



Liden Academy

Reading Spine EYFS, KS1 and KS2

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Liden Academy Literacy Spine

Our Literature Spine has been developed so that pupils gain a rich literary knowledge and it will help them access the best of what has been written for children throughout their primary school years. In collating this document, we have ensured pupils are given access to a range of texts which navigate a variety of genres. In addition, texts have been chosen across the range of the five plagues of the developing reader (Reading Reconsidered - Doug Lemov) and to ensure positive representations to celebrate diversity and challenge stereotypes.



EYFS Reading Spine

Text type	Colour coding for name and author.
Classics	Orange
Narrative	Blue
BAME/Diversity	Red
Non - fiction texts.	Black
Reading for Pleasure	Magenta
Poetry	Green

Nursery: Squirrels and Foxes 2-3 year olds

	Term 1:	Term 2:	Term 3:	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6:
Core books	Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes Owl Babies Monkey Puzzle Toddle Waddle Elmer's Day Happy Birthday Dotty!	Night Monkey, Day Monkey Toddle Waddle 123: A First Counting Book Dear Zoo Brown Bear,	I want to show the dentist my teeth What's in the parcel, postman Pat? Snap: A peek-through book of shapes My Presents Celebrations: Dat's New Year	Goodnight Pirate Hooray for Fish! Barry the Fish with Fingers Count with Maisy The Very Hungry Caterpillar Easter Colours The Happy Egg	We're Going on a Bear Hunt The Tiger Who Came to Tea The Lion Inside Sharing a Shell When We Went to the Park Not Now, Bernard We All Went on Safari: A counting Journey Through Tanzania	Stick Man Monkey Puzzle Spinderella What the Ladybird Heard Next What the Ladybird heard at the Seaside
Topic Books.	My hair Peekaboo! A Fun Mirror Game	Three Little Pigs Gingerbread Man The Christmas Story	People Who Help Us: Postman People Who Help Us: Dentist People Who Help Us: Ambulance Crew Usborne First Experiences: Going to the Doctor	The Rainbow Fish Pirates Love Underpants	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Titch	What the Ladybird Heard The Gruffalo

			Supertato Supertato: Veggies Assemble			
Story, Song and Rhyme time:	Head shoulders knees and toes If You're Happy and You Know it The Wheels on the Bus Wind the Bobbin Up Clap Clap Hands Finger Family Songs Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush The Hokey Cokey	This little piggy went to market. Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed Two Little Dickie Birds Hickery Dickery Dock Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Wall Little Jack Horner Little Donkey We Wish You a Merry Christmas Old MacDonald had a Farm.	Brush your teeth Miss Polly Had a Dolly I'm a Superhero How to be a Superhero Zoom, Zoom We're Going to the Moon It's Raining, It's Pouring Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star	Fish alive song I had a Little Turtle The big ship sails on the ally ally oh The Grand Old Duke of York A Sailor went to Sea, Sea, Sea When I was One I Sucked Thumb Row, row, row your boat	Five Currant Buns Five Little Ducks Swimming One Day Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer Five Little Speckled Frogs I Hear Thunder Little Miss Muffet Incy Wincy Spider	The Gruffalo song Down in the Jungle Hickety, Pickety My Red Hen Row, row Ten Fat Sausages Sizzling in a Pan Ten in the Bed

Nursery Bumblebees 3-4 year olds

	Term 1:	Term 2:	Term 3	Term 4:	Term 5	Term 6:
Core books.	<p>There is a boy just like me</p> <p>The Dinosaur that pooped Halloween</p> <p>The Giraffe who likes farting a lot. (Need to order)</p> <p>It's ok to be different.</p> <p>Don't Touch my hair (need to order)</p> <p>Fill a bucket</p> <p>Usborne books all about families, feelings and friends books.</p>	<p>The Dinosaur that pooped Christmas Stinky sprouts.</p> <p>Dipal's Diwali</p> <p>Granny got a sprout stuck (to order)</p> <p>There's an elf in your book</p> <p>The Christmasaurus</p>	<p>A superhero like you</p> <p>When we grow up</p> <p>Real superhero's</p> <p>Busy people: Police officer, doctor, vet, firefighter.</p> <p>My healthy teeth</p> <p>Supertato</p>	<p>The Dinosaur that pooped a pirate</p> <p>The little mermaid</p> <p>Also an octopus</p> <p>Pirate Pete and his Parrot</p> <p>Tickly Octopus</p> <p>We're going on a treasure hunt</p>	<p>The tiny seed</p> <p>When I was a child (need to order)</p> <p>Sam plants a sunflower</p>	<p>Spinderella (need to order)</p> <p>Sharing a shell (need to order)</p> <p>The baddies (need to order)</p> <p>I don't want to go to school</p> <p>The invisible string</p>
Topic Books.	<p>Owl babies</p> <p>Colour Monster</p> <p>Our Class is a family</p>	<p>Goldilocks and the three bears</p> <p>Little Red riding hood.</p>	<p>My mummy is a firefighter</p> <p>My Daddy is a Nurse</p> <p>Topsy and Tim Visit the dentist.</p>	<p>Commotion in the ocean</p> <p>Ten Little Pirates</p> <p>Pirates love underpants</p>	<p>The Enormous Turnip</p> <p>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</p> <p>Oliver's Vegetables.)</p>	<p>Gruffalo's Child</p> <p>Stick Man</p> <p>Room on the Broom.</p> <p>The Colour Monster goes to school.</p>

		The Jolly Christmas Postman				
Story, Song and Rhyme time:	<p>Nursery Rhyme tree within the provision for children to explore.</p> <p>Poems out loud</p> <p>Focus nursery rhymes: Head shoulders knees and toes</p> <p>f your happy and you know it clap your hands</p> <p>I'm glad I'm me.</p>	<p>Nursery Rhyme tree within the provision for children to explore.</p> <p>Poems out loud</p> <p>Focus nursery rhymes: Little donkey</p> <p>Holy Jolly Christmas</p> <p>Jack and Jill Jingle bells</p>	<p>Nursery Rhyme tree within the provision for children to explore.</p> <p>Poems out loud</p> <p>Focus nursery rhymes: 10 little firefighters</p> <p>5 cheeky monkeys jumping on the bed.</p> <p>Mrs Polly had a dolly</p>	<p>Nursery Rhyme tree within the provision for children to explore.</p> <p>Poems out loud</p> <p>Focus nursery rhymes: 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive</p> <p>Row row row your boat</p>	<p>Nursery Rhyme tree within the provision for children to explore.</p> <p>Poems out loud</p> <p>Focus nursery rhymes Mary Mary</p> <p>5 little men in a flying saucer</p> <p>Im a little flower pot.</p>	<p>Nursery Rhyme tree within the provision for children to explore.</p> <p>Poems out loud</p> <p>Focus nursery rhymes: We went to the animal fair</p> <p>Im ready to go now</p>

Reception

	Term 1 All About Me	Term 2 Through an Autumn Wood to a Winter Wonderland.	Term 3 Superheroes/People who help us	Term 4 Are Eggs Alive?	Term 5 Traditional Tales	Term 6 Our World
Core Books/ Talk Through Stories	Elmer A little bit brave Ravi's Roar Hugless Douglas Monkey Puzzle Missing Richmond	One Snowy Night Owl Babies Stickman Winnie The Witch The Gruffalo Bunny loves to learn	'Six Dinner Sid Supertato Zog The Giant Jam Sandwich 5 Min Peace Can't you sleep little Bear	Handa's Hen Click Clack Hen Sonja's Chickens Dora's Chicks On the way home Click Clack Moo	Little red Riding Hood The Ugly Duckling Jack and the beanstalk Geko's Echo My monster and me Slow Sampson	Billy's Bucket Aliens Love underpants Michael Recycle meets litter bug Doug Anna Hibiscus' Song The Lion inside
Topic books	Rainbow Fish Oliver's Vegetables Senses – Non-Fiction Where in the world are we? - Atlas	Diwali – Rama and Sita Guy Fawkes - History Seasons Jolly Postman Jolly Christmas Postman Nativity Story	Week 1 – Police Week 2 – Fire services Week 3 – Nurses and Doctors Week 4 - Dentists Week 5 – Chinese new Year Week 6 – Vet	What is a farm? – Trip to Roves Farm as introduction. Recount of Farm trip, eggs arrive – photograph and observe changes. Life cycle of Chicks Dora's Eggs Lifecycle of the frog Easter story	Three Little Pigs The Enormous Turnip Three Billy Goats Gruff	Super Worm Minibeasts/Habitats Michael Recycle

Poetry Song and Rhyme time:	A first Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan	A first Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan	A first Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan	A first Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan	A first Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan	A first Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan
	The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems	The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems	The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems	The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems	The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems	The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems
	Edited by June Crebbin	Edited by June Crebbin	Edited by June Crebbin	Edited by June Crebbin	Edited by June Crebbin	Edited by June Crebbin
	Selection of Poems to be chosen each week	Selection of Poems to be chosen each week	Selection of Poems to be chosen each week	Selection of Poems to be chosen each week	Selection of Poems to be chosen each week	Selection of Poems to be chosen each week

Year 1

Year 1	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Topic	Fossil Hunters	Then and Now	Space, Travel and Earth	Oh wonderful World! (weather)	Our school	London
Core texts and genres for writing	RWI writing		Grandad's Island (narrative/ letter writing) The way back home – Oliver Jeffers (narrative – adventure)	Season (non fiction) Wombat goes Walkabout (narrative - cultural)	Toys from the past (non fiction report) Pinocchio (narrative – traditional tale) When I am By Myself by Eloise Greenfield (poem)	The queen's hat (narrative) Song of the sea (Irish myth)
Core book study text for whole class reading	-Lost and Found - Cops and Robbers - Perfectly Norman - The dinosaur Lady - Tidy - There's a snake in my school	- Dogger - Laura's Christmas star - The Christmas pine -Room on the Broom - Where the wild things are - Ruby's Worry	- Smeds and the Smoos - The squirrels who squabbled . - Wonkey donkey - The owl who was afraid of the dark - Mog the forgetful cat - How to be a Viking	- After the fall - The scarecrows wedding - Billy and the beast - The Invisible - Cottonwool Colin	- There's a tiger in my Garden - The slightly annoying elephant - The worrysaurus - Burglar Bill - Billy and the Dragon - The extraordinary Gardner	- You can't take an elephant on the bus - Paddington at the palace - Kind - I'm in charge - Tiddler - The bear and the piano - Farmer Duck
Short comprehension texts						Tower of London (non fiction information text)
Linked texts and recommendations						

Year 2

Year 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Topic	Kings and Queens	Let's explore the world	People that changed the world	Liden	Memory box/pirates	Whitby (coastline)
Core texts and genres for writing	How to be a good learner (Instructions – non fiction) George and the dragon (narrative)	Meerkat Christmas (letter writing)	The owl that's afraid of the dark (narrative) Muhammed Ali (biography)	The Bog Baby – Jeane Willis (narrative – non linear time sequence) How to catch a monster (instructions – non-fiction)	Pirates (non fiction – non chronological report) Peter pan (Narrative - archaic)	The crow's tale (narrative – Myth/Legend) Visit to the beach (Recount/historical)
Core book study text for whole class reading	Queen Elizabeth jubilee book The very smart pea and princess to be (narrative – complexity of the narrator)	The day the crayons quit (narrative – complexity of the narrator) The owl and the pussycat (poetry- archaic/	Fantastic Mr Fox (narrative complexity of the author)	Magic faraway tree arachic Scissors – Allen Ahlberg (poetry – complexity of the plot) Ning nang nong Spike Milligan Resistant text	The colour monster – Anna Lienas (narrative – resistant text) The Worst witch	Meerkat mail (narrative – postcards) Georges Marvellous Medicine
Short comprehension texts	Castle facts (information text - non fiction) Memorable monarchs (information text - non fiction) Imperial crown (non fiction – spider diagram) Queen Elizabeth II	Christmas Naughty or nice (poetry) Christmas letter sorting machine (non fiction – spider diagram)	Explorers and activists Rosa parks (non-fiction biography) Greta Thunberg (non-fiction biography)	Traditional tales from around the world The Jackal and the lion (narrative – The first sunrise (narrative – legend)	Pirate Fact or fiction (non fiction– bullet point layout) Captain Blackbeard (non-fiction information text) Ghost Ship	Victorian seaside (non fiction – information text) Fossil Finder (non-fiction biography) What can you do at the seaside?

	(information text - non fiction)	Stuck in the chimney (narrative)	Exploring the atlantic (non-fiction – information text) Ibn Bhattua (non-fiction biography)	The beautiful turtle (narrative – traditional tale)	(narrative)	(non fiction – information text)
Linked texts and recommendations	The BFG (narrative)	The enchanted wood (narrative – archaic)	The book with no pictures		The magic faraway tree (narrative – archaic)	

Year 3

Year 3	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Topic	Stone Age	Greeks	Romans	Volcanoes and Earthquakes	The World	Rivers
Core texts and genres for writing	Stone Age Boy (Narrative – fantasy) How to wash a woolly mammoth (Non-fiction – instructions)	Theseus and the Minotaur (Narrative – Greek Myth) Autumn is Here (Poem)	Skeleton Muscles (Non-fiction – Non-chronological Report) Secret of Black Rock (Fiction – Folk Tale)	Escape from Pompeii (Fiction - Historical fiction) Mount Vesuvius (Non-fiction - Newspaper)	Biography (Royal Family) Star in the Jar (Fiction – Fantasy)	Rubbish in Rivers (Non-fiction – Letter) Recount – trip
Core book study text for whole class reading	Stolen speak (Adventure)	Demon Dentist (Comedy, spooky) 2023-2024 Cloud Busting (Resistant Text)	Catch a Little Rhyme (poem, complexity of plot/ symbol) Revolting Rhymes – Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk (poem, complexity of plot/ symbol)	The Firework Maker's Daughter (Non-linear time sequence)	The World According to Humphrey (Complexity of the Narrator)	There is a Bear Called Paddington (Archaic)
Short comprehension texts	Eiffel Tower (Non-fiction, information)	Friction (Non-fiction, information) Unheard of Beasts (Non-fiction, information)	Romulus and Remus (fiction – myth) Food and Drink (Non-fiction, non-chronological report)	Tremors (Fiction – narrative) Wave (Letter)	Around the World (Fiction - narrative) Mythical Countries (Non-fiction – information text)	Black Pearl's Cove (Narrative – warning story) British Coastline (Non-fiction, information)
Linked texts and recommendations						

Year 4

Year 4	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Topic	Egypt	America and the World	Ancient Greece	The Saxons	1066!	Mountains and Rivers
Core texts and genres for writing	The Lost thing – Shaun Tan (narrative – fantasy) Invite an author (non fiction – persuasive writing)	Journey – Daniel Miyares (narrative – adventure) The creature (N/F newspaper report)	Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp – Phillip Pullman (Traditional tale) Still I Rise – Maya Angelou (poetry)	The Iron Man - Ted Hughes (narrative – science fiction) The Journal of Ilona – A young slave (Non fiction – diary entry)	Farther – Graeme Baker Smith (narrative – science fiction) The Plague (play script)	Float – Daniel Miyares (narrative – adventure) Nikola Tesla (Non fiction – Biography)
Core book study text for whole class reading	The fisherman and his wife (folk tale/archaic) Velveteen rabbit – Margery Williams (archaic text)	Revolting rhymes – Roald Dahl (poetry) The tunnel – Anthony Browne (complexity of the plot/symbolic)	The Witches – Roald Dahl (complexity of the narrator)	Fortunately, The Milk – Neil Gaiman (non linear time sequence)	How the camel got his hump – Rudyard Kipling (archaic/myth) Mysteries of Harris Burdick – Chris Van Allsburg (resistant text)	The boy at the back of the Class (PSHE/acceptance)
Short comprehension texts	Gods (non fiction) Important animals (non fiction - information) Mummifying a tomato On a mission (narrative)	A letter home (informal letter) The raven and the crow (narrative)	Famous Ancient Greeks (information text) The Troy Plot (newspaper report)	Theft of a hammer (narrative) Vikings in Britain (information text)	Icarus (non fiction – myth) Inside the hive (play script)	Female Mountaineers (information text) Three peaks challenge (information text)
Linked texts and recommendations						

Year 5

Year 5	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Topic	The Tudors	Space	Ancient China	Rainforest	Medieval times	Farming
Core texts and genres for writing	Life of Mr Morris (narrative – short film)	Biography on space explorer Cosmic – Frank Cottrell Boyce (narrative – science fiction)	Non chronological report Balanced argument	David Attenborough (biography) King Charles III (persuasive letter)	Newspaper report One small Step (narrative – film)	The Highwayman (poetry) The explorer – Katherine Rundell (narrative - adventure)
Core book study text for whole class reading	Beetle Boy - M. G Leonard (Narrative – Mystery)	Beetle Boy - M. G Leonard (Narrative – Mystery)	Wonder - R. J. Palacio (narrative – PSHE - complexity of the narrator)	The Tyger – William Blake (resistant text/complexity of the narrator) Street Child – Berlie Doherty (Narrative – historical fiction)	Divers daughter – Patrice Lawrence (narrative – historical fiction/diversity)	Robin Hood (archaic)
Short comprehension texts	n./a extended book unit	The Moon - information text The ISS - information text Dragon Roars into Space - SpaceX - newspaper text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Was Life Like? - information - retrieval focus • The Beginning of China - information - retrieval focus • Lasting Impact - information - vocabulary focus 		The Plague (vipers): The Plague Doctor, The Black Death (Information Texts) Deaths on the Rise (Newspaper Report) Diary of Death (diary entry)	(Climate change – Vipers) Weather And Climate Change The Rain of Life Thunderbolts And Lightening

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Timeline - information - summary focus• Fun Facts - information - vocabulary focus			
Linked texts and recommendations						

Year 6

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Topic	Frozen Kingdoms	Bloodheart	Revolution!	Hola Mexico	Darwin's Delights	Britain at War
Core texts and genres for writing	Greta Thunberg- No One is too small to make a difference- Persuasive writing (speech)	Where the Poppies Now Grow- Hilary Robinson Hansel & Gretl- Neil Gaiman.	Portal stories- various short story authors. Narrative Monsters- Non-fiction Information text	A Monster Calls- Patrick Ness	Goldilocks- Write Stuff Unit	Letter of Complaint- Leaflets and Letters. Moderation writing- based upon gaps needed-
Core book study text for whole class reading	Wolf Wilder- Katherine Rundell- Adventure	Flanders Fields- Poem John McCrae Pig Heart Boy- Mallory Blackman.	Pig Heart Boy- Mallory Blackman	A Monster Calls- Patrick Ness- Narrative	Skellig- David Almond (NEW)	Goodnight Mr. Tom- Michelle Magoriam
Short comprehension texts	The Mirror- Science Fiction Narrative Counting- Narrative Eco awareness An introduction- Information text The apple- Narrative- Science Fiction A world of Influence- Information Text	Heart Parts- Information Text Journey of a red blood cell- Narrative The Heart in history- Information text	Crocs vs Aligators- Information Text Snakes Alive- information text. A shift in Space- Portal story- Narrative The Boy on the canal- Narrative	Test Base revision questions	Darwin's origins and adaptations and play script Adaptations of the fox- information text Great inventions- information text.	A Fairy Gruesome Murder- Play A Fairy Gruesome Murder- Newspaper A Fairy Gruesome Murder- Diary A Fairy Gruesome Murder- Police Statement- monologue