



Dear Parents,


Aligning to the school Key Priority, Reading, we are going to follow a scheme: Rising Star's Read in to Writing (RitW), a literature-based learning scheme. This comes directly from the purpose of studying English which states, *'Through reading in particular, pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually and socially. Literature, especially, plays a key role in such development. Reading also enables pupils both to acquire knowledge and to build on what they already know.'*

The books being studied in the RitW scheme have been carefully selected **not only to meet the National Curriculum of England Reading and Literature expectations**, but also to give children a breadth of reading experience that includes exploration of themes, philosophical questions, context, the children's own experiences as well as the emotional journey the characters go on in the stories. Thus, RitW helps children to develop in the ways intended from the purpose of study, whilst acquiring knowledge and broadening their vocabulary, using all that they learn to express themselves in writing. In this way, RitW develops children's understanding of themselves, others and the world.

Please have a look at the books that will be read for the academic year 24-25. You may have your child read these books in preparation for the academic year. Most books are available online for your child to read. To promote wider reading a recommended list of additional books that the children can read alongside the story being studied are given.

If you wish to know more about Hodder Education's RitW, you may watch this video:

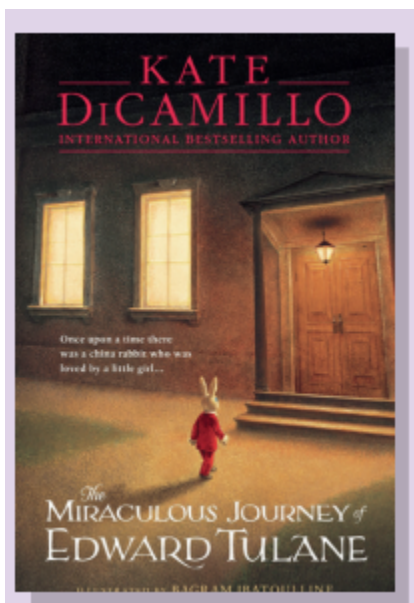
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Year 4 Read in to Writing Book List	
<p>How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell</p> 	<p>Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III is the most useless viking you've ever seen. Not loud enough to make himself heard at dinner with his father, not hard enough to beat his chief rival at Bashyball, and CERTAINLY smart enough to go into a cave full of dragons to find a pet...it's time for Hiccup to learn how to be a Hero.</p>
<p>The Day I Was Erased by Lisa Thompson</p>	<p>The Day I Was Erased follows Maxwell, who is always in trouble until he comes across a cabinet of curiosities and finds himself erased from his life, as if he'd never existed. It's not long before Maxwell starts to miss his old life, and it</p>



becomes clear that he had more of an impact on those around him than he thought – is there a way to reverse what happened to him?

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo



Abilene loves her china rabbit, Edward Tulane, but Edward is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with people, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child...and finally learns what it is to truly love.

Recommended Additional Reading - Related Books for Wider Reading

Dragon Daughter – Liz Flanagan
 Dragonology: the complete book of dragons – Dugald Steer
 Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo
 Other books in the How to Train Your Dragon series – Cressida Cowell
 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids by Hiller and Hiller
 To Be A Cat by Matt Haig
 The Truth Pixie by Matt Haig
 The Adventures of a Chicken by Kate DiCamillo
 The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo



The Mouse and his Child by Russell Hoban
 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
 The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman
Non-fiction related to Roald Amundsen, the Mary Celeste, Amelia Earhart and Louis Le Prince

Year 5 Read in to Writing Book List

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling



The story of the man-cub Mowgli who is raised by wolves in the Indian jungle, guided by his mentors Baloo the bear, Bagheera the black panther and the ancient python Kaa, and who confronts his arch-enemy Shere Khan the tiger. This story is juxtaposed against other animal stories within the British Empire.

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf




Together, some friends at school come up with a daring plan to help Ahmet, a new refugee boy in their class. Told with heart and humour, The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London



The biting cold and the aching silence of the far North become an unforgettable backdrop for Jack London's vivid, rousing, superbly realistic wilderness adventure story featuring the author's unique knowledge of the Yukon and the behaviour of humans and animals



	<p>facing nature at its cruellest.</p>
<p>Recommended Additional Reading - Related Books for Wider Reading</p>	
<p>The Journey by Francesca Sanna I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai Jack London's short stories The Wolves of Currumpaw by William Grill Into the Jungle: Stories for Mowgli by Katherine Rundell Fly, Eagle, Fly!: An African Tale by Christopher Gregorowski Other stories from The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury S is for Space by Ray Bradbury What's it like in Space? By Ariel Waldman</p>	<p>Refugees and Migrants by Ceri Roberts White Fang by Jack London Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell Varjak Paw by S. F. Said The Explorer by Katherine Rundell The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury R is for Rocket by Ray Bradbury The Time Machine by H.G. Wells</p>

<p>Year 6 Read in to Writing Book List</p>	
<p>The Arrival by Shaun Tan (Picture Book)</p>	<p>What drives so many to leave everything behind and journey alone to a mysterious country, a place without family or friends, where everything is nameless, and the future is unknown? This silent graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every refugee, every displaced person, and a tribute to all those who have made the journey.</p>



	
<p>Wonder by R. J. Palacio</p> 	<p>Auggie feels ordinary – inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school – and he's dreading it. Can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?</p>
<p>Extracts from Shakespeare by William Shakespeare *to provide needed language in preparation for KS3.</p>	
<p>Recommended Additional Reading - Related Books for Wider Reading</p>	
<p>What Mr Darwin Saw by Mick Manning Who are Refugees and Migrants? What Makes People Leave their Homes? And Other Big Questions</p>	



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Where every child is special

by Michael Rosen and Annemarie Young
Refugees and Migrants by Ceri Roberts and Hanane Kai
The Island by Armin Greder
The Journey by Francesca Sanna
Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey by Margriet Ruurs and Nizar Ali Badr
Tales from Outer Suburbia by Shaun Tan
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis
The Day War Came by Nicola Davies
The Journey by Francesca Sanna
The Little Prince by Antoine de SaintExupery
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar
Holes by Louis Sachar
Street Child by Berlie Doherty
Matilda by Roald Dahl