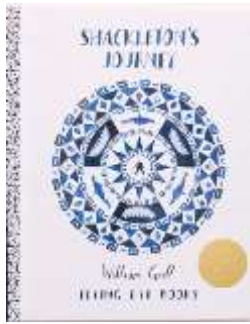


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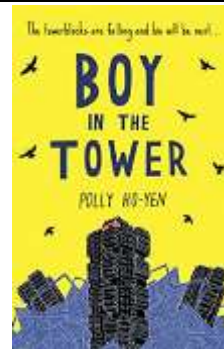
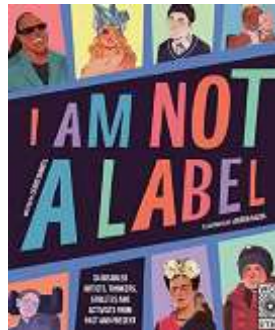


Shackleton's Journey Contemporary non-narrative picture book. Narrates the history of the Antarctic explorations of Shackleton and his crew. Beautifully illustrated, this book draws on learning from across the curriculum.

Secrets of a Sun King Contemporary historical narrative with both female author and protagonist. A glorious tale of mystery, intrigue and adventure with great historical references throughout. Drawing on learning from Ancient Egypt and Tutankhamun. Themes of friendship, family, feminism and tenacity.

If Rudyard Kipling An inspirational heritage poem by a seminal British poet and author. A 'guide for life' which explores the idea of coming of age. Beautifully written and still relevant to modern living. Challenging and archaic language throughout. A depth study of the poem and poet

Spring Term



A Midsummer Night's Dream Heritage classic – an introduction to the work of Shakespeare. A magical and simple retelling of the classic story including some simple plot analysis and information about Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre.

I Am Not a Label A beautifully illustrated anthology celebrating the achievements of modern and historical role models who have overcome disability, mental health issues or wider life challenges. A book that challenges stereotypes and assumptions..

The Boy in the Tower Contemporary science fiction narrative telling the story of monster plants consuming buildings in the city. Themes of mental health, young carers, friendship, trust, resilience and anxiety. Narrating some of the joys and challenges of living in an urban community. Moving, thought-provoking and challenging in equal measure.

Summer Term



The Explorer Contemporary narrative. An adventure story in which four children learn to survive in the Amazon rainforest. Exploring the ethics behind human exploration and environmental responsibility. Themes of friendship, adventure and the natural world.

Five Children and It Heritage fantasy narrative by seminal author and poet E. Nesbit. Five children find a sand fairy who grants them wishes with humorous consequences. Full of rich, archaic and challenging language to explore. Historical references throughout with the opportunity to explore historical attitudes to gender, race and social discrimination

Daffodils William Wordsworth Heritage poem by a seminal British poet. Challenging and archaic language throughout. A core poem that can be shared as part of the Poems that create images Writing unit