Westcliff's Wonder of Reading!
Curriculum Text Map 2026-2027

Key

Themes of gender stereotyping

Themes of racial prejudice

Cross curricular link-Science

Cross curricular link-History

Cross curricular link-Beach School

Themes of poverty and inequality, justice and injustice

Themes of empathy, kindness and inclusion

Cross Curricular Texts to support cross curricular literacy and reading for pleasure

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1	Drawing Club- A selection of picture books, poetry and non-fiction texts	Author Focus: Julia Donaldson Room on the Broom Monkey Puzzle The Ugly Five Tabby McTat Tiddler The Highway Rat	Whole Class Novel: Roald Dahl James and the Giant Peach The Hotel for Bugs The Big Book of Bugs Do You Love Bugs? Bug Hotel Mad About Minibeasts	Whole Class Novel: CS Lewis - The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe The Couch Potato Give Me Back My Bones! The First Drawing How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth	Whole Class Novel: Roald Dahl Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Lynne Cherry The Great Kapok Tree Zo Tucker Greta and the Giants Last	Whole Class Novel: Frank Cottrell-Boyce-Cosmic Margot Lee Shetterly Hidden Figures Helaine Becker Counting on Katherine	Whole Class Novel: Louis Sachar-Holes Michael Morpurgo Kensuke's Kingdom

			The Bug Collector The Girl Who Loves Bugs Mini Grey - The Last Wolf Toby Forward - The Wolf's Story Little Red Riding Hood and Little Red The Very Hungry Lion	24 Hours in the Stone Age Stone Age Boy			Alfred Noyes - The Highwayman
Poetry Focus 1st October 2026	Whole School Oracy Competition-Poetry Performance National Poetry Day-1st October 2026-Theme is "Wonder" World Mental Health Day-10th October-Take 10 to Read Whole Class Poetry Performance- Choral Speaking-Friday 16th October 2026						
<u>Autumn 2</u>	A selection of picture books, poetry and non-fiction texts	Traction Man Traction Man meets Turbo Dog	Whole Class Novel: Little Red Riding Hood and other Fairy Tales Three Little Pigs	Whole Class Novel: CS Lewis - The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe	Whole Class Novel: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Whole Class Novel: Rumaysa Michael Morpurgo Beowulf	Whole Class Novel: Holes Rick Riordan Percy Jackson and the Lightening Thief

		Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey	The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Book The True Story of the Three Little Pigs			Joe Todd Stanton Arthur and the Golden Rope	Dracula Robert Swindells Room 13 or Thomas Taylor Malamander
Anti-Bullying Week- Break the Silence Film Study		**Luca** A story celebrating acceptance, curiosity, and embracing differences in friendship.	**Cinderella (2015)** Have courage be kind	**Encanoto** Explores breaking the generational silence and family secrets around hidden trauma and unrealistic expectations.	**Wonka** Human connection, creative perseverance, and the struggle against poverty.	**Hidden Figures** Centre on systemic discrimination, the power of community, and the interplay between hard work and historical opportunity	**Wonder** The Power of Kindness: Small acts of compassion create profound, cascading positive impacts on others
	Non-Fiction November 9-13th World Nursery Rhyme Week						
Spring 1	Beagu Cops and Robbers	Tell me a Dragon The Castle the King Built The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight	Simon Bartram Man on the Moon Dougal's Deep Sea Diary Oliver Je-ers Way Back	**Whole Class Novel: The Egyptian Sleep Over** Aladdin, Leon and the Place Between	**Whole Class Novel: Kay's Anatomy** Adam Kay Amy Gets Eaten Katie Brosnan Gut Garden	**Whole Class Novel: Rumaysa** Radiya Hafiza	**Whole Class Novel: Emma Carroll** Letters from the Lighthouse

		The Knight Who Said No The Knight with the Blazing Bottom Dragon Post Unicorn Post Monster Post	Home Lost and Found Charles Darwin's Around the World Adventure The Great Explorer	Stephanie Stansbie Cinderella Shirley Climo The Egyptian Cinderella			Michael Morpurgo Friend or Foe
	National Story Telling Week **January-Stem Reading Challenge-We Wonder** **Children's Mental Health Week-**Inside Out Day focusing on Emotional Literacy **30th Jan-7th Feb-**National Story Telling Week **1st-7th February-**Children's Mental Health Week-Wellbeing Through Literacy **9th February-Safer** Internet Day-Media Literacy **World Book Day-4th March 2027** 15-21.03.27-Shakespeare Week Poetry Focus-21.03.27 World Poetry Day-						
Spring 2		Hansel and Gretel Snow White The Extraordinary Life of Mary Seacole	**Whole Class Novel: The Hodgeheg Dick King-Smith** Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet The Elves and	**Whole Class Novel: The Egypt Sleep Over Stephen Davies** Joe Todd Stanton - Marcy	**Whole Class Novel: The House at the Edge of Magic Amy Sparkes** Joe Todd Stanton - Leo	**Whole Class Novel: The Nowhere Emporium Ross MacKenzie**	**Whole Class Novel: Skellig David Almond** Emma Carroll Letters from the Lighthouse

		Little People, Big Dreams - Florence Nightingale & Rosalind Franklin We love the NHS	the Shoemaker Supertato Supertato Veggies Assemble Supertato Evil Pea Rules	and the Riddle of the Sphinx Chae Strathie - So you think you've got it bad? A kid's life in Ancient Egypt Myths and Legends	and the Gorgon's Curse Chae Strathie - So you think you've got it bad? A kid's life in Ancient Greece 		
	June- Reading for Empathy						
Summer 1		Jack and the Beanstalk Rumpelstiltskin The Elves and the Shoemaker The Gigantic Turnip Oliver's Vegetables The Extraordinary Gardener Bloom	**Whole Class Novel: The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark** **Jill Tomlinson** Rapunzel Sleeping Beauty **Benji Davies** **Tad Julia Donaldson** The Woolly Bear Caterpillar	**Whole Class Novel: The Villain's Version Kaye Umansky** **Colin Stimpson** Jack and the Baked Beanstalk	**Whole Class Novel: The House at the Edge of Magic** Christina Balit Escape from Pompeii Tony Bradman Queen of Darkness  Chae Strathie So you think you've got it bad? A kid's life in Ancient Rome	**Whole Class Novel: Onjali Rauf - The Boy at the Back of the Class** Michael Rosen On the Move	**Whole Class Novel: Boy in the Tower** **Polly Ho-Yen** Macbeth (The Witches' Spell extract

Poetry Focus	See Westcliff Poetry Spine Year 1: Seaside Poetry Focus Year 2: Great Fire of London Focus Year 3: Fairy-tale Focus Year 4: Health and Wellbeing Year 5: Shakespeare Year 6: Shakespeare-Hamlet						
Summer 2		The Troll The Pirates Next Door **Benji Davis focus**  Storm Whale Grandad's Island Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch At the Beach Look What I Found at the Seaside	**Whole Class Novel:** James and The Giant Peach Vlad and the Great Fire of London & The Great Fire of London: An Illustrated History of the Great Fire of 1666	**Whole Class Novel: Sheep Pig** **Charlotte Milner** The Bee Book **Penny Worms** The Most Important Animal of All	**Whole Class Novel: Ben Miller- Robin Hood Aged 10 $\frac{3}{4}$** Adrian Mitchell - The Adventures of Robin Hood	**Whole Class Novel: The Last Bear** Maz Evans - Oh Maya Gods Who Let the Gods Out?  **Shakespeare** Macbeth **Shakespeare** Romeo and Juliet	**Whole Class Novel: Unstoppable** Lindsay Galvin Darwin's Dragons Alexandra Stewart Darwin & Hooker