What books do we read at Newtown?

Excellence in Learning for Excellence in Life



Reading Matters to the Children and Staff at Newtown

We want children to:

- Read at a high standard and make good progress.
- Have the skills and attitude to be motivated readers who read frequently and for pleasure.
- Read books that make them laugh, cry and everything in between - we want reading to engage with children's emotions.
- Experience stories as a way of understanding life - we want reading to develop children's personal development and citizenship skills.
- Have the confidence to read in front of their peers.
- Have respect and understanding when they listen to others read or speak.
- Be read to in school, just how we would want to be read to as a child.

This is an ambitious list.

To achieve these ambitions, we have a comprehensive approach to reading in place.

This includes:

- Daily reading lessons for every child in every year group.
- Using the Read Write Inc. reading scheme to teach phonics and early reading skills from the first week that children start school in reception. You can find out about how we teach phonics and early reading in the 'Phonics and Early Reading' section of our website.
- Consistent and progressive reading strategies being taught to all children as they progress through the school.
- Placing reading at the centre of our approach to planning the curriculum.
- Enhancing the learning of reading skills by also teaching oracy - ensuring children can speak skilfully, confidently and purposefully about what they read.
- Using high quality and carefully chosen fiction and non-fiction books to give children a rich, purposeful and engaging understanding of the curriculum, whilst also providing significant opportunities for personal development.
- A well-used and well-loved approach to rewarding good attitudes to independent reading and reading for pleasure; 'The One Hundred Club'.

The books children read at Newtown play a vital part within the curriculum. Through our reading curriculum children experience a variety of books written by established and new authors each year. Within each year group there are also specific books that are studied in more depth. Below you will find a list of these books.

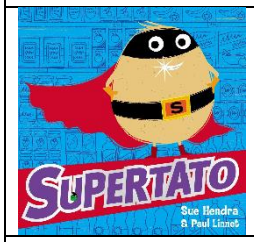
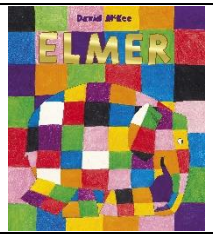
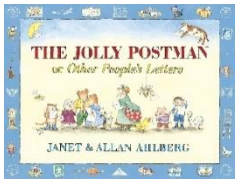
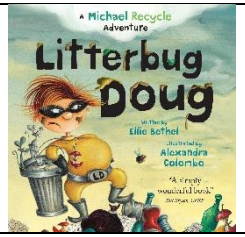
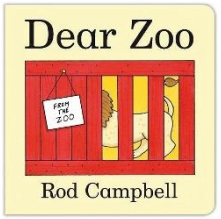
Careful thought has been given to these book choices. We chose books based on how they fit with the different curriculum themes and how they support the children's personal development and citizenship skills. Book choices sometimes change depending on the experiences of the children in each class.

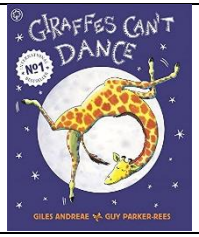
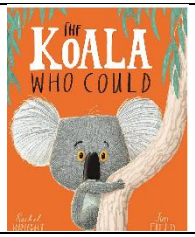
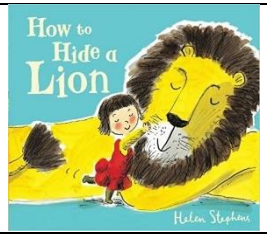
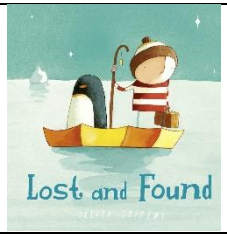
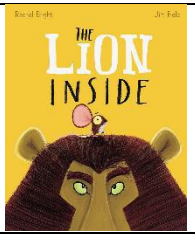
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Books for young children are generally much shorter than those for older children. Because of this the children in Reception and Year One will read many books. The books on this page give a good sample range of the books the children read.

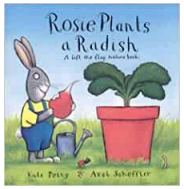
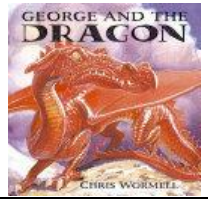
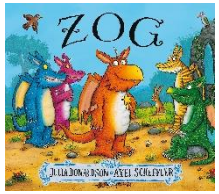
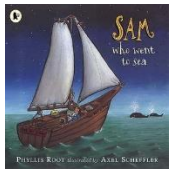
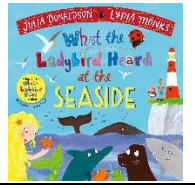
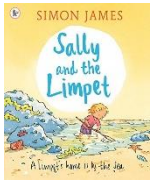
Some of the themes that books support children with include:

- How we can be confident and brave,
- What it means to be a good friend,
- Taking care of each other,
- Sharing and playing successfully together,
- Celebrating our differences,
- Looking after our planet,
- Loving yourself for who you are.

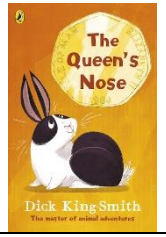
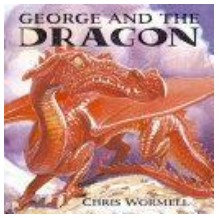
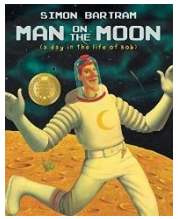
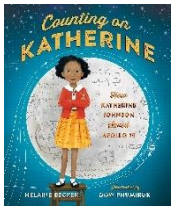
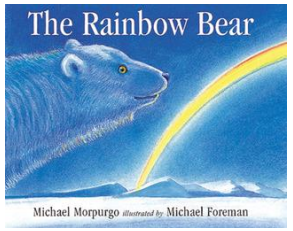
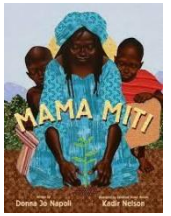
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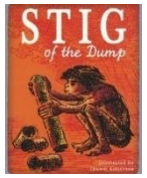
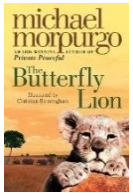
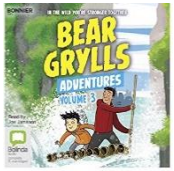
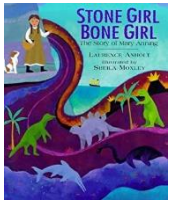
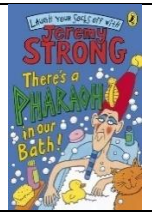
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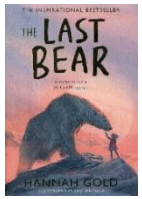
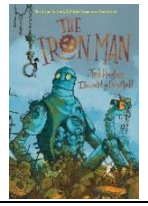
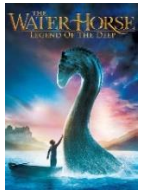
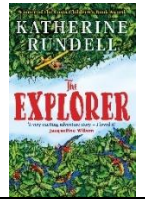
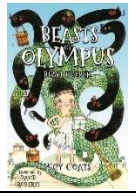
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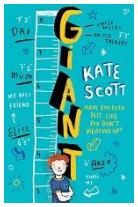
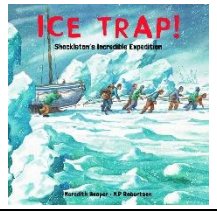
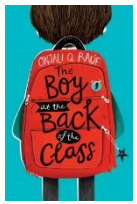
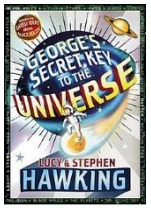
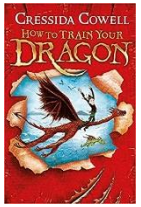
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Kate Petty	Chris Wormell	By Julia Donaldson	Phyllis Root	Julia Donaldson	Simon James
This book is about:	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**
Planting and growing seeds.	A dragon who is secretly scared of mice.	An accident-prone dragon at dragon school.	Sam who builds a boat even though others think he is silly.	A ladybird stops thieves from stealing a mermaid's hair.	Sally finds a limpet who does not want to let go!
Children also learn about:	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**
the world around us.	Respecting peoples' feelings.	Challenging stereotypes and ambitions.	Having adventures and respecting peoples' feelings.	Recognising right and wrong.	Recognising right and wrong and looking after the natural world.

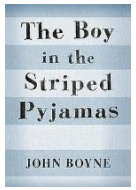
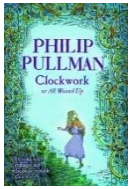
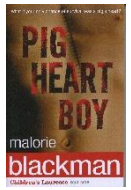
Year 2

The Queen's Nose	Rosie Revere - Engineer	Man on the Moon	Counting on Katherine	Rainbow Bear	Mama Miti
					
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Dick King-Smith	Andrea Betty	Simon Bartram	Helaine Becker	Michael Morpurgo	Donna Jo Napoli
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A girl called harmony who loves animals.	A girl who loves making inventions.	Bob works on the moon. He thinks aliens do not exist…	The story of Katherine Johnson a NASA Engineer.	A bear who wants to change who he is.	A true story about a Kenyan woman who helps women improve their lives.
Children also learn about:	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**
Understanding what a moral is and knowing right from wrong.	Perseverance and challenging stereotypes.	Imagination	Prejudice and racism.	Being happy because of who you are. Empathy and the treatment of animals.	The opportunities that men and women have are not always the same.

Year 3					
Stig of the Dump	**Butterfly Lion**	**Earthquake Challenge**	**Greta and the Giants**	**Stone Girl Bone Girl**	**There's a Pharaoh in our Bath**
					
Author	**Author**	**Author**	**Author**	**Author**	**Author**
Clive King	Michael Morpurgo	Bear Grylls	Zoe Tucker	Laurence Anholt	Jeremy Strong
This book is about:	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**
A boy who discovers a Stone Age friend.	A boy who finds a lion cub.	Surviving an earthquake.	A girl who is stopping 'giants' from destroying the Earth.	Mary Anning's fossil discoveries.	Life in Ancient Egypt.
Children also learn about:	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**
Friendship and how we communicate with each other.	Friendship and what it means to care for people or animals that may be vulnerable.	Empathy and how challenging it is to live where natural disasters happen.	Climate change, Greta Thunberg and standing up for your beliefs.	The role of women in scientific endeavour. Stereotypes.	How wealth can make a difference to peoples' lives.

Year 4					
The Last Bear	**The Iron Man**	**The Water Horse**	**The Explorer**	**Beasts of Olympus**	
					
Author	**Author**	**Author**	**Author**	**Author**	
Hannah Gold	Ted Hughes	Dick King-Smith	Katherine Rendall	Lucy Coates	
This book is about:	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	**This book is about:**	
A girl who befriends and injured polar bear.	A giant robot is trapped and captured but then helps the people who trapped him.	A family who look after a mysterious water horse.	A group of children crash in the Amazon. They have to survive…	Set in a magical Ancient Greece where strange things still walk the Earth.	
Children also learn about:	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	
Empathy for animals and climate change.	Why it is wrong to judge people on their looks.	Fear of difference and how this leads to prejudice.	Friendship and environmental protection..	Empathy and imagination.	

Year 5					
Giant	**Wreck of the Zanzibar**	**Ice Trap**	**The Boy at the Back of the Class**	**George's Secret Key To the Universe**	**How to Train Your Dragon**
					
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Kate Scott	Michael Morpurgo	Meredith Hooper	Onjali Q Rauf	Lucy and Stephen Hawking	Cressida Cowell
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Anzo is an eleven year old boy who feels he does not fit in with his family	Laura, whose greatest ambition is to row in a gig. But she is not allowed…	Ernest Shackleton's journey to Antarctica.	A boy who moves to England from Syria because of the conflict there.	Georgie and his Annie travel through a portal into space.	Hiccup, who is a young Viking looking for acceptance.
Children also learn about:	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**
Being proud of who you are, knowing your strengths and knowing you are valued.	Equality, achieving your ambitions, perseverance and positivity.	Teamwork, succeeding against the odds and fulfilling ambitions.	Friendship, bullying and how people have to leave their homes because of conflict.	Self-belief and protecting the environment.	Determination, knowing your own mind and dealing with bullies.

Year 6					
The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas	**Clockwork**	**Survivor**	**Kensuke's Kingdom**	**Pig Heart Boy**	
					
Author	**Author**	**Author**	**Author**	**Author**	
John Boyne	Philip Pullman	Jim Eldridge	Michael Morpurgo	Malorie Blackman	
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Set in WW2 it is the story of an unlikely friendship between Bruno and Shmuel.	Karl a clockmaker, a clock figure, and a mysterious storyteller.	The story of a young boy fleeing Pompeii as Mount Vesuvius erupts.	Michael, a young boy, who sets off on the adventure of a lifetime with his parents.	Cameron has a heart condition. But he has the opportunity of a transplant.	
Children also learn about:	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	**Children also learn about:**	
Friendship, tolerance, prejudice and the Holocaust.	Imagination, not talking short cuts and friendship.	Determination, the will to survive and friendship.	Trust, the environment, how people's experiences can affect them.	Bravery, friendship, forgiveness, and intolerance.	