

## Reading Spine and Reading Canon Year 3-6

At King's Academy Gomer, our **Reading Spine** is designed to offer pupils a rich and varied literary experience. This curated selection of books, known as our **literary canon**, features works that are recognised as essential for study. By carefully choosing texts from a diverse range of authors and genres, we aim to ensure that our students receive a **broad and balanced reading diet**.

Our spine includes both modern and heritage texts, representing different text types and perspectives. Importantly, we've selected authors from **diverse backgrounds**, allowing our students to explore stories that reflect a wide range of cultures and experiences. This thoughtful mix supports not only reading fluency but also nurtures a love for literature, critical thinking, and cultural understanding across all age groups.

### In summary:

- A **reading spine** is a structured guide aimed at developing reading skills and fluency.
- A **reading canon** refers to a selection of works that are considered culturally and academically important for deeper study.

Year 3		
Whole texts	Authors	Exposed to extracts from
WTWTA Daisy and the trouble with life The Butterfly Lion Stone Age Boy The Iron Man The Wild Robot The Creakers Leon and The Place in Inbetween	Maurice Sendak Kes Gray Clive Owen J.K Rowling Micheal Morpurgo Ted Hughes Peter Brown Philip Pullman Roald Dahl C.S Lewis Angela McAllister Tom Fletcher	Stig of the Dump The Fire-work Maker's Daughter Howard Carter's diaries Harry Potter Charlie and The Chocolate Factory Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe

Year 4		
Whole texts	Authors	Exposed to extracts from
Swallows and Amazons	Arthur Ransome	Romans on the Rampage

<p>The Secret Garden  Alex Rider Point Blanc  How to Train Your Dragon  Dear March and The Snake  The Secret Sword  Mousehole Cat  When the Mountains Roared</p>	<p>Francis Hodgson Burnett  Anthony Horowitz  Cressida Cowell  Emily Dickinson  Micheal Morpurgo  Antonia Barber  Jeremy Strong  Jess Butterworth</p>	<p>Currently under consideration</p>
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Year 5		
Whole texts	Authors	Exposed to extracts from
<p>The Explorer  The Last Bear  Percy Jackson and the Lighting Thief  Who Let the Gods Out  Lori and Max  The Highland Falcon Thief  The Dream Team: Jaz Santos vs. the World</p>	<p>Katherine Rundell  Hannah Gold  Rick Riordan  Maz Evans  Catherine O’Flynn  M.G Leonard &amp; Sam Sedgman  Daniel Defoe  Wiliam Golding  Eva Ibbotson  Priscilla Mante</p>	<p>Robinson Crusoe  Lord of the Flies  Journey to the River Sea  Beowulf</p>

Year 6		
Whole texts	Authors	Exposed to extracts from
<p>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas  When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit  Hunger Games Legend  Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children  Tales of Terror from the Black Ship  Pig Heart Boy</p>	<p>John Boyne  Judith Kerr  Suzanne Collins  Marie Lui  Ransom Riggs  Chris Priestly  J.M. Barrie  William Lubber  Zlata Filipovic  Alexandra Bullen  Cressida Cowell  David Farr  Michelle Harrison  A.J Hartley  Struan Murry  Mallory Blackman</p>	<p>Peter Pan  Treasure Island  Pirateology  Anne Frank Diary  Zlata’s diary  Wishful Thinking  The Wizards of Once  The Book of Stolen Dreams  A Pinch of Magic  Monsters in the Mirror  Orphans of the Tide</p>