

Hadley Wood Primary School's
Literature Spine

The mix of picture and chapter books in Year 2 have been selected because they are in line with the five types of texts that children should have access to in order to successfully navigate reading with confidence. These are complex beyond a lexical level and demand more from the reader than other types of books.

Autumn 1

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



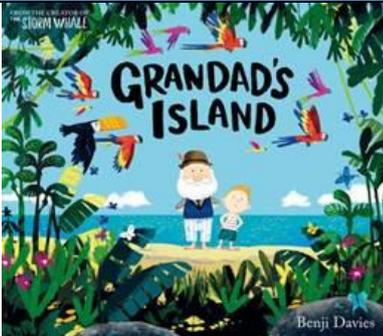
STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

Where the Wild Things Are

Maurice Sendak

One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind and another, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and sends him to bed without his supper. That night, a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are.

Autumn 2

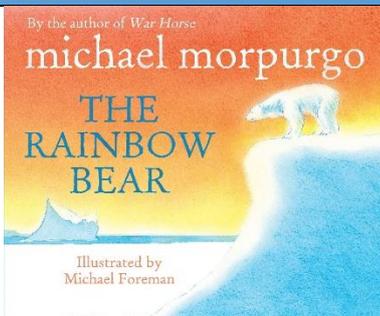


Grandad's Island

Benji Davies

When Syd and Grandad go through the door in the attic, they find themselves on a sailing ship. They sail to an island covered with jungle. They explore, have fun and make friends with all the animals. It's the most perfect place, but Syd knows it will soon be time to go home. Grandad is having such a good time though, that he decides to stay. Syd will miss Grandad very much and has to steer the ship home all by himself. A subtle story about love and loss enhanced by delightful illustrations.

Spring 1

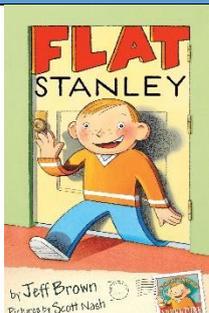


The Rainbow Bear

Michael Morpurgo

This is the story of a polar bear who dreams of exchanging his snowy white coat for new fur that is as colourful as the rainbow he sees in the sky one day. The bear's conspicuous new appearance leads him to be captured and exhibited in a zoo. This engaging and thought-provoking story is coupled with beautiful illustrations, making it a popular choice with KS1 and lower KS2.

Spring 2

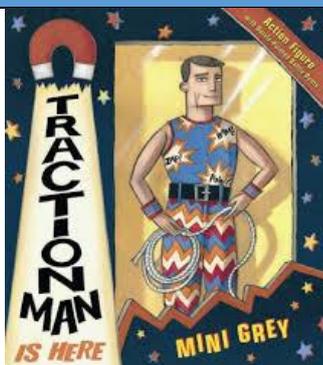


Flat Stanley

Jeff Brown

Meet Stanley Lambchop, the ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. He's been four feet tall, about a foot wide but only half an inch thick ever since a big noticeboard fell on him and flattens him out. But Stanley has all sorts of adventures, from being rolled up, sent in the post and even flown like a kite.

Summer 1

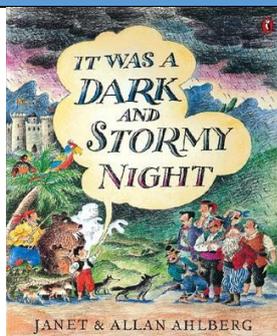


Traction Man

Mini Grey

Traction Man has an important job to do and an action outfit for every mission. He's an action man with a difference: his quest is to save endangered spoons, fend off the vacuum monster and evil pillows, dive for wrecks in the sink and rescue damsels in distress in the garden. All with the help of his loyal pet, the brave little scrubbing brush. This playful, quirky story is a fantastic feat of the imagination that is bound to excite young readers.

Summer 2



It Was a Dark and Stormy Night

Janet and Allan Ahlberg

A small boy who has been kidnapped by brigands, passes a dark and stormy night in their cave weaving for them incredible stories of their own exploits. Through the stories he solves his own problem and manages to escape.