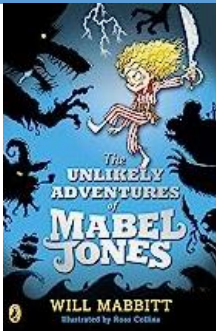


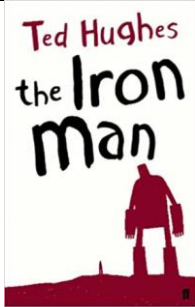
Hadley Wood Primary School's
Literature Spine

The books in Year 4 have been selected to create a living library within the children's minds. They are a collection of essential reads that help children engage at a deeper level and enter the world of the story. They promote a range of text types that children should have access to in order to successfully navigate reading with confidence as well as covering themes and issues that are pertinent to modern society. Many of these books are complex beyond a lexical level and demand more from the reader than other types of books and act as a starting point for meaningful class discussion.

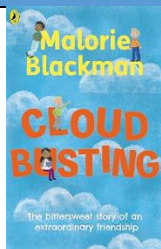
Autumn 1

The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones
Will Mabbitt

When Mabel Jones unknowingly commits 'The Deed' she finds herself swiftly bundled into a sack and carried off to the pirate ship the *Feroshus Maggot!*

Crewed by the strangest bunch of pirates you would ever want to meet and captained by the dreaded Idryss Ebenezer Split (a wolf with a false leg carved from a human thighbone, a rusty cutlass sheathed in his belt and a loaded pistol tucked in his pants with no fear of the consequences), the *Feroshus Maggot* whisks Mabel Jones off on the adventure of a lifetime.

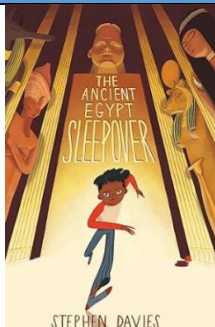
Autumn 2

The Iron Man
Ted Hughes

The Iron Man appears from nowhere at the brink of the cliff. He wreaks havoc on the countryside, eating a whole host of machinery, diggers and tractors. Hogarth, a local boy, is used as bait to trap the Iron Man in a pit where he is buried alive. The peace is broken once more though when the "Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon" arrives on Earth. They call on the Iron Man to help.

Spring 1

Cloud Busting
Mallory Blackman

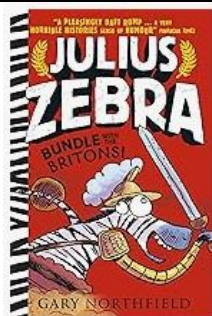
Davey is the new boy in class and Sam can't stand him. He thinks Davey is a Grade A moron. But when the two are thrown together Sam discovers that Davey's eccentric way of looking at the world makes life a lot more fun. Until the day something terrible happens...

A funny and sad story, told completely in verse.

Spring 2

The Ancient Egypt Sleepover
Stephen Davies

Mo has won a very special prize: An Ancient Egypt sleepover in a museum. However, he has no clue how dangerous it will turn out to be. With a mystery to solve, hieroglyphic codes to crack and priceless treasure to save, one thing is for sure: Mo will not be getting any sleep tonight!

Summer 1

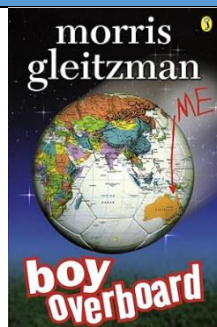


Julius Zebra – Bundle with the Britons

Gary Northfield

Emperor Hadrian has one last favour to ask of the gladiator animals before he will grant them their greatest wish – freedom. They must go to the far-off and strange land of Britain to win over the crowds of his empire. But this will be no happy-go-lucky holiday... Instead of buckets and spades, our stripy hero and his friends will need all their powers and wits about them if they're going to survive their most wild and rebellious opponents yet.

Summer 2



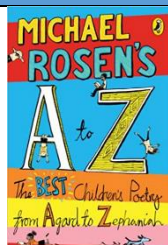
Boy Overboard

Morris Gleitzman

Jamal and Bibi have a dream.

To lead Australia to soccer glory in the next World Cup. But first they must face landmines, pirates, storms and assassins. Can Jamal and his family survive their incredible journey and get to Australia? Sometimes, to save the people you love, you have to go overboard.

Poetry



Michael Rosen's A-Z

From Agard to Zephaniah, the very best of children's poetry from the very best of children's poets appears in this wonderful and exciting anthology edited by Michael Rosen, the Children's Laureate.