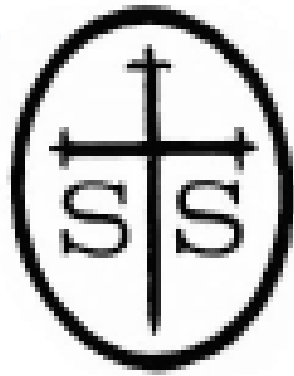


Oxton St Saviour's Literature Spine 2025/2026



As a school we have written our own Literature Spine. This sets out 12 texts per year group (a mixture of fiction and poetry) that we believe would be a crime not to have been read and enjoyed by the children at Oxton St Saviour's. Some of these books have been specifically chosen to be used during English lessons, as read aloud texts and some for independent reading. They have also been chosen to represent some of the latest and best releases, as well as representing some genres and authors that our children may not necessarily choose to read of their own accord. Teachers will always be sensitive when selecting the next text for a class, bearing in mind their personal likes/dislikes and current home life circumstances. Even though it is recommended, this does not mean it is appropriate for a particular cohort. The Literature Spine will remain a working document as excellent new books are always being written and discovered and so may change year on year.

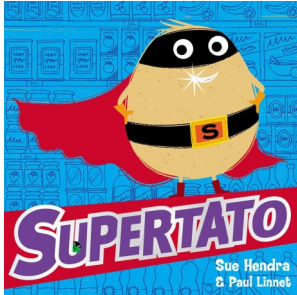
In addition to the books and poems listed on this literature spine, children will encounter many other high quality texts (see English Long Term Planners) including a wide range of non-fiction books to support learning. It is vital that non-fiction texts also form part of the read aloud programme alongside fiction and poetry.

Date to be reviewed - July 2026

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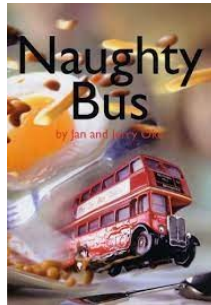
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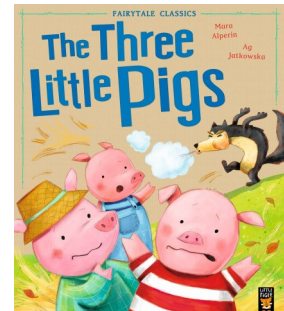
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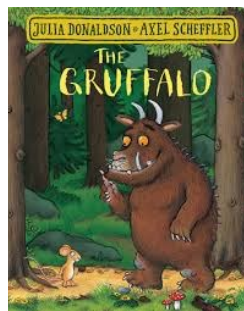
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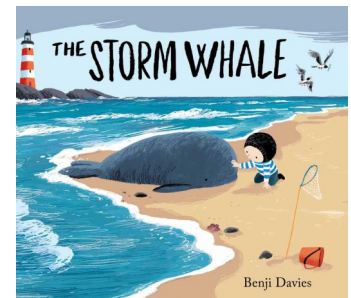
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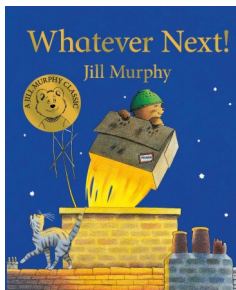
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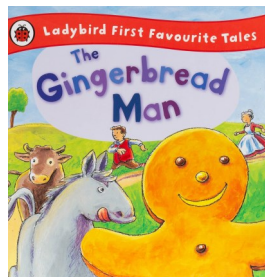
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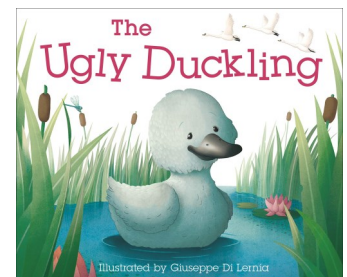
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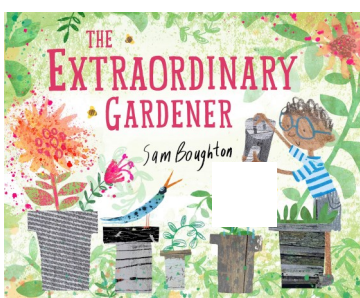
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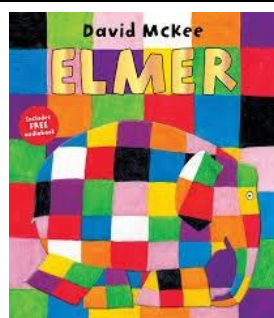
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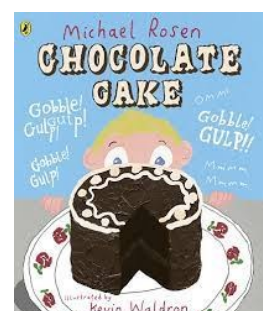
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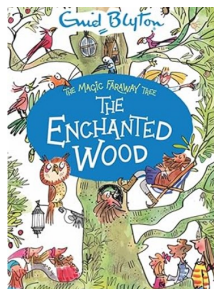
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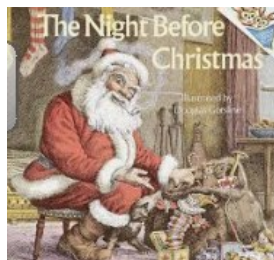
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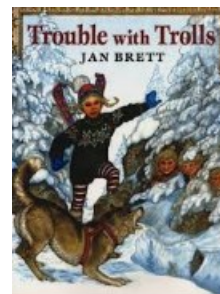
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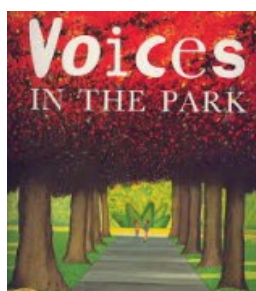
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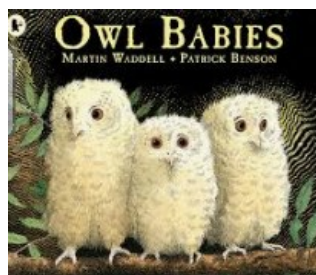
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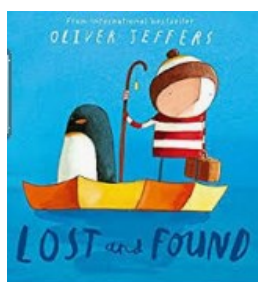
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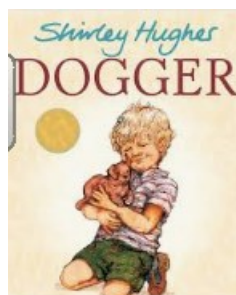
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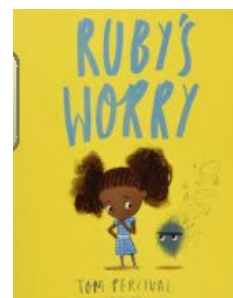
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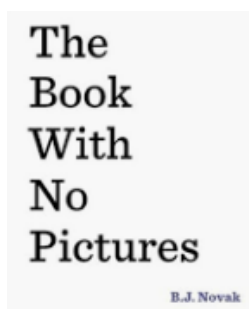
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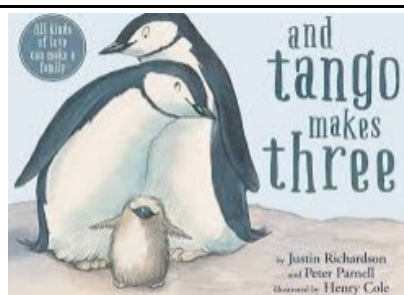
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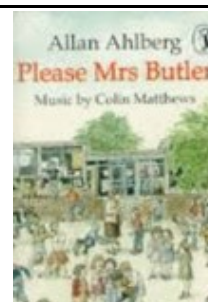
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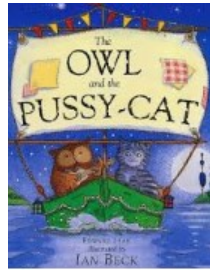
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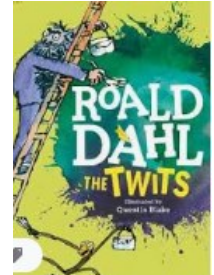
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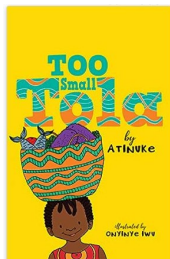
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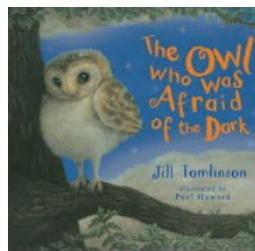
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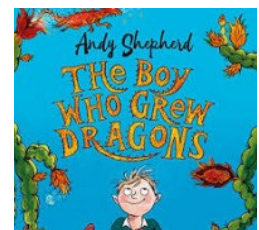
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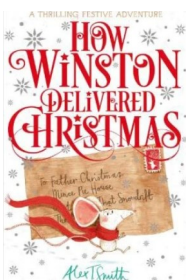
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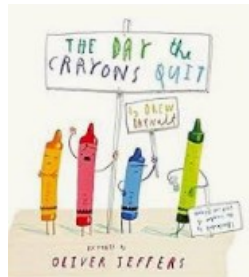
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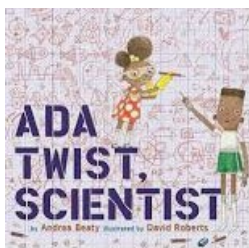
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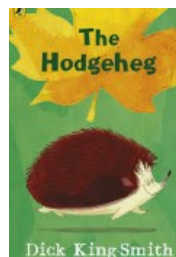
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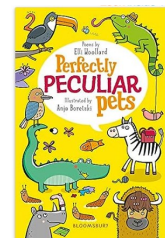
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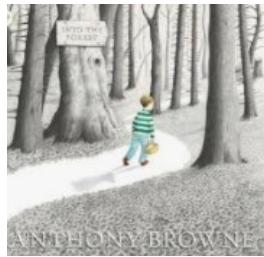
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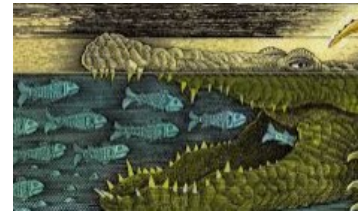
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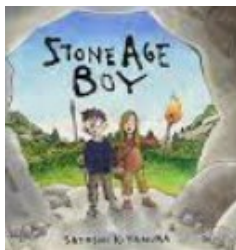
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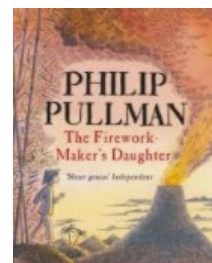
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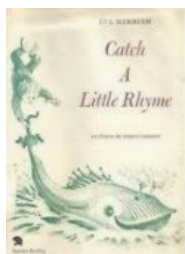
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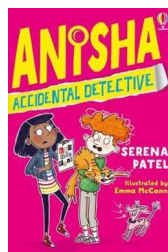
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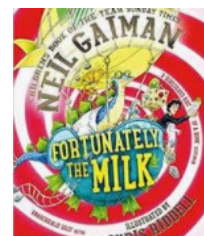
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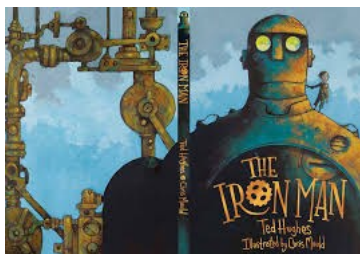


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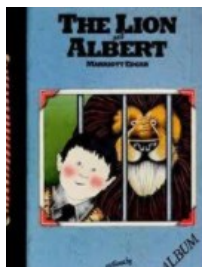


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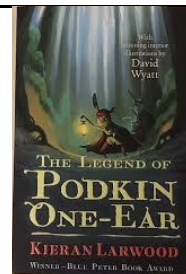
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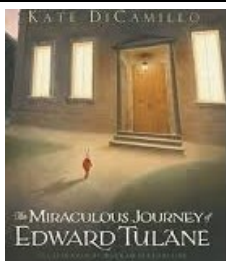
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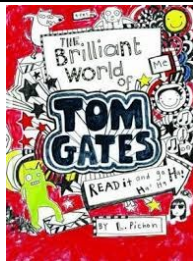
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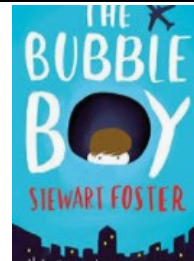
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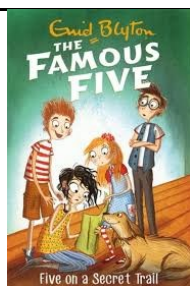
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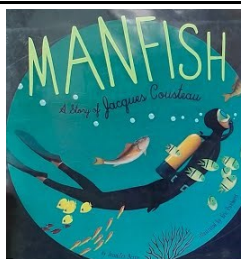
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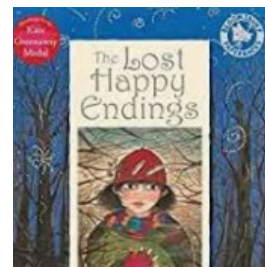
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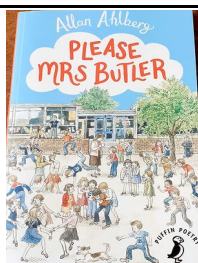
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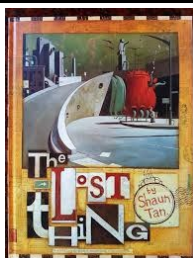
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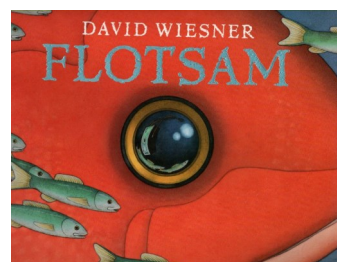
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Please Mrs Butler
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The lost thing
By Shaun Tan



Flotsam
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Year 5



There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom

By Louis Sachar



The Listeners

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The 1000 Year Old Boy

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Below Zero

By Dan Smith



How to Fly With Broken Wings

By Jane Elson



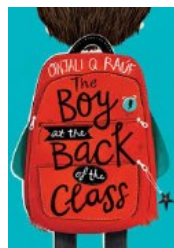
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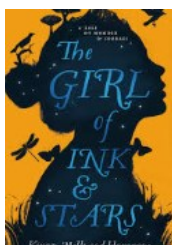
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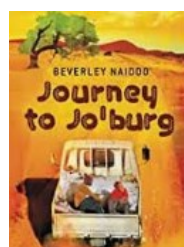
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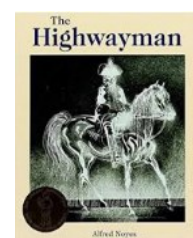
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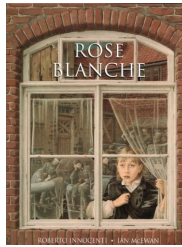
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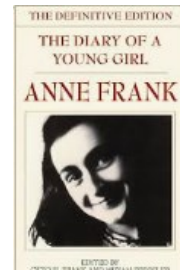
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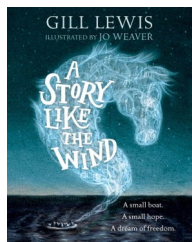
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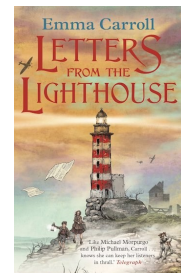
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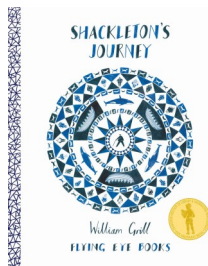
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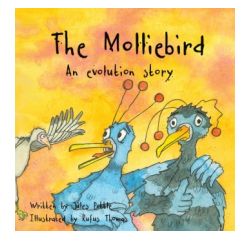
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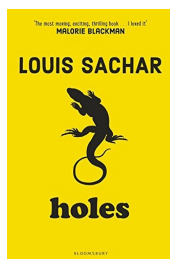
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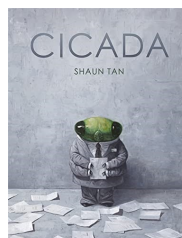
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