

St. Mary's CE Primary School. Literacy Journey.



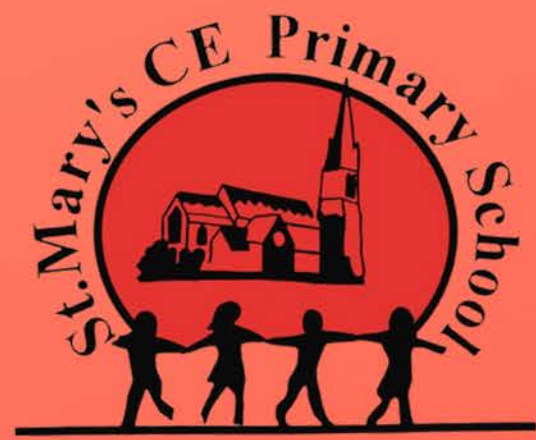
Start children off on the way they should go and,
even when they are old, they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

THE ST. MARY'S READER.

A number of considerations are made when selecting key texts for learning at St. Mary's:

1. How does the text link to our overall topic?
2. At which point in our learning journey should the text be used?
3. How does the text connect with our Christian Values?

Alongside our core text, we encourage children to make use of other texts which expand and deepen their understanding of the content.



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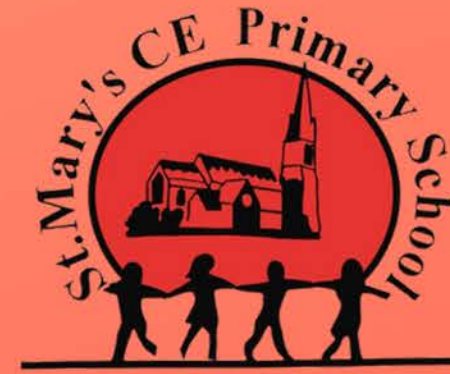


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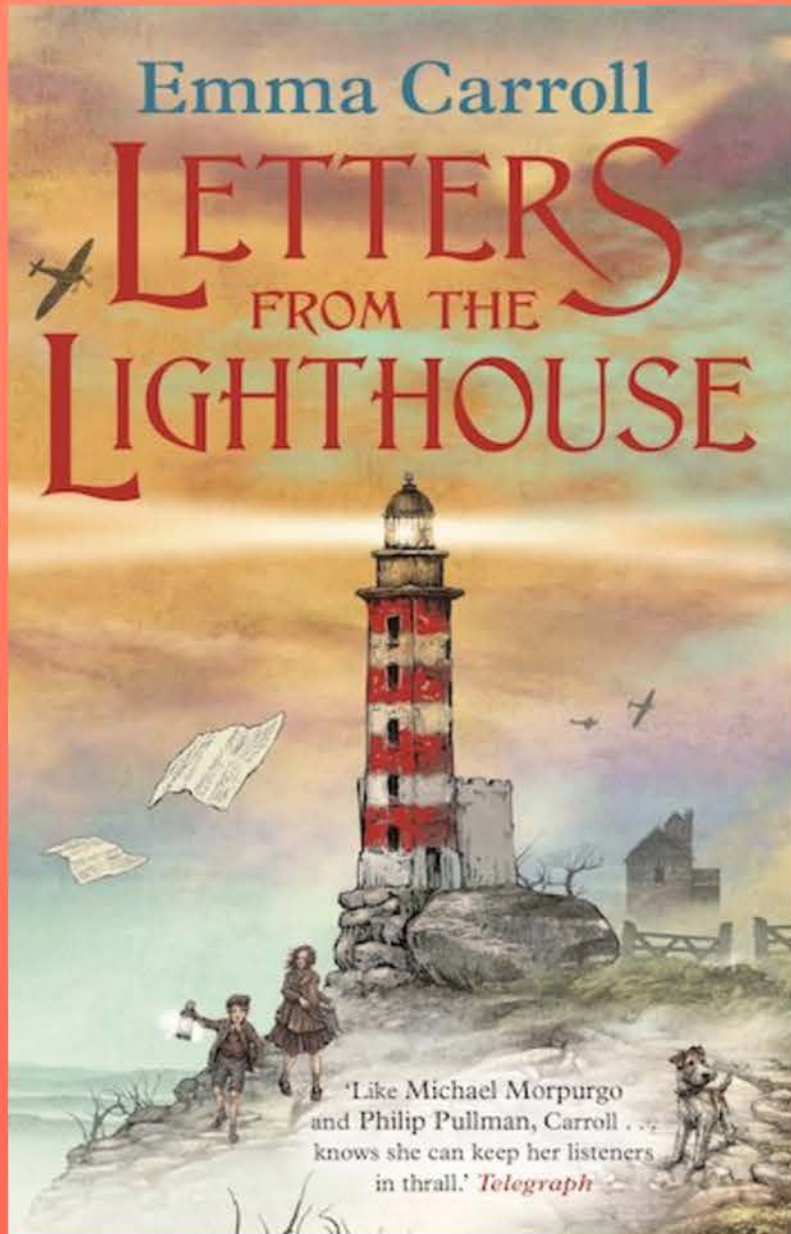


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SPRING – YEAR 6



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What's it about?

"Letters from the Lighthouse" by Emma Carroll is set during World War II and follows a girl named Olive and her brother Cliff. After their home in London is bombed, they are evacuated to the countryside. They stay with a mysterious lighthouse keeper named Ephraim. While there, Olive discovers clues about her missing sister, Sukie, and becomes involved in a secret mission.

Why now?

Emma Carroll puts children directly in the shoes of children experiencing warfare and encourages them to expand their knowledge with plenty of war-related scenarios. It is a tale of finding the truth against all odds.

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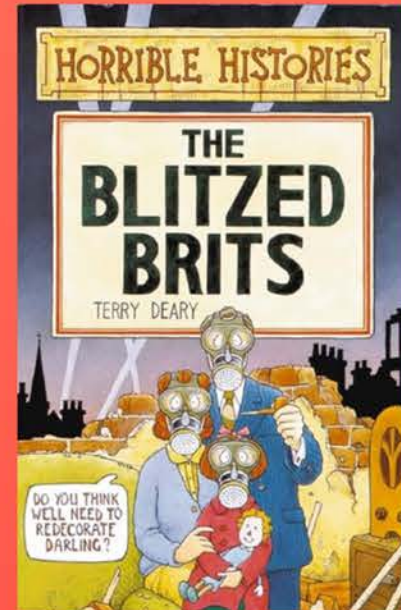
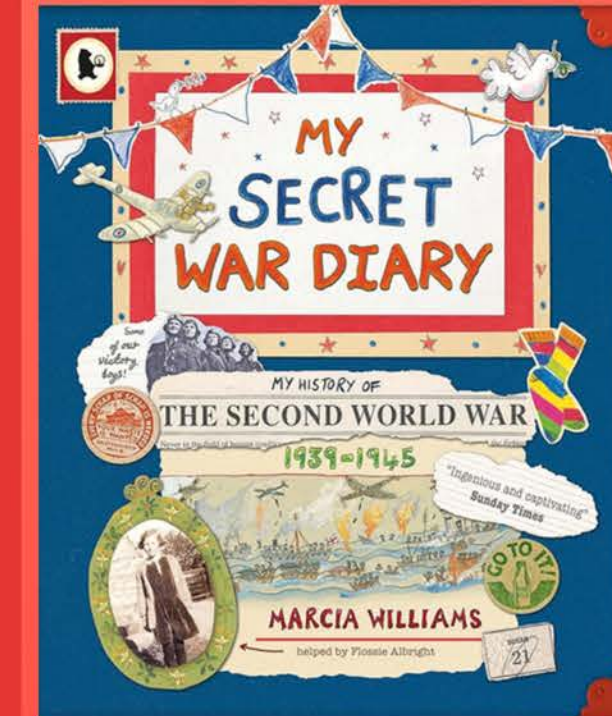
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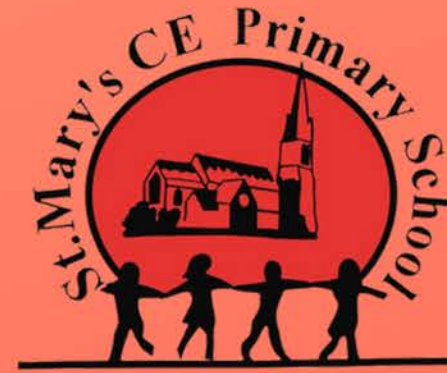


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SPRING 2 – YEAR 5

TOPIC LINK: SPACE ODYSSEY



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What's it about?

Jamie Drake's father is an astronaut on a space mission, but while Jamie misses him, he unexpectedly discovers something extraordinary – an alien signal. As Jamie grapples with his emotions and this incredible discovery, he learns about science, space, and the power of human connection in this thought-provoking and heartfelt story.

Why now?

Whilst capturing the amazement of space, Edge's story is centrally about the love of family and the resilience needed to strengthen supportive relationships in our lives.

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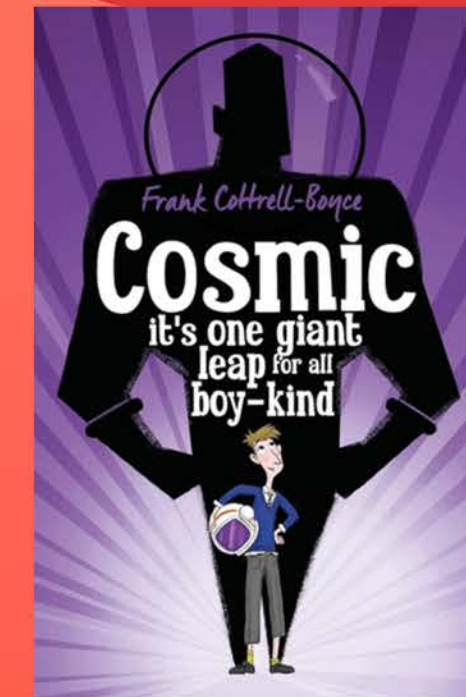
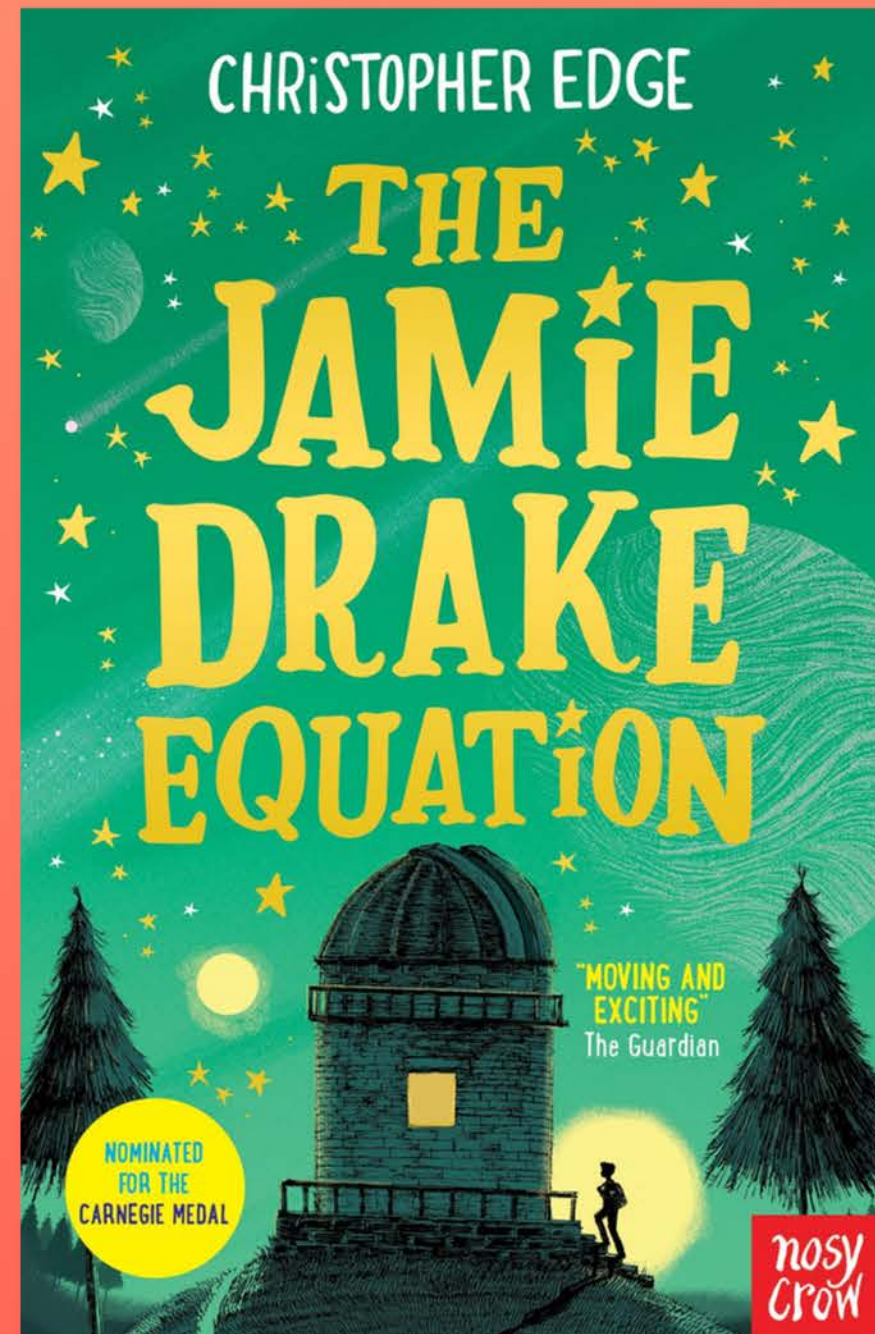
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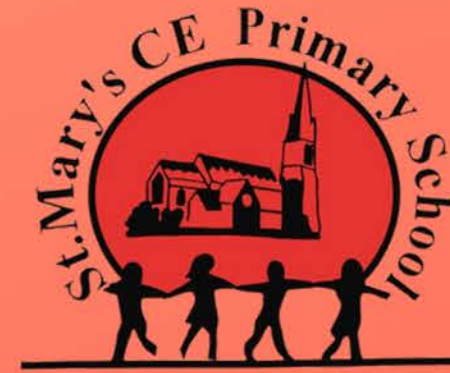


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SPRING 2 – YEAR 4

TOPIC LINK: LUCA



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What's it about?

This thrilling adventure follows Professor Aronnax, his servant Conseil, and harpooner Ned Land as they are taken aboard the mysterious submarine Nautilus, commanded by the enigmatic Captain Nemo. As they journey through the deep sea, they encounter incredible marine life, hidden dangers, and breathtaking underwater wonders in this classic tale of exploration and mystery.

Why now?

Out of the unknown depths of the oceans sparks this amazing story of courage and perseverance. As Year 4 explore the largely unknown, Verne tells us to prepare ourselves and venture out in search of new discoveries – a lesson for us all.

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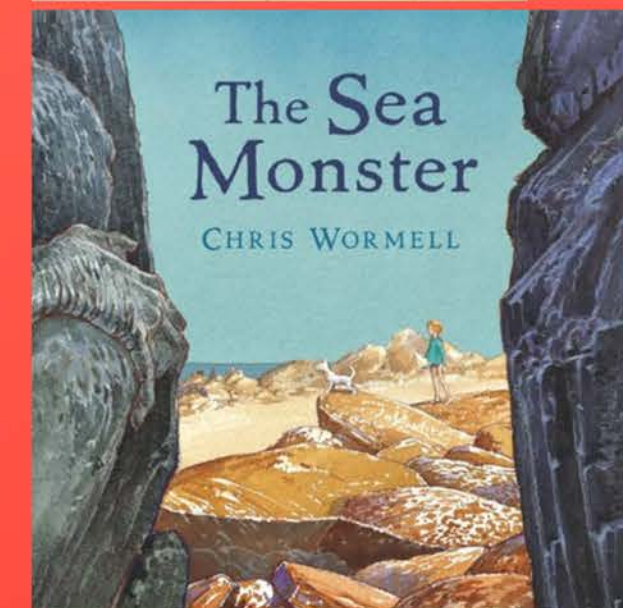
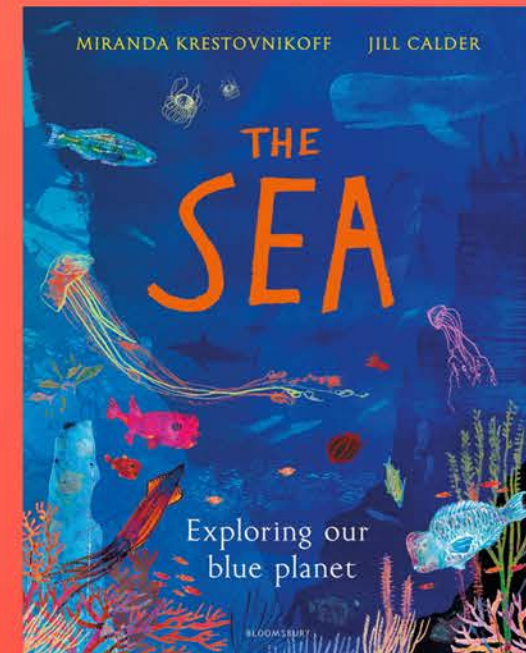
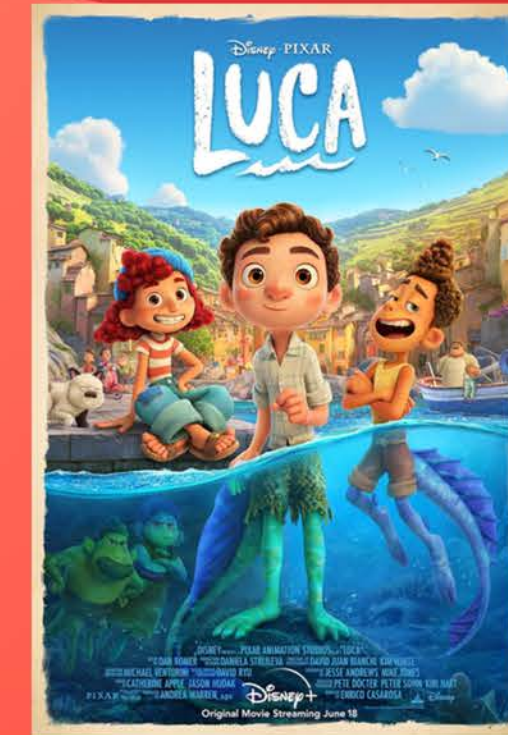
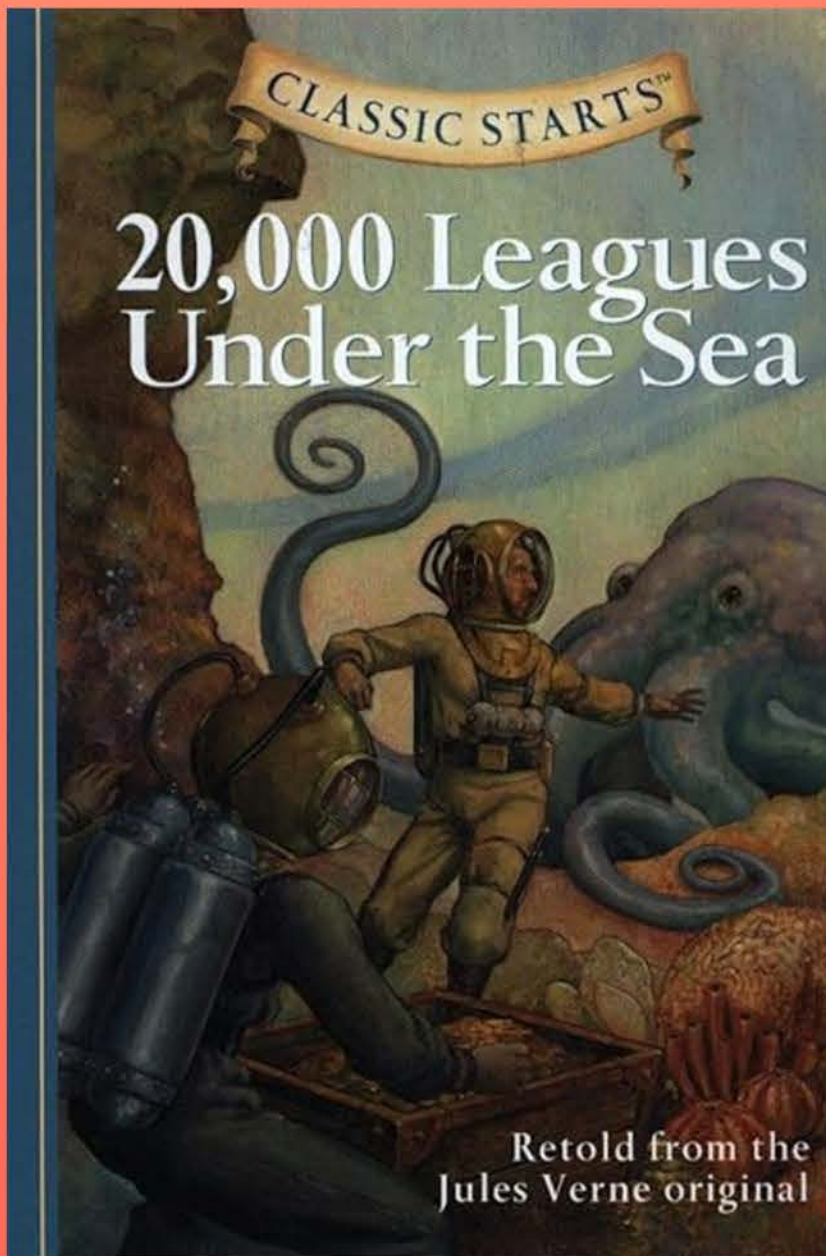
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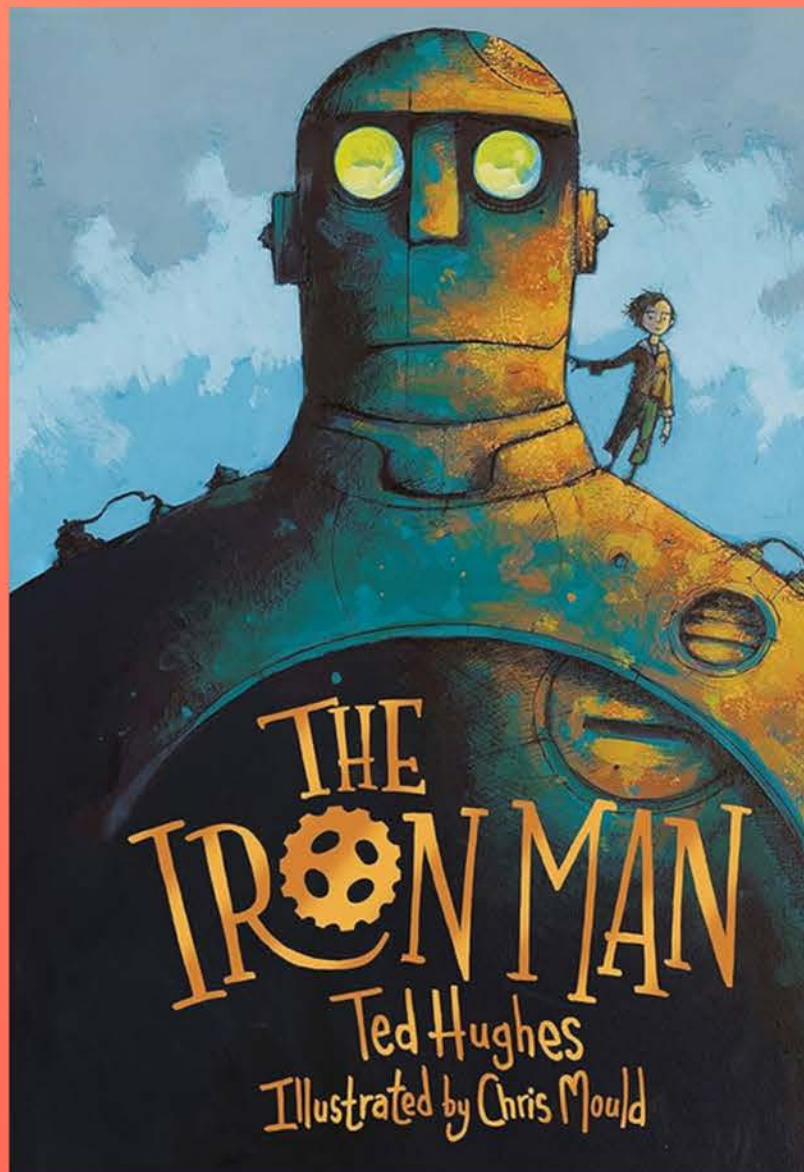


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SPRING 2 – YEAR 3

TOPIC LINK: THE IRON MAN



What's it about?

This classic story follows a giant metal man who mysteriously appears and begins eating farm machinery, causing fear among the people. However, when a huge space creature threatens Earth, the Iron Man proves to be a hero. Through this tale of fear, acceptance, and bravery, the story explores themes of understanding and transformation.

Why now?

The Iron man is a classic tale of overcoming impossible obstacles to make someone feel at home. It encourages tolerance and respect for all living things, as well as the courage to not be a bystander.

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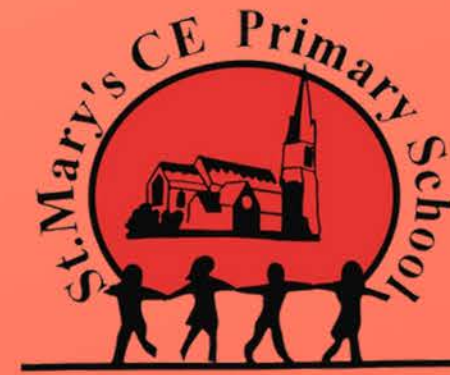
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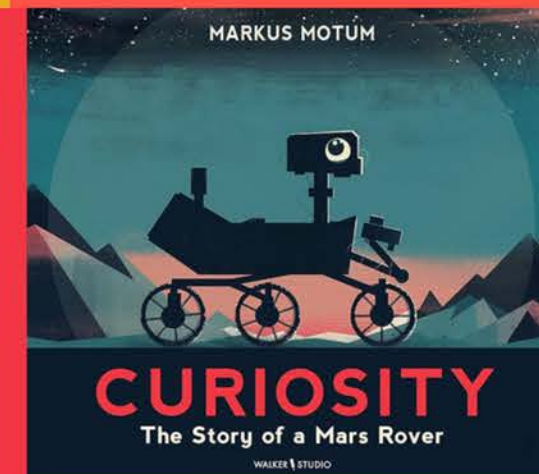
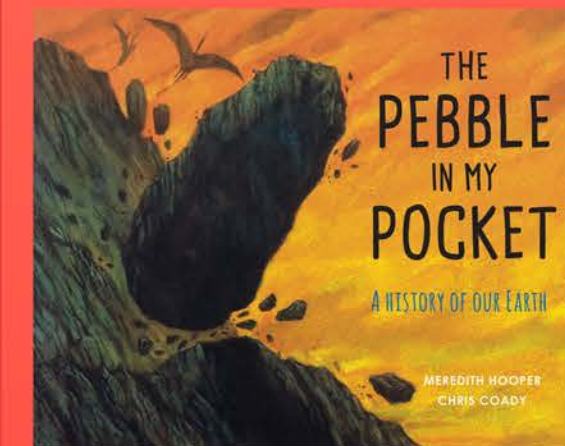
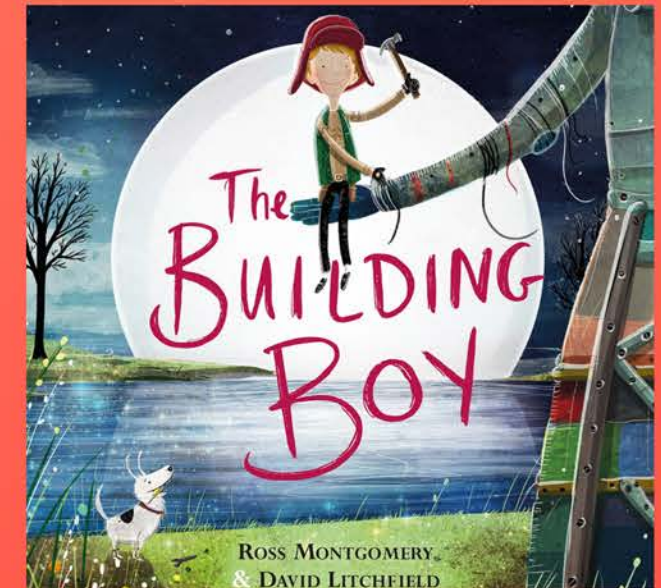
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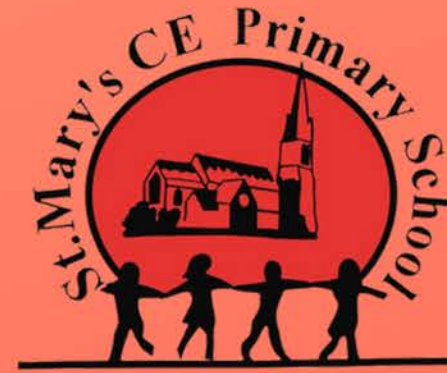


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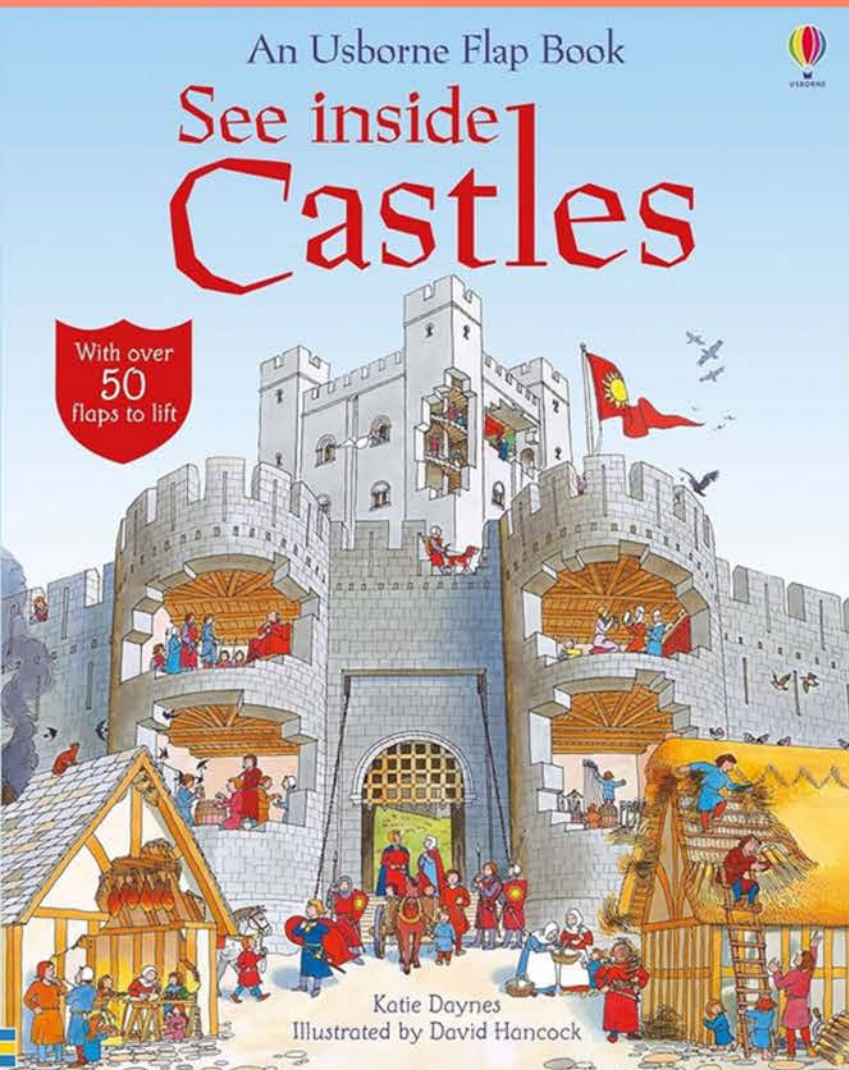


SPRING 2 – YEAR 2

TOPIC LINK: CASTLES



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What's it about?

See Inside Castles is an interactive lift-the-flap book that takes readers on an exciting journey into the world of medieval castles. It explores how castles were built, who lived in them, and how they were defended, bringing history to life with fun facts and engaging illustrations.

Why now?

The Usborne Collection allows children to experience non-fiction in a hands-on way. Year 2 will learn about the perseverance and responsibility necessary to build a mighty fortress.

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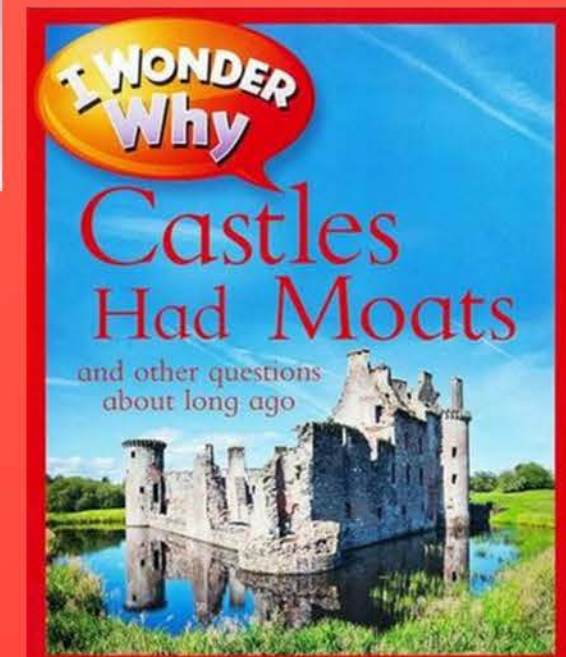
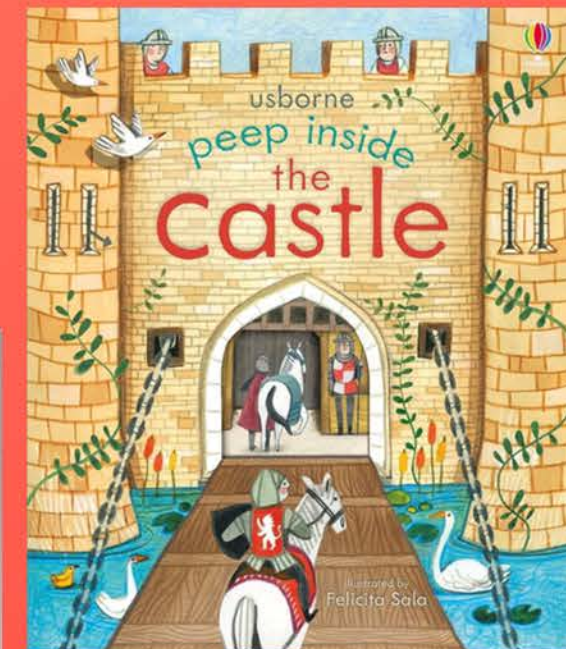
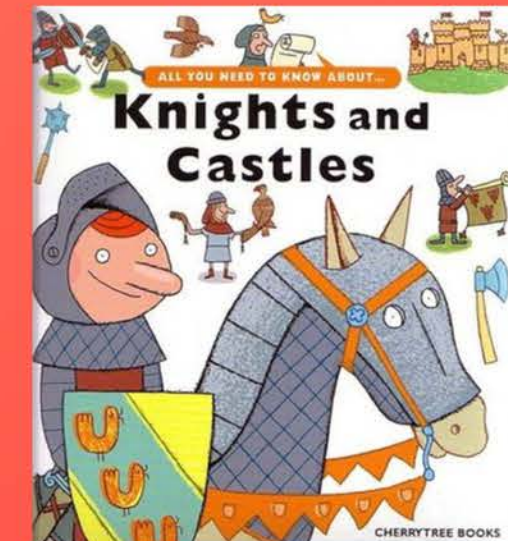
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SPRING 2 – YEAR 1

TOPIC LINK: TOY STORY

What's it about?

Toy Story is a heartwarming tale about Woody, a cowboy doll, who feels threatened when Buzz Lightyear, a flashy new space toy, arrives and becomes Andy's favorite. As they face challenges and adventures together, Woody and Buzz learn the value of friendship and teamwork, realizing they are both important in their own way.

Why now?

The beloved Toy Story teaches children that, despite obstacles and differences, love and respect is always possible. This topic gives children a chance to apply their comprehension skills to a different medium.

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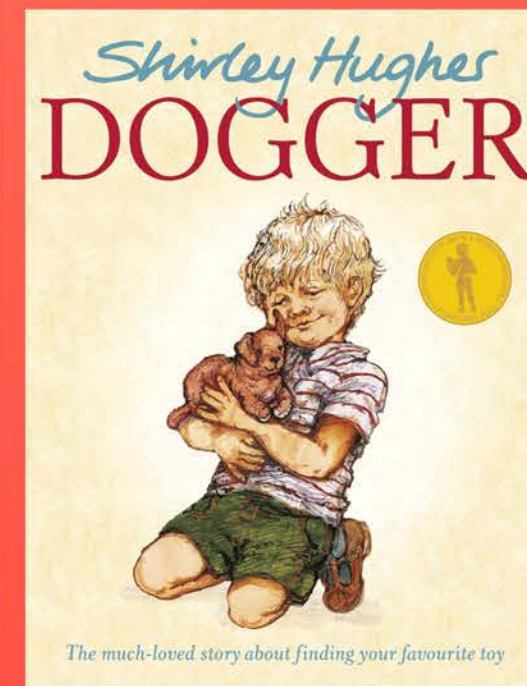
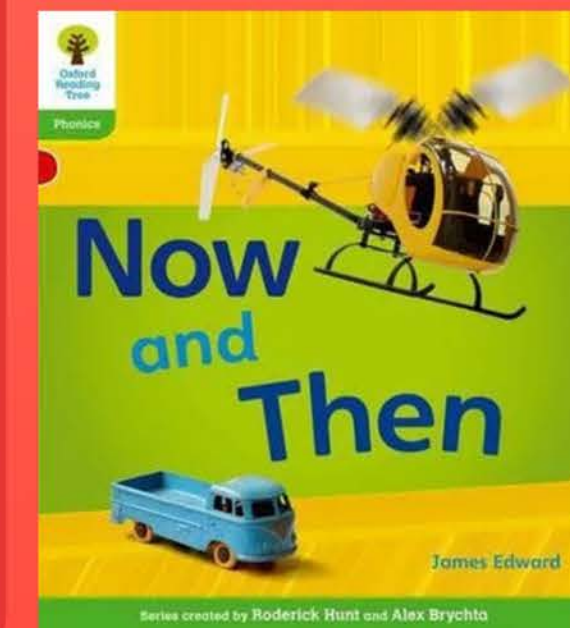
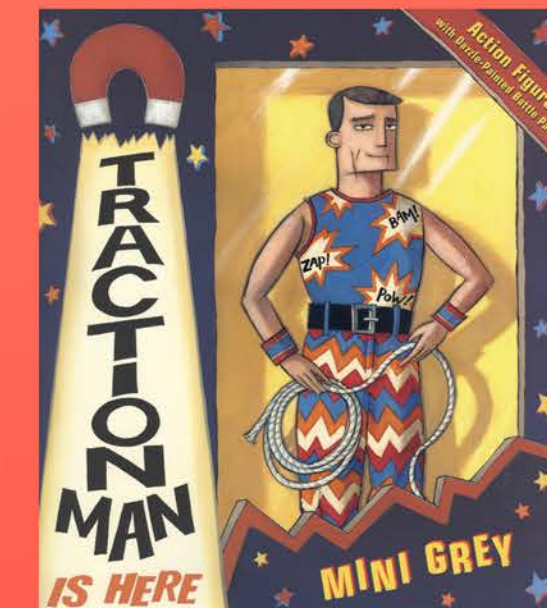
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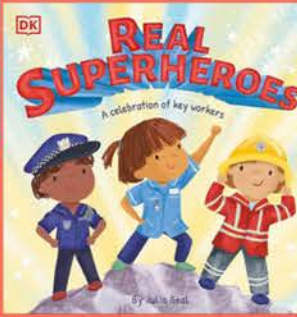


SPRING 2 – RECEPTION

TOPIC LINK: WHO ARE OUR HEROES?

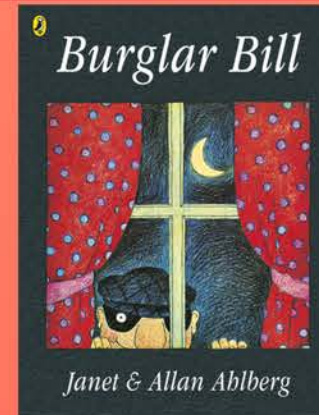


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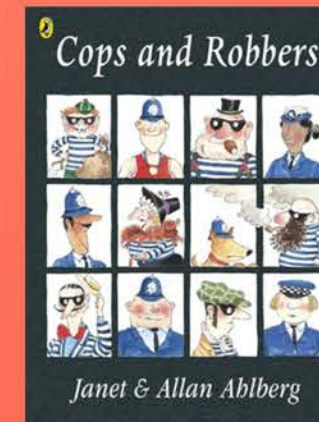
What's it about?

Supertato, a superhero potato, must stop the mischievous Evil Pea from causing chaos in the supermarket. With teamwork and quick thinking, he saves the day in this fun and action-packed story.



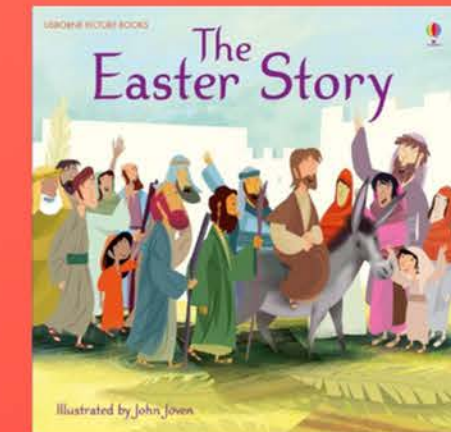
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Burglar Bill, a thief who takes whatever he wants, has his life changed when he accidentally steals a baby! This funny yet meaningful story follows his journey as he learns to do the right thing.



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The robbers of London Town are up to no good, but the brave cops work together to stop them. This rhyming story is full of fun and excitement as good triumphs over bad.



What's it about?

This story tells of Jesus' final days, his crucifixion, and resurrection, sharing the message of hope, sacrifice, and new beginnings.



In Early Years, children are introduced to an array of classic tales and stories that promote roleplay, oracy and creative expression. Each text takes the class through a different element of their topic, which is supported with provision around the classroom.