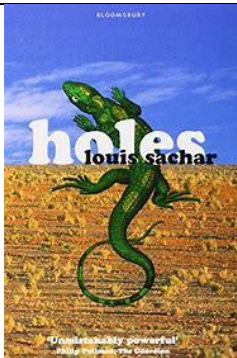
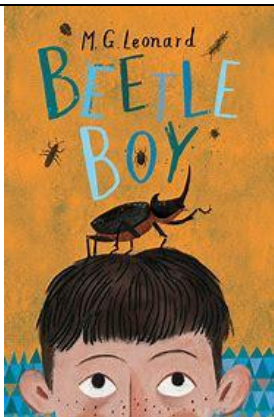
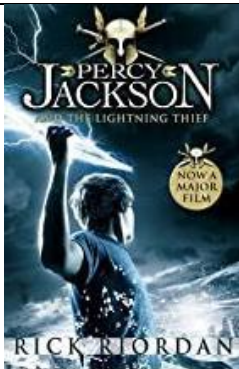
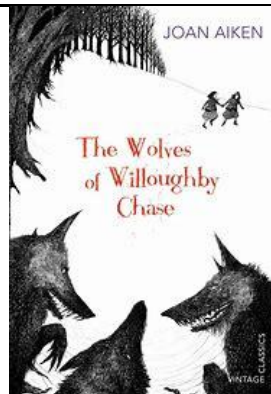
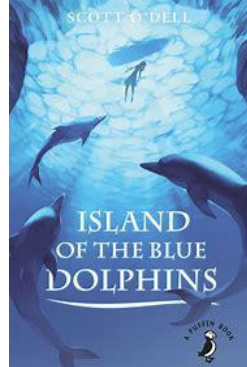




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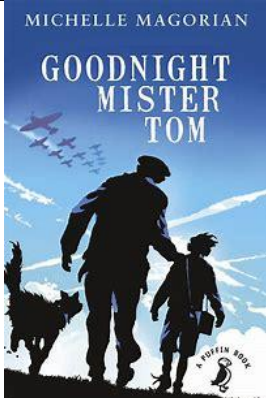
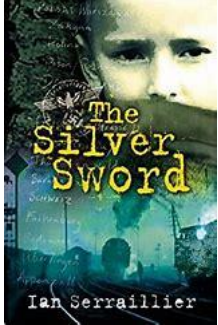
	Book Title	Synopsis	Reasoning
Autumn Extended read		Stanley Yelnats, a boy who has had luck due to a curse placed on his great- great-grandfather, is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention camp, for a crime he did not commit. Stanley and the other boys at the camp are forced to dig large holes in the dirt every day.	A must read for older primary children. The book switches between the past events and the present. It cleverly unravels a lot of unanswered questions and has lots of surprises, challenging children to make connections along the way.
Shared read		Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle – and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery,	A lighthearted book to share. This is a detective story with a twist that has plenty to entertain children and keep them laughing and learning a lot of facts about bugs!
Spring Extended		The auto biography of a young girl who leaves her home in Trinidad in 1960 to move to England with her family. That young girl is Floella Benjamin, renowned broadcaster and children's author. The story opens with idyllic descriptions of her childhood and family life in the tropical paradise of her homeland	An opportunity for the children to read autobiography in UKS2. It provides opportunity for discussion on the pain of separation, the difficulties of migration – adjustment and acceptance and the entrenched prejudices of 1960s Britain.



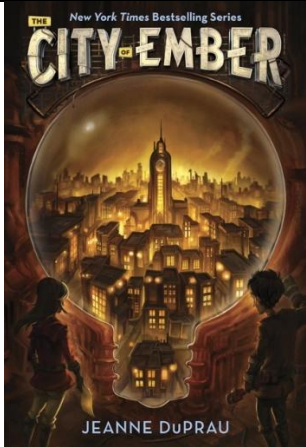
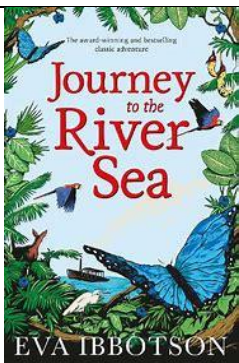
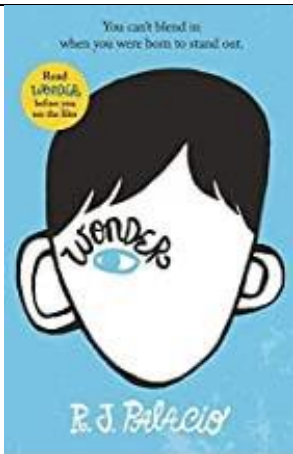
shared read		Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction — Zeus' master bolt.	An excellent text that fits beautifully with our topic on the Ancient Greeks. In Willows, the children learn about the Romans and the links between Greek and Roman gods and goddesses can be made through this text in Poplars.
Summer Extended read		Long ago, at a time in history that never happened, England was overrun with wolves. But as Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia discover, real danger often lies closer to home. Can Bonnie and Sylvia outwit the wicked Miss Slighcarp and her network of criminals, forgers and snitches?	Set in early 19 th century this classic thriller complements Poplars' historical studies on the Industrial era. This is a beautifully written and complex adventure. A tale of overcoming adversity and inner strength in the face of real cruelty.
Shared read		Twelve-year-old Karana escapes death at the hands of treacherous hunters, only to find herself totally alone on a harsh desolate island. How she survives in the face of all sorts of dangers makes gripping and inspiring reading. Based on a true story.	An inspiration tale of survival in the face of adversity. The story is told by one of the most respected American writers of historical literature. The real life events took place in the 19 th century – and serve as a contrast to the events of industrial Britain which the Poplars will be studying at this point.



Year B

	Book Title	Synopsis	Reasoning
Autumn Extended read	 MICHELLE MAGORIAN GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM	London is poised on the brink of World War II. Timid, scrawny Willie Beech is evacuated to the English countryside. At first, he is terrified of everything, of the country sounds and sights, even of Mr. Tom, the gruff, kindly old man who has taken him in. But gradually Willie forgets the hate and despair of his past. He learns to love a world he never knew existed, a world of friendship and affection.	Selected for its relevance to Poplars history unit on life in the UK and in our locality during WW2, this classic, emotionally touching story of war, resilience of the human spirit, hope, family, friendship, love, anti-semitism and death. It is beautifully written and atmospheric, dealing with the most difficult of issues.
Shared read	 The Silver Sword Ian Serraillier	This is a story of many different things. Of a terrible war and an occupied land. Of the Balicki children who are determined to survive. Of a dangerous journey from war-torn Poland to Switzerland. Of a paper knife that gives them the courage to carry on when nearly all hope is lost.	This book complements Poplar's history topic of WW2 and persecution. It touches a lot on the Nazis, Hitler and life as a refugee. It also creates a sense of hope and encourages children to believe that there is always light at the end of the tunnel.
Spring Extended read	 Frank Cottrell-Boyce COSMIC is one GIANT Leap for BOY-KIND Illustrated by Steven Lendon	Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster – or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space.	Poplars will read this book alongside their learning about Space. Like other Frank Cottrell Boyce's books this is a funny and clever book full of twists and lovable characters. Poplars will be basing some of their writing on certain chapters of this book.



Shared read		Published in 2003 this has fast become an incredibly popular series, spawning graphic novel version and film adaptation. The story is about Ember, a post-apocalyptic underground city threatened by aging infrastructure and corruption. The young heroine, Lina Mayfleet, and her friend, Doon Harrow, follow clues left behind by the original builders of the City of Ember, to safety in the outside world.	The characters and pace of this dystopian thriller will keep the readers hooked! It complements Poplars' theme of preservation and allows for lots of discussion on environmental disaster. The main characters are courageous, finding ways to fight the oppressive and corrupt regime to find a better life.
Summer Extended read		Maia, an orphan, can't wait to reach her distant relatives a thousand miles up the Amazon. There she finds two spiteful cousins. But when Maia meets a mysterious boy who lives alone on the wild river shores, she begins a spectacular journey to the heart of an extraordinary and beautiful new world.	Children's second chance to enjoy the writing of Eva Ibbotson (The Abominables was shared in Willows) This exciting adventure set in the Amazon jungle fits well with our topic on Journeys and exploration.
Shared read		Wonder tells the incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade.	This book sends a strong message of acceptance, inclusion and self-esteem. It is good for children who have a low self-esteem, disability or special needs to encourage them to believe in themselves and believe they can achieve anything they set their minds to do.