

EYFS

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Theydon Bois Primary School

Book Title	Author	Theme	Cross-curricular links
While We Can't Hug	Eoin McLaughlin	Showing affection. Friendships	Managing feelings and behaviour. Making relationships.
The Worrysaurus	Rachel Bright	Not letting worries consume you	Managing feelings and behaviour. Self-confidence and self-awareness.
I Don't Want to Wash My Hands!	Tony Ross	Germs and handwashing	Health and self-care
It's Impossible!	Tracey Corderoy	Following your dreams. Positive attitude. Perseverance.	Managing feelings and behaviour. Being imaginative. Self-confidence.
Augustus and His Smile	Catherine Rayner	Wonder. Finding happiness.	The World. Managing feelings and behaviour.
Joy	Corrinne Averiss	Empathy. Maintaining relationships. Wonder.	Managing feelings and behaviour. People and communities. The World.
So Much	Trish Cooke	BAME characters Extended families	People and communities. Making relationships. Self-awareness and confidence.
Each Peach Pear Plum	Allan and Janet Ahlberg	Rhyme and rhythm. Detail in pictures.	Listening and attention. Understanding.
Maisie's Scrapbook	Samuel North	BAME character. Multicultural families. Seasons.	The world. Making relationships.

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Izzy Gizmo	Pip Jones	BAME main character, Inventors Perseverance Female engineers	STEM
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr	Sharing Spending time with your family	History – gender roles
If All the World Were...	Joseph Coelho	Loss of a grandparent	PSHE
Meerkat Mail	Emily Gravett	Importance of family and keeping in touch	Habitats English – postcards/ letters
Fantastically Great Women Who Worked Wonders	Kate Pankhurst	Aspirations Careers Perseverance	History – famous women in history
Dogger	Shirley Hughes	Family, support, loss	History of toys
Would You Rather?	John Burningham	Imagination – Making decisions	Debating/discussion skills
Ruby's Worry	Tom Percival	BAME main character. Dealing with anxiety	PSHE
One Day, So Many Ways	Laura Hall	Celebrating different cultures	Geography – similarities and differences across over 40 countries

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Traction Man Is Here	Mini Grey	Adventure - Imagination - Superheroes	Science – material properties, art and design
Gregory Cool	Caroline Binch	BAME main character. Learning about cultures	Geography – Caribbean, PSHE – fitting in
The Way Back Home	Oliver Jeffers	Loneliness. Friendship and kindness	Instruction writing, designing a plane
A Planet Full of Plastic: and how you can help	Neal Layton	Environmental issues	PSHE/science – awareness of the world and how we can make a difference
Badger's Parting Gifts	Susan Varley	Death and loss. Memories of people who are gone	PSHE
My Monster and Me	Nadiya Hussain	Dealing with anxiety	PSHE
Do Not Lick This Book	Idan Ben-Barak	Adventures - Microbes, germs	PSHE, science
What If Everybody Did That?	Ellen Javernick	Following rules. How behaviour affects others	PSHE, debating skills
Look Up!	Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola	Impact of screen time. Sibling relationships	Science - space

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The Boy Who Grew Dragons	Andy Shepherd	Relationships. Trust, respect. Caring for plants.	PSHE, Science - plants
Fly, Eagle, Fly! An African Tale	Christopher Gregorowski	BAME characters. Aspirations Reaching potential	Geography - Ghana West Africa
The Sandman and the Turtles	Michael Morpurgo	Fantasy - Adventure	Science - animals
You Wait Till I'm Older Than You! (Puffin Poetry)	Michael Rosen	Humorous poetry	English – poetry writing
Stone Age Bone Age!	Mick Manning	Stone age adventure	History – Stone Age
No Longer Alone	Joseph Coelho	Loss of a parent - Dealing with worry and anxiety	PSHE, figurative language
The Last Wolf	Mini Grey	Loss of woodland Alternative fairytale	Science - habitats, deforestation
The Naughtiest Unicorn	Pip Bird	BAME main character. Humour. Friendship	PSHE
The Pebble in My Pocket:	Meredith Hooper	The journey of a pebble	Science – rock formation, erosion, volcanoes and evolution

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Cookie! (Book 1)	Konnie Huq	BAME main characters. Friendship. Disappointment	Geography - Bangladesh
I Don't Like Poetry	Joshua Seigal	Humorous poetry	English - poetry
The Story of Tutankhamun	Patricia Cleveland-Peck	The troubles he faced as a young king	History – Ancient Egyptians
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo	Growing up in Africa. Being separated	Geography – Africa Science – animals and habitats
The Roman Quests: Escape from Rome	Caroline Lawrence	Danger Adventure Escape	History – Ancient Rome, slavery and immigration
How To Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell	Dragons, Vikings Adventure	History - Vikings
Survivors	David Long	Real-life stories of extreme survival	History – links to Shackleton PSHE – determination to survive
The Accidental Prime Minister	Tom McLaughlin	Standing up for things you believe in	Discussion around British Values and rule of law
Accidental Trouble Magnet	Zanib Mian	Moving house. Moving school. Making new friends	PSHE – bullying RE – Eid

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Boy at the back of the class	Onjali Rauf	Tolerance. Friendship. Kindness	PSHE and history - refugees, Syria, conflict
Survivor: Titanic	Stephen Davies	1st hand experience of a boy aboard the Titanic	History - Titanic
Cosmic	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Space travel. Sacrifices	Science - space
The Tunnels Below	Below Nadine Wild-Palmer	Magic, adventure, escape, BAME character.	Geography – London and the Underground
The Goldfish Boy	Lisa Thompson	Friendship - Loneliness, ocd, detective story	PSHE
Cogheart	Peter Bunzl	Action, adventure, loss of a parent	History – Victorians
Boy in the Tower	Polly Ho-Yen	Parent dealing with depression/ agoraphobia	PSHE
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sachar	Bravery, acceptance	PSHE
Floodland	Marcus Sedgwick	Courage, determination, climate change	Geography – global warming

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A Galaxy of Her Own	Libby Jackson	Aspirations	Science - space, STEM jobs
No Ballet Shoes in Syria	Catherine Bruton	BAME characters, other cultures, seeking asylum	History - conflicts
Wild Animals of the North	Dieter Braun	Descriptions of different animals	Science – animals and habitats
The Girl Who Stole an Elephant	Nizrana Farook	BAME character, adventure, determination	Geography - rural Sri Lanka
All The Things That Could Go Wrong	Stewart Foster	Bullying, OCD, losing a brother	PSHE – bullying
High-Rise Mystery	Sharna Jackson	BAME characters, child friendly murder mystery	Geography – set in London
The Jamie Drake Equation	Christopher Edge	Father - son relationship. Space.	Science - space
Snowglobe	Amy Wilson	Magical worlds, family	PSHE – being different
Overheard in a Tower Block: Poems	Joseph Coelho	Narrative poetry, bullying, parents breaking up	English - metaphors and similes