

Year 4 Class Reads 2023-2024

Text	Rationale
Me and Mister P	To promote a love of reading. Expose the children to a wider range of vocabulary.
The Boy at the Back of the Class	SMSC and British Values links.
'Twas the Night Before Christmas	Links to Christmas and to poetry. Can be used as a performance piece to establish fluency and comprehension.
Great women who changed the world	Shows a variety of different women and the things they did to shape the world. E.g. Emmeline Pankhurst - links to democracy (Greek topic) and women's right to vote.
Roman Diary by Richard Platt	Fictional work that dramatizes the life of an Ancient Roman child. Furthers love of reading and gives the children another perspective into Roman life.
Theseus and the Minotaur	Links to Greek history topic.
Perseus and Medusa	As above
Twisted Tales Roald Dahl (poetry) Including Red Riding Hood	Great poetry that is fun to read - shows the children different ways to rhyme words (half rhymes, contractions etc).
Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou	SMSC links to being yourself and being brave.
War Poetry	Read this around Nov 11 th to provide cultural relevance.
The Story of Adam and Eve	Links to RE topic of Christianity. Exposes the children to a new genre (very few have read any Bible stories).
Moses and the Basket	As above.
Boudica and the revolt	Ties into our Roman topic in Summer Term
Charlotte's Web	Animals and their habitats, links to SMSC and lifecycle/stages of life.
Lost and Found	Continued themes from English topic. The children have shown genuine interest in reading the sequel during lessons.
Escape from Pompeii	Read around the same time as our Volcanoes topic in Geography.
Eye-witness reports from Titanic	Links to local history topic of canals and the Liverpool waterways.
Extracts from Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist	To demonstrate industrial revolution and link to progress in industry in Liverpool and Warrington.