# Nursery Authors, Poets and Stories

In Nursery we focus on the authors Nick Butterworth, Martin Waddell and Rod Campbell. We will also look at books related to our half term theme or focus. Alongside this we will have five books throughout the year that we will read over and over again to help foster and develop a love of reading.

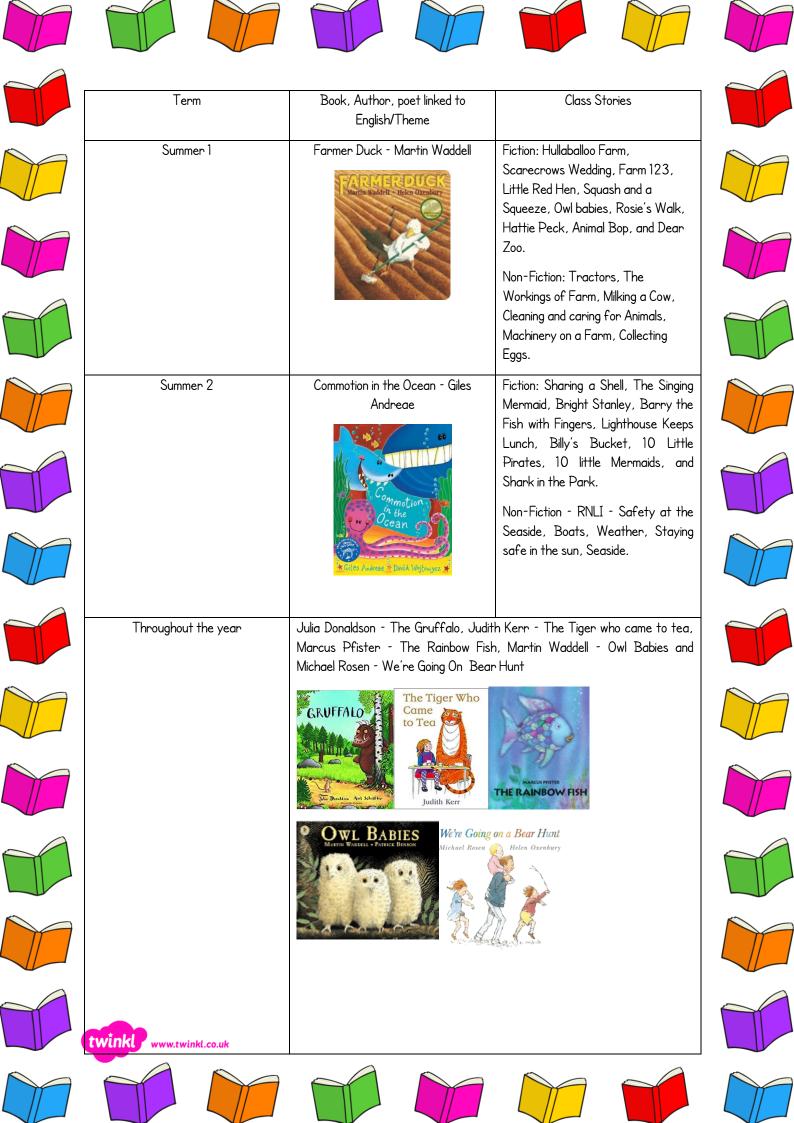
Term	Book, Author, poet linked to English/Theme	Class Stories
Autumn 1	Monkey Puzzle - Julia Donaldson	Fiction: The Gruffalo, The Smartest Giant in Town, Fox's socks etc. (Rhyming books). Nursery rhyme books, I want my Potty, my mum, Books about settling into school, harry and the Dinosaurs, rainbow fish.
		Non-Fiction: Growing up, the weather, seasons, senses, families.
Autumn 2	The Gingerbread man - Fairy Tale	Fiction - Winnie the Pooh, Letters from the lighthouse, Fireman Sam books, Firefighters Stories, Christmas Postman, The first Christmas, Christmas books, Favourite Stories and Nursery Rhyme books.
		Non-Fiction - Soldiers, Firemen, Bonfire Night, Christmas Traditions from around the world, Christmas Cards, Birthday Cards,
Spring 1	Whatever Next- Jill Murphy Whatever Next!	Fiction - Aliens love Underpants, Space Shuttle Blasts off, Megaboy, Back to Earth with a Bump, there's an alien in my book, you choose in space, good night spaceman, Peppa Pig in Space.
		Non-Fiction – Eight Planets, Moon, Astronauts, Gravity, Facts About Space.
Spring 2	The Naughty Bus - Jan & Jerry Oke	Fiction - Rosie's Walk, The train Ride, Mr Grumpy's Outing, Toddle Waddle, Maisy's Bus, Snail and The whale, Things That Go, The Big Red Bus.
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24<sup>th</sup> May 1946-Present

Hometown: London, UK

#### Famous Books:

- Percy the Park keeper series
- Jaspers Beanstalk
- Q-Pootle 5
- The Whisperer
- Tiger

### Interesting Facts:

- Nick Butterworth is the author but also the illustrator of his books.
- Some of his books have been made into animated series like Percy the park keeper and Q-Pootle 5
- Nick Butterworth Grew up in a sweetshop in London.
- The inspiration for his Percy the Park Keeper books was his many walks through the park in his childhood with his dog Jake.

# Martin Waddell

10th April 1941- Present

### Hometown: Belfast, Ireland

- Famous Books:
- Owl Babies
- Farmer Duck
- Little Bear series

#### Interesting Facts:

- Martin wanted to play as a professional footballer for Fulham
- In 1972 Martin got caught in an explosion in a church and was hurt
- Martin bases his books on real life experiences especially the little bear books. He bases these on things that happened with his sons when they were growing up in Newcastle.
- Martin tells all his stories to his dog before he writes them down.

**Rod Campbell** 

4<sup>th</sup> May 1945- Present

## Hometown: Scotland

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### Famous Books:

- Dear Zoo
- Oh Dear!
- Farm 123 Buster books
- Noisy Farm
- Noting Farm

## Interesting Facts:

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- Rod Campbell and his family moved to Zimbabwe when he was 2.
- Rod used to work as a painter.
- Most of Rod's books have flaps in as he wants to make the books interactive for young children.
- Rod grew up in a home without books and only developed a love for reading once he started school.

