

Burnley Brow Whole School Literature and Poetry Spine 2026 - 2027

	Term 1.1	Term 1.2	Term 2.1	Term 2.2	Term 3.1	Term 3.2
Nursery	The Gingerbread Man Poetry – What’s on a face? Author Unknown	Owl Babies Poetry – I see leaves (Author Unknown)	Goldilocks and the Three Bears-Traditional tale Poetry - Snowflake by Angela Preen	Whatever Next by Jill Murphy Poetry – Climb aboard the Spaceship-author unknown	Jaspers Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth Poetry – The Tiny Caterpillar by Angela Preen	I Wish I had a Monster by Judy Waite Poetry Mr Lion by Angela Preen
Reception	The Three Little Pigs Poetry - Home by Nancy Vandenberg	The Little Green Hen Poetry - It’s Diwali Tonight by John Foster	How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth Poetry Winter Time by Mary Ryar linked to Poetry SLAM	The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Poetry Spring is Coming by Kelly Ehrman	We’re Going on a Bear Hunt by M Rosen Poetry The Train Ride by M Owen	Oi Frog by Kes Gray and Jim Field Poetry - Seaside by Shirley Hughes
Year 1	Class Text – Olivia Saves the Circus by Ian Falconer Poetry –Mr Brown the Circus Clown by Kenn Nesbitt	Class Text – Elmer and the Wind by David McKee Seasons Come, Seasons Go – Tree by Britta Treckentrap Poetry – ‘The Winter Wind Blows’ (Tune into Talking)	Class Text – Rudyard Kipling’s Just So stories – How the Leopard got his Spots. Poetry Nursery Rhymes based on animals and poetry for Poetry SLAM	Class Text – Paddington at the Palace by Michael Bond Poetry – The Village Child by Around London (busyteacher.org)	Class Text – Elves and the Shoemaker by Brothers Grimm Poetry – I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud by William Wordsworth	Class Text – Nat Fantastic by Giles Andreae Poetry – If I was a superhero by Sally Grey
Year 2	Class Text –Sinbad Poetry - The Rainy Day by Evaleen Stein	Class Text – Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson Poetry – Nursery Rhymes on baking	Class Text – Rosie Revere Engineer by Andrea Beaty Poetry linked to Poetry SLAM	Class Text – The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig Poetry – Run by Sam Mbure	Class Text – Fantastic Mr Fox by R Dahl Poetry – Mini who by Julian Harker	Class Text – Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown Poetry – The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear; Tongue Twisters
Year 3	Novel - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl Poetry – Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen	Novel –The Wishing Chair by Enid Blyton Poetry – Open the Door by M Holub	Novel –The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson Poetry – Choral Speaking	Novel –Varjak Paw by S F Said Poetry – Louder by Roger Stevens A Poem to be Spoken Silently by Pie Corbett	Novel – The Iron Man by Ted Hughes Poetry – From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson	Novel – Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman Poetry - The Eagle by Alfred Lord Tennyson

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Year 4	Novel – The Firework Makers Daughter by Philip Pullman Why the Whales Came by M Morpurgo Poetry – The Witches’ Chant by Shakespeare	Novel – The Secret Lake by Karen Inglis Playscripts – Macbeth by Shakespeare	Novel – Nevermoor: The trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend Poetry linked to Poetry SLAM	Novel – Nevermoor: The trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend Poetry – Tyger, Tyger by William Blake	Novel – Start - The Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson Poetry - Last Night, I Saw the City Breathing - Andrew Fusek Peters	Novel – The Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson Additional Novel – White Fang by Jack London (Abridged) Poetry – Calligrams
Year 5	Novel – Room 13 by Robert Swindells Start - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis Poetry – The Listeners by Walter de la Mere (Bob Cox)	Novel – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis Poetry – The Magic Box by Kit Wright (adapted)	Novel – The Jamie Drake Equation by Christopher Edge Poetry linked to Poetry SLAM Playscripts	Novel – Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd Jones Poetry – This is the Place by Tony Walsh	Novel – Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian Poetry – The Make-up of a Villain by Pie Corbett	Novel – Continue with Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian Poetry – Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll
Year 6	Novel – Street Child by Berlie Doherty Poetry – The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe	Novel - The Polar Bear Explorers Club by Alex Bell Poetry – Caged bird by Maya Angelou Playscripts – reading comprehension	Novel – The Boy at the Back of Class by Onjali Q Raúf Poetry – The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes Poetry linked to Poetry SLAM	Novel – Once by Morris Gleitzman Poetry – Invictus by William Ernest Henry	Novel – Holes by Louis Sachar Poetry - Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley Macavity: The Mystery Cat by T.S. Eliot	Novel – Children’s choice according to class interest Poetry - If by Rudyard Kipling