



# South Failsworth Primary School

Inspiring and Creating Lifelong Learners

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Dear families,

Here at South Failsworth we are passionate about learning and ensuring our children get the best possible education they can. We regularly review our curriculum to ensure it is fit for purpose, broad and balanced and well resourced.

Reading is the single most important skill we can teach our children and we are also committed to inspiring children to read widely and develop a love of reading.

The most recent guidance (July 2023) from the Department for Education reinforces that message: *"Reading is fundamental to education. Proficiency in reading, writing and spoken language is vital for pupils' success. Through these, they develop communication skills for education and for working with others: in school, in training and at work."*

The reading framework goes on to outline the importance of children being exposed to a wide range of books and authors whilst at school.

With this in mind, we have reviewed and expanded our reading curriculum. Each year group has its own book spine, which has a range of high quality texts that we will share with children. The spine is organised into themes of core texts, wider curriculum texts, texts to develop character, poetry and other books to be read aloud to the class. We also plan to build in books which recap prior learning from previous year groups and class favourites from previous years too.

Here are a couple of examples from Year 1 and Year 5:

Year Group	World theme	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
Year 1	Personal Development Theme Texts to develop character	Where in the World – North America Inspirational people	World Events – World War II Different but same (protected characteristics)	World Heroes – The Ancient Greeks Children around the world (cultural diversity)	Sow, grow & farm World of Work	The Wild World – Amazon Adventure Eco/environmental issues	The Natural World – Early civilisations Well-being
Year 5	Read aloud	The Story of Barack Obama by Tonya Lee Lockett Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank	Journey by Aaron Becker	Jobs by Andrea Beaty	Incredible Jobs You've Probably Never Heard Of by Natalie Laban	Braveest Warrior by Anita Ganeri	You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed
Year 1	Poetry	Peace at Last by Jill Murphy Out and About: A First Book of Poems by Shirley Hughes	Grand Tour of Systems - Venn-Pocock Letters From The Lighthouse by Emma Carroll	Mythopedia: An Encyclopedia of Mythical Beasts and Their Magical Tales by Anna Claybourne	Making With States Of Matter by Anna Claybourne	Spin To Survive – Deadly Angle by Emily Hearn & It Friesen	Early Islamic Civilisation – Explore! by Ian Powell
Year 5	Enrichment	National Non-Fiction November 7.11.24 Hook-a-book and Book Battleships Sept 24	Children's Mental Health Week 6.2.24 – 12.2.24 World Book Day 7.3.24 WORLD BOOK DAY Visit to Local Library	World Day for Cultural Diversity 21.5.24 Summer Reading Challenge July 24	States Of Matter by Anna Claybourne	States Of Matter by Anna Claybourne	Islamic Civilisation by Ian Powell

Ensuring pupils have access to new and rich literature is a costly task. You may well be aware that schools are currently facing significant challenges with funding and budgets. In order to deliver the reading curriculum that our children require, we need two copies of each book so that each class has its own copy. We already have a significant number of the books required, but not all. So, the staff have put together a wish list of the books that they need. There is an Amazon wish list for each year group, and a general school one for books that we can share in assemblies etc.

We are also conscious that our children also need a wider range of books that they can read themselves and to facilitate this, we will be relaunching 'Bug club' online when the children return to school.

If you would like to, and are able to support the school and our children, please buy one (or more!) of the books from our Amazon wish lists:

South Failsworth: <https://amzn.eu/6bBFvCz>

Nursery: <https://amzn.eu/gSOQOyf>

Reception: <https://amzn.eu/9Wmuuq9>

Year 1: <https://amzn.eu/3VXkAYX>

Year 2: <https://amzn.eu/7gc47JA>

Year 3: <https://amzn.eu/3Pkqu37>

Year 4: <https://amzn.eu/4A1vQ4e>

Year 5: <https://amzn.eu/2ML33xg>

Year 6: <https://amzn.eu/1C3BJSy>



You can choose to have the book(s) delivered to your own address or directly to school. Don't forget to write a gift message so we know who our books are from!

Thank you in advance for your help with this project. Feel free to share the wish lists far and wide!

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