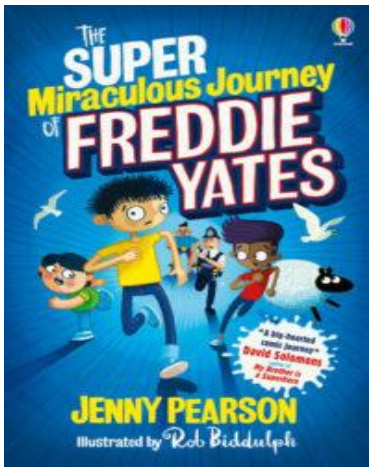
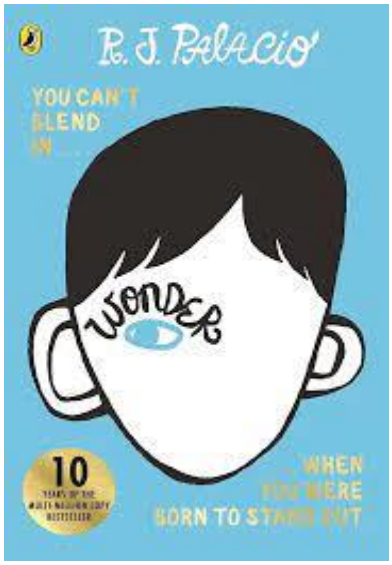
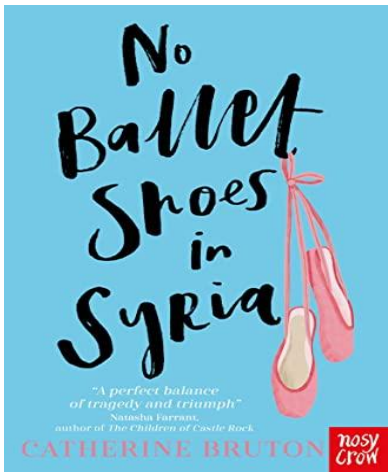
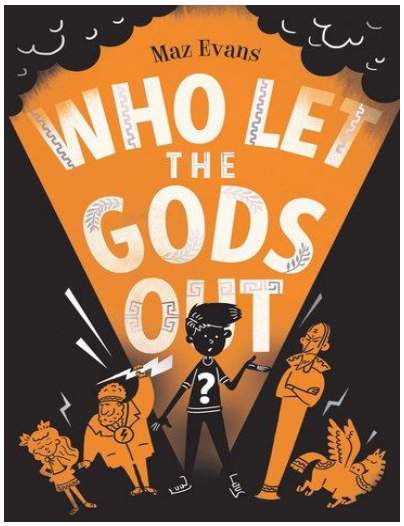
Lawn Primary & Nursery School

Reading Spine

Year 6

Term	Book	Synopsis	Reasoning
Autumn 1	The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates 	11-year-old Fred is heartbroken when his grandmother dies. When he finds a letter from her that reveals details of his own biological father, Alan Froggley (who abandoned his mother before Fred was born), Fred ups and leaves on a mission to seek out Alan for himself. With his two best friends in tow (both of whom have their own reasons for wanting to escape home for a few days), Fred heads to Wales on an adventure of a lifetime.	A hilarious read that will make our pupils laugh out loud. The mix of drama and humour will have the Y6 children wanting to read more. It is a warm-hearted narrative that focuses on themes of friendship, identity, family and experiencing grief. Also, written by a teacher.
Autumn 2	Wonder 	Wonder is the story of Auggie Pullman, a 10-year-old boy who longs to be ordinary. He does ordinary things – eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary – inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds and ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school. All he wants is to be accepted. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?	Wonder is such a powerful novel to anyone who reads it. With a focus on the themes of empathy, friendship, acceptance and celebrating differences. It shows the importance of kindness-something that every child needs to understand. It also can teach us about bullying and that it is ALWAYS A CHOICE. **"When given the choice between being right or being kind choose kind."**

Spring 1 + 2	No Ballet Shoes in Syria 	Aya is a Syrian asylum seeker, looking after her mother and baby brother in the cold, unfamiliar city of Manchester – but she is also a talented ballet dancer. A part of her life that seemed lost forever when she fled her home comes back to her when she encounters a ballet class led by the elegant Miss Helena. As the book unfolds, she finds new friends and learns to depend on "the kindness of strangers".	This is a lovely story of friendship and finding a light amongst the darkness. It is hard to read this book without shedding a tear at the journey that Aya and her family went on. It will give our pupils a chance to empathise with what an asylum seeker must go through. It highlights the message of seeing people for the person they are and not their lack of wealth or home etc.
Summer 1	Crater Lake 	There are three rules for surviving Crater Lake: *don't* go anywhere with an adult; *don't* follow any instructions you're given; and don't *ever* fall asleep... When Lance's class arrives at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre for their school trip, it's immediately clear something is not quite right. Aside from a weird lack of staff and a very odd manager, there's also the panicked man covered in blood shouting at them all to run. And it's not long before the teachers and other kids in his class start behaving strangely too. Like Zombies, they get out of bed and, spaced-out, start marching into the woods at midnight. As they're	With the setting being on a Y6 residential trip, this book is an instant hit with children. It is spooky, a little gruesome and filled with suspense- Jennifer Killick certainly knows how to write a horror story. It is full of mystery and adventure from start to finish. Based on a group of friends all preparing to go off to different secondary schools, it shows how they can still support one another and work as a team.

		unaffected, it's up to Lance and his friends to uncover the cause – and find a way to stop it. But time is ticking, they're exhausted, and if they fall asleep, then all will be lost...	
Summer 1	Who Let the Gods Out 	Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo – a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world – and solving Elliot's problems too?	A new, exciting and brilliantly British Percy Jackson-esque adventure – the first in a series centred on the Olympian gods. This book is full of humour and mythology. It also links to our topic of Ancient Greece. The characters are relatable to children and the author has cleverly mixed Greek mythology with modern life. And the good news...there are more books in the series to read afterwards.