

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



Reading Rainbow

Year Group	Title	Author	Plot	Theme/Link
Year 1	How to be a lion	Ed Vere	Lion - being yourself. Being an individual	PSE - being different
	Major Glad, Major Dizzy	Jan Oke	Victorian Toys storybook. Toys come alive and have an adventure	History - Toys
	Toys From the Past	Joanna Brundle	History of toys, materials, uses etc.	Research book
	Stick Man (and the SIL Reading Reasoning question pack!)	Julia Donaldson, Axel Scheffler	Repetitive language -	Same author- rhyme and reasoning
	The Snail and the Whale	Julia Donaldson, Axel Scheffler	Repetitive language	
	Room on a Broom	Julia Donaldson, Axel Scheffler	Repetitive language - witch on a broom	
	Charlie Cook's favourite book	Julia Donaldson, Axel Scheffler	Repetitive language	
	I will not ever never eat a tomato	Lauren Child	Humour	Transitional book - humour /language
	Journey	Aaron Becker	Escapism, magical story	Beautifully illustrated wordless picture book through an imaginary land Fantasy book
	Claude in the City	Alex T Smith	Humorous story of a dog and his adventures in the city	Simple chapter book I Ideal for class reader Part of a growing series- including Claude at the Beach, Claude at the Circus and more-great for promoting further reading
	Chalk	Bill Thomson	Magical story - Three children discover a magical bag of chalk on a rainy day. They draw pictures on the pavement and the pictures begin to come alive!	j







Stuck	Oliver Jeffers	Funny story about a boy who loses his kite, shoe etc with a funny ending	Oliver Jeffers book -author.
The Emperor of Absurdia	Chris Riddell	Dragons and amazing adventure	Fantasy world
Little Red Riding Hood	Ed Bryan	Traditional Fairy tale	Modern re -take on a trad tale
The Last Chip - The story of a Very Hungry Pigeon	Duncan Beedie	Story about a pigeon who is homeless and hungry	Struggle against adversity and the kindness of strangers.
Grandpa	John Burningham	Special relationship between little girl and her Grandad	Relationships, family loss, PSE
The Cat in The Hat	Dr Seuss	Fun day for 2 children - humour and rhyming language	Rhyming text
The Tiger who came to Tea	Judith Kerr	Tiger who comes to tea and eats and drinks everything	Fiction - family life
The Jolly Postman	Allan Ahlberg	Journey of The Jolly Postman - fairytale characters	Fantasy - Lots of writing and different forms/genres.
Not Now, Bernard	David McKee	Monster story	Fantasy Adventure - Inference
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	Max and the monsters	Fantasy Adventure- emotions and behaviour
Dogger	Shirley Hughes	Lovely story about a boy and his favourite toy	Family /loss/Separation/growing up
Five Minutes Peace	Jill Murphy	Mrs Elephant cannot get some peace.	Humour - family links
Giraffes Can't Dance	Giles Andreae	Story book about a giraffe who can't dance	Friendship, difference, self-belief, self-confidence and celebration
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins	Funny but disastrous story	Humour and repetition
Six Dinner Sid	Inga Moore	Humorous story about a cat who has 6 dinners.	Community-life
The Snowy Day	Ezra Jack Keats	Adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day	Family, neighbours, tradition
The Emperor's Egg	Martin Jenkins	Story of how the little Emperor penguin is born and survives	Survival
Traditional Stories (Pie Corbett Reader)	Various Authors	See sheet	Hidden messages.
The Tale of Peter Rabbit (23 book series)	Beatrix Potter	Lots of different stories about lovable characters	Humour, action and adventure/