

Our Favourite Five Books

At Westlea we have a collection of books called our favorite fives. These are carefully selected books that cover multiple areas across our learning areas and more. These books are a mixture of core texts, traditional tales and ... that intertwine with British Values, Protected characteristics and all areas of development matters ensuring we read a broad range of books as well as learning

Reception	British Values	Core Text	Protected Characteristics	Traditional Tales	Link to EYFS curriculum
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Autumn Term	SEP The Colour Monster Goes to School This is a great way to start the year, talking about transitions, links to our real lives and supporting Individual Liberty	SEP Elmer A core texts with a beautiful message about being difference and the importance of being yourself. A message we want to spread as we start our school journey.	OCT And Tango Makes 3 A book with a subtle message of marriage, pregnancy, discrimination and sex, covering lots of important characteristics as well as promoting the fact that all families are different.	OCT/NOV Goldilocks and the 3 Bears A fun story to introduce our children to traditional tales that all children should hear whilst also spreading an important message about right and wrong and consequences to actions.	NOV/DEC Stickman An adventurous story, travelling to many destinations and supporting the idea that family is so important to us, no matter what your family looks like.
Spring Term	JAN Peepo We become Historians as we read this book, learning how things change and evolve in our very own Country.	JAN Peace At Last A funny core texts that require us to join in with sounds and repeated refrains. We learn the importance	FEB Mixed A great book with many of the same messages from our previous book in this section, reinforcing	FEB/MARCH The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse Another beautiful traditional tale, linking with our history theme and visiting different	APRIL The Very Hungry Caterpillar A strong link to our knowledge of the world curriculum and a great way to embed

		of getting enough sleep with a little look back in time.	protected characteristics with a fun tale about loving people because of who they are and not what how they look.	destinations again. This is a lovely way to show different ways of life and begin debates about the pros and cons of both worlds.	knowledge before learning about lifecycles and caring for living things. This links perfectly to looking after our eggs/chicks too.
Summer Term	MAY On Sudden Hill A gentle message about friendships and how they can be affected by different things. This book sparks thoughts and discussions about including everyone, feelings and actions to resolve social issues.	MAY Snail and the Whale A perfect 3rd story about destinations, building on our knowledge about different destinations but this time with the added step of places around the world. This book allows us to hear and think about rhyming words.	JUNE Freddie and the Fairy A lovely way to think about disabilities and how they affect the person with them as well as learning about clear communication and messages. Building upon rhyming knowledge in previous books whilst spreading the message/ starting important discussions about different disabilities in our community.	JUNE Chicken Licken A traditional tale	JULY Mega Magic Teacher Swap A book which familiarises children with the idea of moving to Year 1, a new teacher, whilst helping them understand that change is a normal part of growing up. It provides opportunities to talk about feelings and worries as well as building confidence and resilience.