

St Paul's Bookstring Overview 2021

At the St Paul's we work to make sure that pupils have all the knowledge and understanding they need to become lifelong readers and writers - we believe that this begins with making sure children have access to great books.

The use of high quality books within the reading curriculum is at the heart of our school's successful approach to engage and support children to become motivated and independent readers. If children enjoy reading, they read more frequently and become better readers.

Our Class Bookstring list is a selection of carefully chosen strong age related texts for teachers to use when they are developing collections for their classrooms. The books are chosen because they support children learning to read and in their journeys towards becoming mature, independent readers. They are a collection of books from a wide and diverse range of authors, illustrators, genres and forms and support children's reading enjoyment by being able to recommend, capture interests and passions and take children on a journey from learning to read to accessing a wide breadth of literature and also reading for information.

In each class, six Bookstring texts are chosen each term and displayed/made available in the reading area. The children are encouraged to read and enjoy these texts over the term to ensure they are accessing their high quality and this is monitored by the class teacher.

Nursery

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| Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? | Bill Martin Jnr |
| Where's Spot? | Eric Hill |
| Dear Zoo | Rod Campbell |
| The Very Hungry Caterpillar | Eric Carle |
| Dogger | Shirley Hughes |
| Each Peach Pear Plum | Allen and Janet Ahlberg |
| Elmer | David McKee |
| Giraffe's Can't Dance | Giles Andreae |
| Oliver's Vegetables | Vivian French |
| Peace at Last | Jill Murphy |
| Rainbow Fish | Marcus Pfister |
| The Duck and the Truck | Jez Alborough |
| The Tiger Who Came to Tea | Jill Tomlinson |
| The Gruffalo | Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler |
| The Tiny Seed | Eric Carle |
| Oh No George | Chris Haughton |
| We're Going on a Bear Hunt | Helen Oxenbury |
| Handa's Surprise | Eileen Browne |
| The Train Ride | June Crebbin |
| Rosie's Walk | Pat and Laurence Hutchins |
| Dear Zoo | Rod Campbell |

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| Nursery Rhymes | |
| Twinkle twinkle | Baa Baa Black Sheep |
| Little Miss Muffet | Dingle Dangle Scarecrow |
| Horsey Horsey | Head Shoulder Knees and Toes |
| Humpty Dumpty | Hickory Dickory Dock |
| Miss Polly | I'm a Little Teapot |
| Doctor Foster | Incy Wincy Spider |
| Ring a Ring of Roses | There's a Worm at the Bottom of my Garden |

Reception

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| The Little Red Hen | Byron Barton |
| The Very Hungry Caterpillar | Eric Carle |
| Various books by.. | Eric Carle |
| Owl Babies | Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson |
| Farmer Duck | Martin Waddell |
| Not Now Bernard | David McKee |
| The Tiger Who Came to Tea | Jill Tomlinson |
| We're Going on a Bear Hunt | Helen Oxenbury |
| Handa's Surprise | Eileen Browne |
| The Rainbow Fish | Marcus Pfister |
| Oi! Get off our Train | John Burningham |
| Oi! Frog! and Oi! Dog! | John Burningham |
| How to Catch a Star | Oliver Jeffers |
| A Greta Big Cuddle | Michael Rosen |
| Mr Big | Ed Vere |
| Aliens Love Underpants | Claire Freedman |
| Hey Water! | Antoinette Portis |

Year 1

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| The Cat in the Hat | Dr Seuss |
| The Tiger Who Came to Tea | Judith Kerr |
| Hairy Maclary | Lynley Dodd |
| The Large Family Collection | Jill Murphy |
| Charlie and Lola | Lauren Child |
| The Smartest Giant in Town | Julia Donaldson |
| The Gruffalo's Child | Julia Donaldson |
| The Gigantic Turnip | Aleksei Tolstoy |
| The Whisperer | Nick Butterworth |
| Mrs Armitage on Wheels | Quentin Blake |
| The Trouble with Jack | Shirley Hughes |
| My Friend Bear | Jez Alborough |
| Avocado Baby | John Burningham |
| A Bear Called Paddington | Michael Bond |
| Funnybones | Allan Ahlberg |
| The Hodgeheg | Dick King-Smith |
| The Jolly Postman | Allan Ahlberg |
| Mister Magnolia | Quentin Blake |
| Katie Morag Series | Mairi Hedderwick |
| Frog and Toad are Friends | Arnold Lobel |
| The Princess and the Pea | Minnie Grey |

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| Amazing Grace | Mary Hoffman |
| Don't Forget the Bacon | Pat Hutchins |
| Emperor of Absurdia | Chris Riddell |
| The True Story of the Three Little Pigs | Jon Scieszka |
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| Collins Primary Dictionary | |
| Children's First Encyclopaedia | |
| Children's Atlas | |
| Topic Books, eg Old Toys, Homes in the Past | |
| Traditional Nursery Rhymes | |
| Traditional Fairy Stories | |

Year 2

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| The Cat Who Lost His Purr | Michelle Coxon |
| Frightened Fred | Peta Coplans |
| Friends | Kim Lewis |
| Mog Stories | Judith Kerr |
| Mr Wolf's Pancakes | Jan Fearnley |
| Frog is Frog | Max Velthuijjs |
| Cat and Mouse Story | Michael Rosen |
| The Snow Lady | Shirley Hughes |
| Grace and Family | Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch |
| The Adventures of Captain Underpants | Dav Pilkey |
| The Diary of a Killer Cat | Anne Fine |
| Little Wolf's Book of Badness | Ian Whybrow |
| The Magic Finger | Roald Dahl |
| Mrs Wobble the Waitress | Allan Alhberg |
| Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind | Jeremy Strong |
| George's Marvellous Medicine | Roald Dahl |
| The Giraffe, Pelly and Me | Roald Dahl |
| The Guard Dog | Dick King-Smith |
| Emily's Legs | Dick King-Smith |
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| Children's Illustrated Dictionary | |
| Usborne Books: | |
| The First Encyclopaedia of Science | |
| The First Encyclopaedia of the Human Body | |
| The First Encyclopaedia of Animals | |
| The First Encyclopaedia of Seas and Oceans | |
| The Children's World Atlas (internet linked) | |
| Pocket Science Books | |
| Watt's Great Events Books: | |
| The Great Fire of London | |
| Gun Powder Plot | |
| Battle of Hastings | |
| Coronation of Elizabeth II | |
| Watt's Famous People Series: | |
| Florence Nightingale | |
| Louis Braille | |
| George Stephenson | |
| Thomas Edison | |

Year 3

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| Cool | Michael Morpurgo |
| The Butterfly Lion | Michael Morpurgo |
| Kensuke's Kingdom | Michael Morpurgo |
| Billy the Kid | Michael Morpurgo |
| The Twits | Roald Dahl |
| Charlie and Chocolate Factory | Roald Dahl |
| Matilda | Roald Dahl |
| Danny The Champion of the World | Roald Dahl |
| James and the Giant Peach | Roald Dahl |
| Fantastic Mr Fox | Roald Dahl |
| The BFG | Roald Dahl |
| The Sheep Pig | Dick King-Smith |
| Bill's New Frock | Anne Fine |
| The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog | Jeremy Strong |
| Return of the Hundred Mile an Hour Dog | Jeremy Strong |
| The Naughtiest Girl in the School | Enid Blyton |
| Secret Seven series | Enid Blyton |
| Famous Five series | Enid Blyton |
| Animal Ark series | Lucy Daniels |
| Horrid Henry series | Francesca Henry's |
| Charlotte's Web | E B White |
| Flat Stanley | Jeff Brown |
| Fungus the Bogeyman | Raymond Briggs |
| Mystery Winklesea | Helen Cresswell |
| The Indian in the Cupboard | Lynne Reid Banks |
| Mr Majeika | Humphrey Carpenter |
| Please Mrs Butler | Allan Ahlberg |
| The Sam Pig Story Book | Alison Uttley |
| Railway Cat | Phyllis Arkle |
| Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone | J K Rowling |

Year 4

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| A Caribbean Dozen | John Agard & Grace Nicholls |
| Alice's Adventures in Wonderland | Lewis Carroll |
| Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters | John Steptoe |
| Beowulf | Kevin Crossley-Holland |
| The Firework-Maker's Daughter | Philip Pullman |
| The Dragon's Child | Jenny Nimmo |
| The Ghost Blades | Anthony Masters |
| Sara, Plain and Tall | Patricia MacLachlan |
| Smart Girls | Robert Leeson |
| Brother Eagle, Sister Sky | Susan Jeffers & Chief Seattle |
| Robi Dobi | Madhur Jaffrey |
| The Reluctant Dragon | Kenneth Grahame |
| Flow | Pippa Goodhart |
| Dragon Poems | John Foster & Korky Paul |
| The Crazy Shoe Shuffle | Gillian Cross |
| The Sea Piper | Helen Cresswell |
| The Chocolate Touch | Patrick Skene Catling |
| Spacebaby | Henrietta Branford |

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| Gregory Cool | Caroline Binch |
| A Pot of Gold | Jill Bennett |
| Fog Hounds Wind Cat Sea Mice | Joan Aiken |
| The Clothes Horse | Allan Ahlberg |
| It Was A Dark and Stormy Night | Allan Ahlberg |
| The Dancing Bear | Michael Morpurgo |
| The Demon Headmaster | Gillian Cross |
| Dog So Small | Phillipa Pearce |
| Emil and the Detectives | Erich Kastner |
| The Iron Man | Ted Hughes |
| The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe | C S Lewis |
| Little House on the Prairie | Laura Ingalls Wilder |
| Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh | Robert C O'Brien |
| Stig of the Dump | Clive King |
| Swallows and Amazons | Arthur Ransome |
| A Child's Garden of Verse | Robert Louis Stevenson |
| Greek Myths for Young Children | Marcia Williams |
| The Orchard Book of Creation Stories | Margaret Mayo & Louise Brierley |

Year 5

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| Water Wings | Morris Gleitzman |
| Blabbermouth | Morris Gleitzman |
| Belly Flop | Morris Gleitzman |
| The Diddakoi | Rumer Godden |
| Stormbreaker | Anthony Horowitz |
| Walter and Me | Michael Morpurgo |
| Friend or Foe | Michael Morpurgo |
| Mister Monday | Garth Nix |
| Aquila | Andrew Norris |
| Harry and the Wrinklies | Alan Temperley |
| The Story of Tracy Beaker | Jacqueline Wilson |
| Double Act | Jacqueline Wilson |
| Northern Lights | Philip Pullman |
| A Christmas Carol | Charles Dickens |
| Dragon Rider | Cornelia Funke |
| Journey To Jo'burg | Beverly Naidoo |
| Journey to the River Sea | Eva Ibbotson |
| The Owl Service | Alan Garner |
| Pig Heart Boy | Malorie Blackman |
| Tom's Midnight Garden | Phillipa Pearce |
| Watership Down | Richard Adams |
| The Wizard of Earthsea | Ursula K Le Guin |
| Wolves of Willoughby Chase | Joan Aiken |
| Where the Red Fern Grows | Wilson Rawls |
| Little Women | Louisa May Alcott |
| The Secret Garden | Frances Hodgson-Burnett |
| Artemis Fowl | Eoin Colfer |
| The Wind in the Willows | Kenneth Grahame |
| Anne of Green Gables | L M Montgomery |
| Black Beauty | Anna Sewell |
| Holes | Louis Sachar |
| There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom | Louis Sachar |
| Vicky Angel | Jacqueline Wilson |

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| The Other Side of Truth | Beverley Naidoo |
| Harry Potter series | J K Rowling |

Year 6

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| Carrie's War | Nina Bawden |
| When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit | Judith Kerr |
| Forgotten Voices of the Second World War | Max Arthur |
| The Diamond of Drury Lane | Julia Golding |
| Framed | Frank Cottrell Boyce |
| Homecoming | Cynthia Voigt |
| Noughts and Crosses | Malorie Blackman |
| Knife Edge | Malorie Blackman |
| Private Peaceful | Michael Morpurgo |
| The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾ | Sue Townsend |
| Treasure Island | Robert Louis Stevenson |
| Mortal Engines | Philip Reeve |
| Clockwork | Philip Pullman |
| Dragon Keeper | Carole Wilkinson |
| The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time | Mark Haddon |
| Peter Pan | J M Barrie |
| Wizard of Oz | F Baum |
| Robinson Crusoe | Daniel Defoe |
| Oliver Twist | Charles Dickens |
| Jungle Book | Rudyard Kipling |
| The Railway Children | E Nesbit |
| The Borrowers | M Norton |
| The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn | Mark Twain |
| Alex Rider series | Anthony Horowitz |
| My Story series | Various authors |
| Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl | Ed. Otto H Frank |
| Boy Overboard | Morris Gleitzman |
| Sabriel | Garth Nix |