the themes of friendship, loneliness and trust. We have chosen this book as the children enjoys stories by Benji Davies.</p> 	<p>The Emperor's Egg links to our Geography topic of 'Antarctica'. Children will learn in depth about one of Antarctica's most famous inhabitants. This book has been chosen as it provides children with facts about penguins in order to support their writing.</p>	<p>Big Blue Whale explores the life cycle of the Big Blue Whale. This book links to our Antarctica topic and provides children with information about whales. This is also links to our Antarctica topic.</p> 

# Writing Outcomes : Spring 1

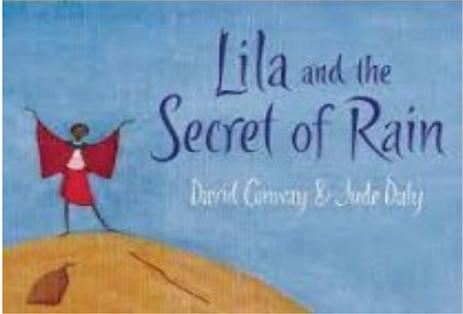
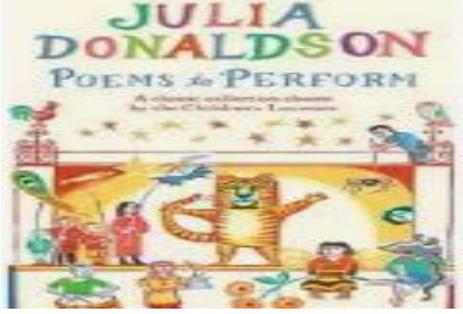
<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Entertain</b>	<b>Inform</b>	<b>Persuade</b>	<b>Discuss</b>
Two	Storm WHale Story  Storm Poems	Non-Fiction booklet about Big Blue Whales  Instructions for building a sandcastle  Non-Fiction booklet about Penguins		

Spring Two

Other Cultures



# Book Focus (Year 2 - Spring 2 ):

Literacy Lesson Focus	Cross Curricular Texts	Class Read / Poetry
		
<p>This book looks at the themes of struggle, courage and endurance as it follows Lila and her desire for rain in her drought ridden village. We have chosen this book to provide children with knowledge of another culture and discuss the similarities and differences.</p> 	<p>This book looks at how Funni transforms an abandoned car park space into a beautiful garden. It links with our Science topic 'Plants'. This book provides children with a range of writing opportunities.</p>	<p>This book contains a variety of poems including poems linked to plants - our Science topic. We have chosen this book as it is cross-curricular.</p> 

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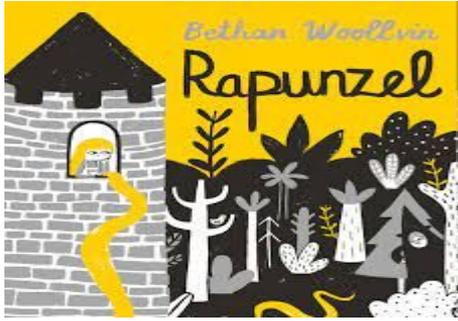
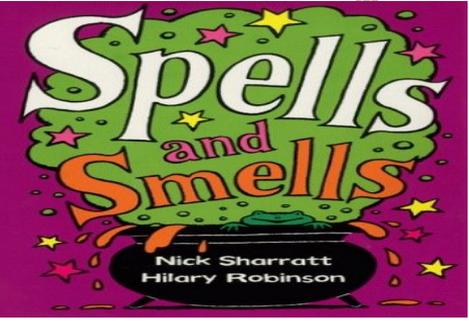
Year Group 	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss 
Two  	Description of a setting  Diary Entry  Poem	Instructions for growing plants  Leaflet to prevent littering		

Summer One

Classic Narrative &  
Poetry



## Book Focus (Year 2 - Summer 1):

Literacy Lesson Focus	Cross Curricular Texts	Class Read / Poetry
 <p>The cover features a yellow background with a black silhouette of a stone tower on the left. A yellow braid hangs from a window. To the right, there are black silhouettes of various plants and trees. The title 'Rapunzel' is written in a large, black, stylized font. Above it, the author's name 'Bethan Woolf' is written in a smaller, cursive font.</p>	 <p>The cover shows a winter scene with a large, dark tree on the left and a person in a white winter coat walking through a snowy field. The title 'WINTER SLEEP' is written in red, uppercase letters. Below it, the subtitle 'A WINTERBATH STORY' is written in smaller, black, uppercase letters. The author's name 'Nicola Davies' is at the bottom.</p>	 <p>The cover has a purple background with a green, bubbly, cloud-like shape in the center. The title 'Spells and Smells' is written in large, white and orange letters. Below the title, the authors' names 'Nick Sharratt' and 'Hilary Robinson' are written in white. The cover is decorated with yellow and pink stars.</p>
<p>This is a traditional tale with a twist. Why wait for a Prince to save you when you can save yourself? This is book has been chosen as it appeals to both genders.</p> 	<p>This book links to our Science topic 'Habitats'. We have chosen this book as it supports children's knowledge of habitats.</p>	<p>This book looks at different spell poems inspiring spell making and poetry writing. It links to Rapunzel and allows us to provide real life opportunities for children (making potions).</p> 

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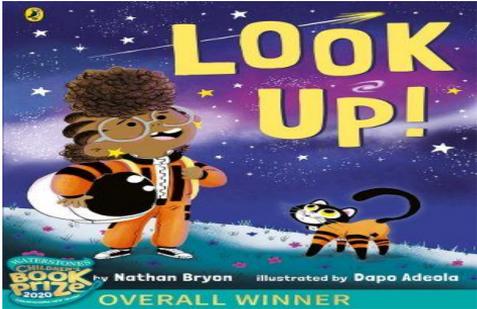
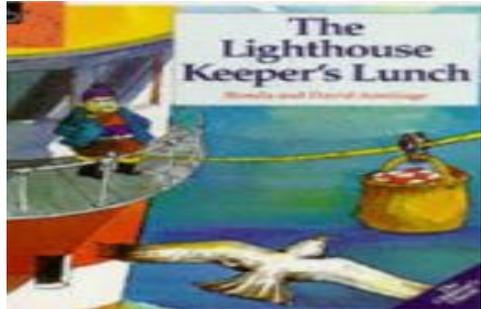
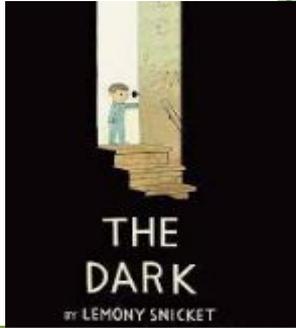
Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss
Two	Spell Poems Rapunzel Story Diary Entry	Information booklet Instructions		

Summer Two

Growing Up



## Book Focus (Year 2 - Summer 2):

Literacy Lesson Focus	Cross Curricular Texts	Class Read / Poetry
 <p><b>LOOK UP!</b> by Nathan Bryan illustrated by Dapo Adeola OVERALL WINNER</p>	 <p><b>The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch</b> Reads and Rhymes</p>	 <p><b>THE DARK</b> BY LEMONY SNICKET</p>
<p>This book looks at Rocket - an enthusiastic star gazer - and her struggles to get people to believe in her. This book appeals to both genders and discusses female role models.</p> 	<p>This book links to our topic 'The Seaside'.</p>	<p>The Dark follows Laszlo as he confronts his fears and realises the Dark is not as horrible as he first thought. We have picked this book as the children have really enjoyed reading it.</p> 

# Writing Outcomes : Summer 2

Year Group	Entertain	Inform	Persuade	Discuss
Two	Poetry  Recount  Story linked to The Dark	Instructions  Information leaflet  Seaside Fact files		