

Howard Community Academy

Reading Curriculum Cycle B (revised 2024-25)

Year	Term	Write Stuff core texts	Wellbeing curriculum and Suggested class stories	Topic-themed	Science-themed	Other
Reception	Autumn	<i>Rainbow Fish</i> by Marcus Pfister (EYFS) <i>Sam and Dave Dig a Hole</i> by Mac Barnett (EYFS) <i>Jack and the Jellybean Stalk</i> by Rachael Mortimer (EYFS)	<u>Kindness</u> <i>The Smartest Giant in Town</i> , by Julia Donaldson <i>The Selfish Crocodile</i> , by Faustin Charles <i>The Rainbow Fish</i> , by Marcus Pfister	<u>Ourselves/Pirates</u> <i>Elmer</i> by David McKee <i>Pirates Love Underpants</i> , by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort	<u>Animals</u> <i>The Ugly Duckling</i> (traditional tale) <i>The very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle	<i>By the Light of the Moon</i> , by Tom Percival <i>Owl Babies</i> by Martin Waddell
	Spring	<i>How To Catch A Star</i> by Oliver Jeffers (EYFS) <i>The Giant Jam Sandwich</i> by John Vernon Lord & Janet Burroway (EYFS) <i>Rosie's Walk</i> by Pat Hutchins (EYFS)	<i>Chocolate Milk Por Favor</i> , by Maria Dismody <i>Hugasaurus</i> , by Rachel Bright <i>We Are All Wonders</i> , by R. J. Palacio <i>Have You Filled A Bucket Today?</i> by Carol McCloud	<u>Dinosaurs</u> <i>Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs</i> by Ian Whybrow	<u>Materials</u> <i>The Colour Monster</i> by Anna Llenas	<i>One Snowy Night</i> by Nick Butterworth <i>Whatever Next!</i> by Jill Murphy
	Summer	<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen (EYFS) <i>How To Get Your Teacher Ready For School</i> by Jean Reagan (EYFS) <i>If Sharks Disappeared</i> by Lily Williams (EYFS)	<i>Beegu</i> , by Alexis Deacon <i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> , by Matt de la Pena <i>Kindness Grows</i> , by Britta Teckentrup	<u>Big Wide World</u> <i>Handa's Surprise</i> , by Eileen Browne <i>This is Our World</i> by Tracey Turner	<u>Plants</u> <i>I can grow a sunflower</i> (DK) <i>Errol's Garden</i> by Gillian Hibbs	<i>Shark in the Park on a Windy Day</i> , by Nick Sharratt
Year 1	Autumn	Non-fiction: instructions, e.g., <i>Chocolate Mug Cake</i> by Michael Rosen. (EYFS) Poetry: list poem, e.g., <i>Firework night</i> by Andrew Collett. (Y1) Narrative: traditional tale, e.g., <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> by Lari Don. (Y1) Non-fiction: postcard – <i>The Snail and the Whale</i> , by Julia Donaldson (EYFS)	<u>Friendship</u> <i>Handa's Surprise</i> , by Eileen Browne <i>Lost and Found</i> , by Oliver Jeffers <i>Little Beauty</i> , by Anthony Browne <i>Milo's Monster</i> , by Tom Percival <i>The Dragon and The Nibblesome Knight</i> , by Elli Woodard <i>The Gotcha Smile</i> , by Rita Phillips	<u>Our World</u> <i>Here we Are</i> by Oliver Jeffers <i>My Village: Rhymes from Around the World</i> by Danielle Wright & Mique Moriuchi	<u>Animals</u> <i>Actual Size</i> , by Steve Jenkins, <i>The Big Book of Bugs</i> , by Yuval Zommer	<i>Ruby's Worry</i> , by Tom Percival, <i>Not Now, Bernard</i> , by David McKee
	Spring	Narrative: story, e.g. <i>All Aboard the London Bus</i> by Patricia Toht. (EYFS) Narrative: adventure, e.g., <i>The Bear and The Piano</i> by David Litchfield (Y1) Non-fiction: report, e.g., <i>Toys from the Past</i> by Sally Hewitt (Y1)	Mitchell <i>Kitchen Disco</i> , by Clare Foges and Al Murphy <i>Willy and Hugh</i> , by Anthony Browne <i>Can I Join Your Club?</i> by John Kelly <i>Misha Makes Friends</i> , by Tom Percival	<u>London</u> <i>The Queen's Hat</i> by Steve Antony <i>The Great Fire of London</i> by Anita Ganeri <i>All Kinds of Cars - Carl Johanson</i>	<u>Materials</u> <i>What if: a book about recycling</i> , by Mick Manning	<i>Mr Wolf's Pancakes</i> , by Jan Fearnley <i>Amazing Grace</i> , by Mary Hoffman

	Summer	Non-fiction: information text, e.g., <i>Seasons</i> by Hannah Pang (Y1) Poetry: rhyme, e.g., <i>When I am By Myself</i> by Eloise Greenfield (Y1) Narrative: adventure, e.g., <i>The Storm Whale</i> by Benji Davies (Y1) Narrative: <i>Song of the Sea</i> by Studio Canal (Y1)		<u>Coastline</u> <i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner <i>Secrets of the Seashore</i> by C Brown & A Nassner <i>At the Beach</i> by Roland Harvey	<u>Seasons</u> <i>Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go</i> , by Patricia Hegarty	<i>Seaside Poems</i> by Jill Bennett <i>The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch</i> , by R. and D. Armitage
Year 2	Autumn	Narrative: story, e.g., <i>The Friendship Bench</i> by Wendy Medour (Y2) Non-fiction: biography, e.g., <i>Grace Darling</i> by The BBC (Y2) Non-fiction: Recount, e.g., <i>Neil Armstrong</i> by Brad Meltzer (Y2) Narrative: story, e.g., <i>My Christmas Star</i> by The BBC (Y2)	<u>Calm</u> <i>Owl Babies</i> , by Martin Waddell <i>Kaya's Heart Song</i> , by Diwa Tharan Sanders <i>Breathing Makes It Better</i> , by Christopher Willard and Wendy O'Leary <i>I Really Want to Shout</i> , by Simon Philip	<u>Local Area</u>	<u>Habitats</u> <i>We Build Our Homes</i> , by Laura Knowles	
	Spring	Narrative: traditional tale, e.g., <i>George and the Dragon</i> by Christopher Wormell (Y2) Non-fiction: instructions, e.g., <i>How to Make a Bird Feeder</i> (Y2) Poetry: rhyme e.g., <i>Desk Diddler</i> by Michael Rosen (Y2)	<i>The Star Tree</i> , by Catherine Hyde <i>I'm Stretched!</i> by Julia Cook <i>Ruby's Worry</i> , by Tom Percival <i>Barbara Throws a Wobbler</i> , by Nadia Shireen	<u>Explorers</u>	<u>Materials</u> <i>A Planet Full of Plastic</i> , by Neal Layton	<i>Traction Man is Here</i> , by Mini Gray,
	Summer	Narrative: adventure, e.g., <i>The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark</i> by Frank Jill Tomlinson (Y2) Non-fiction, persuasion: <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> by Drew Darwell (Y2) Narrative: <i>The Building Boy</i> by Ros Montgomery and David Litchfield (Y2) Poetry: free verse, e.g., <i>If I Were in Charge of the World</i> by Judith Viorst (Y2)		<u>Monarchs</u> <i>Becoming Queen Elizabeth II</i> by Gillian Clements	<u>Plants</u> <i>Leaf</i> , by Sarah Dieckman	
Year 3	Autumn	Narrative: short story, e.g., <i>The Blue Umbrella</i> by Pixar Animation Studios (Y3) Poetry: Poems on a theme e.g., <i>Autumn Is Here</i> (Y3) Non-fiction: non-chronological report, e.g., <i>Skeletons and Muscles</i> by BenHoare Narrative: traditional tale or myth, e.g., <i>Theseus and the Minotaur</i> retold by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden (Y3)	<u>Respectful</u> <i>Eric</i> , by Shaun Tan <i>My Mouth is a Volcano</i> , by Julia Cook <i>All Are Welcome</i> , by Alex Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman <i>Don't Touch My Hair</i> by Emma Dabiri <i>Mr Peabody's Apples</i> , by Madonna	<u>Ancient Greece</u>	<u>Living Things</u> <i>Our World in Pictures: Trees, Leaves and Flowers</i> by Dorling Kindersley	The Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers (Y3)
	Spring	Non-fiction: explanation text, e.g., <i>Earthquakes</i> by Robin Jacobs (Y3)	<i>Giraffes Can't Dance</i> , by Giles Andreae	<u>Natural Disasters</u>	<u>Light</u>	

		Poetry: poems on a theme, e.g., <i>The Colour Collector</i> (based on <i>The Sound Collector</i> by Roger McGough) (Y3) Non-fiction: non-chronological report, e.g., <i>Street Beneath My Feet</i> by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer (Y3)	<i>The Conquerors</i> , by David McKee <i>Tidy</i> , by Emily Gravett <i>The Last Tree in the City</i> , by Peter Carnavas <i>Do Unto Otters</i> , by Laurie Keller			
	Summer	Narrative: adventure, e.g., <i>The Last Bear</i> by Hannah Gold (Y3) Non-fiction: diary, e.g., <i>The Journal of Iliona - A Young Slave</i> by Richard Platt (Y3) Poetry: poems on a theme, e.g., <i>I asked the little boy who couldn't see</i> (Y3) Narrative: comedy, e.g., <i>George's Marvellous Medicine</i> by Roald Dahl (Y3)		<u>Roman Britain</u>	<u>Forces</u>	
Year 4/5 Cycle B	Autumn	Narrative: mystery, e.g., <i>The Whale</i> by Ethan and Vita Murrow (Y4) Non-fiction: newspaper report, e.g., <i>The Creature</i> (Y4) Poetry, e.g., <i>The Malfeasance</i> by Alan Bold (Y5) Narrative: story, e.g., <i>I believe in Unicorns</i> , by Michael Morpurgo (Y5)	<u>Successful</u> <i>I Really Want to Win</i> , by Simon Philip <i>Cleversticks</i> , by Bernard Ashley <i>You Are A Champion</i> , by Marcus Rashford <i>Children who Changed the World</i> , by Marcia Williams	<u>World War II</u>	<u>Life Cycles</u>	
	Spring	Narrative: traditional tale, myth or legend, e.g., <i>The Princess And The Pea</i> by Lauren Child (Y4) Non-fiction: speech, e.g., <i>Refugees</i> (Y5) Narrative playscript, e.g., <i>The Plague</i> (Y4)	<i>The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes</i> , by Mark Pett <i>Jabari Jumps</i> , by Gaia Cornwall <i>The Magical Yet</i> , by Angela Di Terlizzi	<u>World Geography</u>	<u>Material Properties</u>	
	Summer	Non-fiction: persuasion, e.g., <i>An alternative to plastic straws - Stroodles</i> (Y4) Narrative: story, e.g., <i>The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse</i> by Charlie Mackesy (Y4) Poetry: poem structures, e.g., <i>The River</i> by Valerie Bloom (Y4) Narrative, adventure: <i>One Small Step</i> by Taiko Studios (animation) (Y5)	<i>Leon and the Place Between</i> , by Angela McAllister	<u>Tudor Monarchs</u>	<u>Electricity</u>	How A Robot Dog Works (Y3)
Year 5/6 (B)	Autumn	Narrative, mystery, e.g., <i>The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman (Y6) Non-fiction: Report, e.g., <i>Letters From The Lighthouse</i> by Emma Carroll (Y6) Poetry: rhythm e.g., <i>The Most Dangerous Animal In The World</i> by Valerie Bloom (Y5)	<u>Brave</u> <i>Wolf Brother</i> , by Michelle Paver <i>The Arrival</i> , by Shaun Tan <i>The Boy at the Back of the Class</i> , by Onjali Q. Rauf <i>The Lion Inside</i> , by Rachel Bright	<u>World War II</u>	<u>Light</u>	<i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i> by Michael Morpurgo

		Narrative: courage, e.g., <i>A Monster Calls</i> by Patrick Ness (Y6)	<i>The Red Tree</i> , by Shaun Tan <i>The Firework-maker's Daughter</i> , by Philip Pullman			
	Spring	Non-fiction: report, e.g., <i>The Origin of Species</i> by Sabina Radeva (Y6) Narrative: fantasy, e.g., <i>The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore</i> by Moonbot Studios (animation) (Y5) Poetry: e.g., <i>Moth</i> by Isabel Thomas (Y6)	<i>The Paperbag Princess</i> , by Robert Munsch	<u>Darwin's Delights</u>	<u>Animals/Evolution</u>	<i>Running on the roof of the world</i> , by Jess Butterworth
	Summer	Narrative: story, e.g., <i>The Firework-Maker's Daughter</i> by Philip Pullman (Y6) Other units, from beyond <i>The Write Stuff</i>		<u>Dynasties (China)</u>	<u>Electricity</u>	Tyger, by SF Said