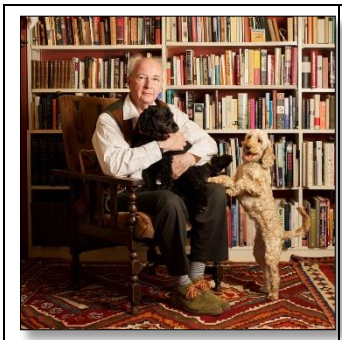
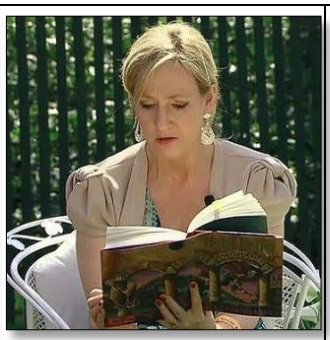
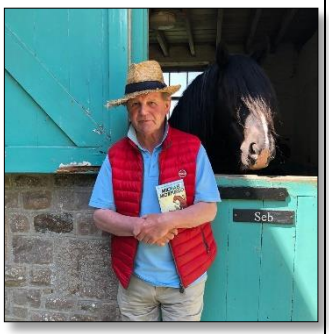
Y6 Reading Spine

"She reads books as one would breathe air, to fill up and live."

- Annie Dillard

Our Year 6 reading spine features many texts centred on LGBTQ representation and themes of environmentalism. Texts are deliberately provocative and challenging to encourage children to consider some of the bigger issues of the day. The author collections feature a lot of fantasy texts centring on the theme of 'Good vs Evil', and texts introduce dark elements that are gripping while age-appropriate.

Y6 Author Collections

			
Phillip Pullman	**J. K. Rowling**	**Michael Morpurgo**	**C. S. Lewis**
An author who writes with raw intensity, Pullman has created an alternative universe full of stories that are complex, detailed and yet fascinating and easy to follow. His books are all about banishing corruption and overthrowing dangerous beliefs.	The creator of one of the most famous fantasy worlds in children's literature, J K Rowling has captured the imagination of hundreds of millions of children in an captivating and epic saga of good versus evil.	A writer of captivating stories that are as emotional and personal as they are exciting. with deep and important moral messages.	One of the most influential fantasy writers in history, Clive Staples Lewis's books thrust children from our world into an exciting and mythical land of dangerous magic, wonder and adventure. His writing explores themes of loyalty and courage.
His Dark Materials Collection • Northern Lights • The Subtle Knife • The Amber Spyglass • Book of Dust	**Harry Potter Collection** • Philosopher's Stone • Chamber of Secrets • Prisoner of Azkaban • Goblet of Fire • Order of the Phoenix • Half Blood Prince • Deathly Hollows • Cursed Child	**Collection** • The Wreck of Zanzibar • Kensuke's Kingdom • King of the Cloud Forests • Friend of Foe • Dear Oily • Waiting for Anya • The War of Jenkins' Ear • War Horse • Butterfly Lion • Cool • Black Queen • Fox Friend • Born to Run	**Narnia Collection** • The Magician's Nephew • The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe • The Horse and his Boy • Prince Caspian • The Voyage of the Dawn Treader • The Silver Chair • The Last Battle

		• Mr Nobody's Eyes • The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips • The Kites are Flying • Snow Tales • Gentle Giant	

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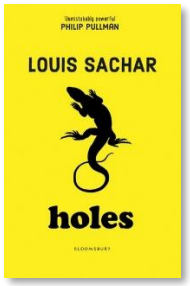	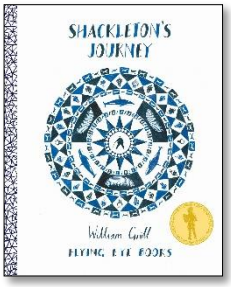	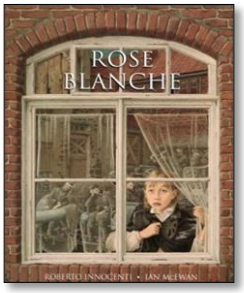	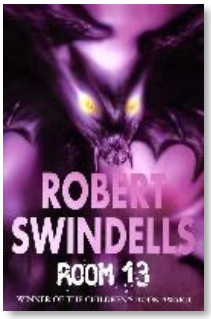
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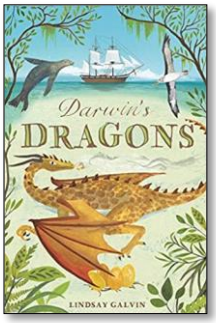	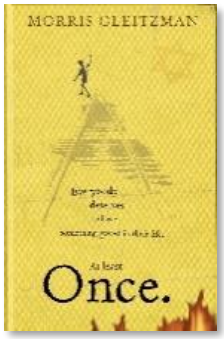	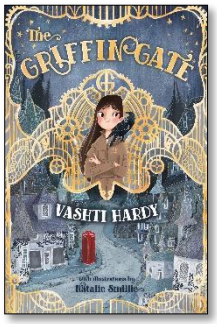	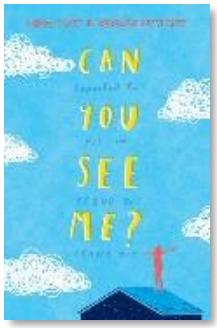
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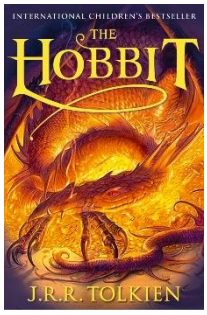
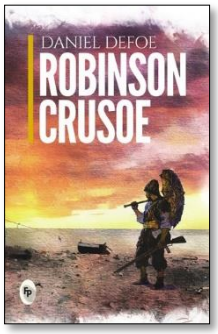
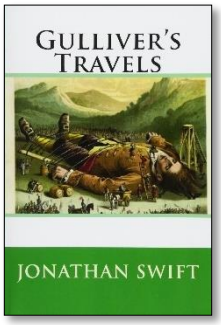
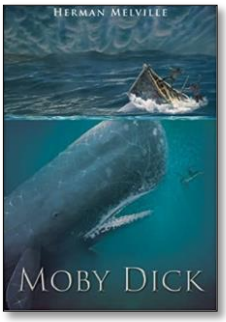
Y6 Classics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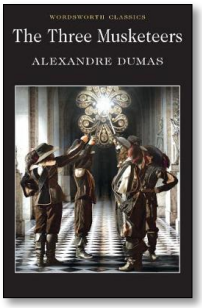	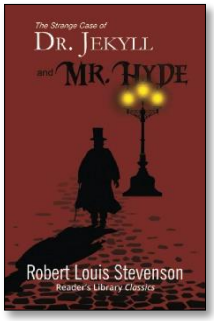	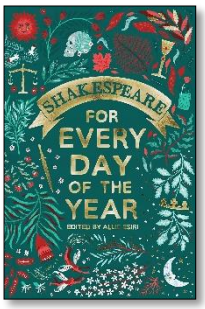	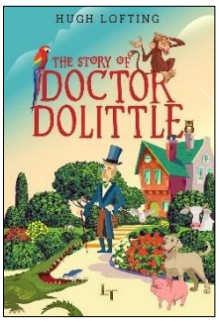
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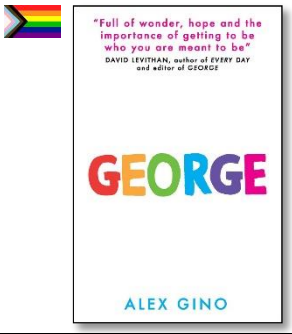	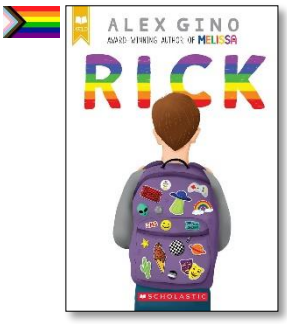	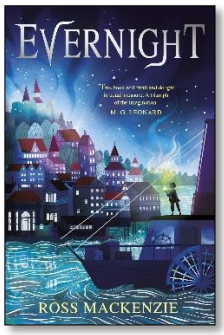	
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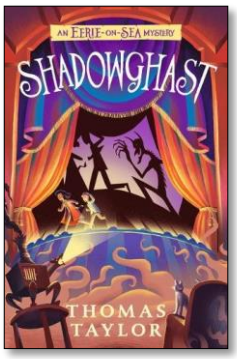	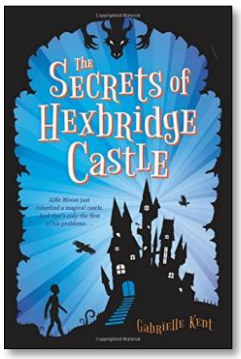	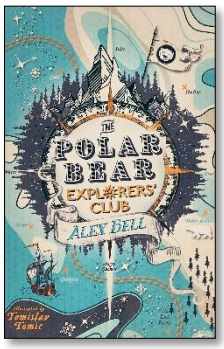	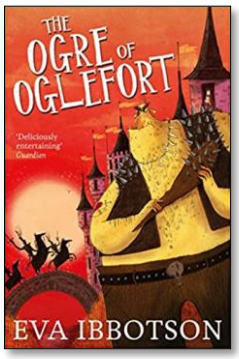
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	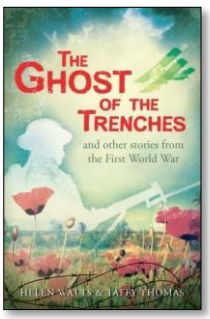	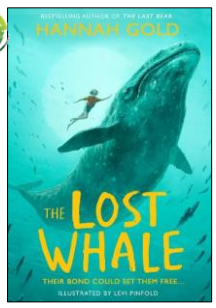	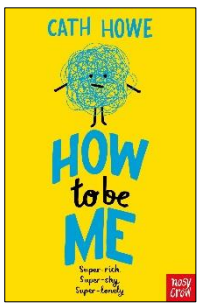
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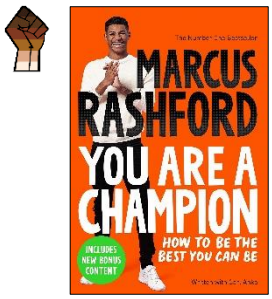	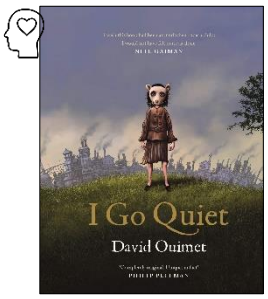	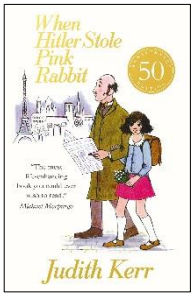	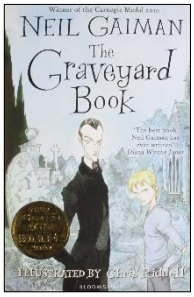
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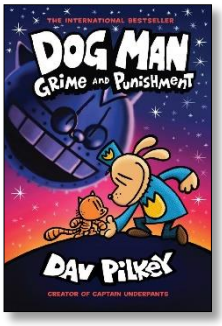	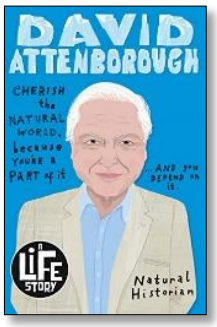	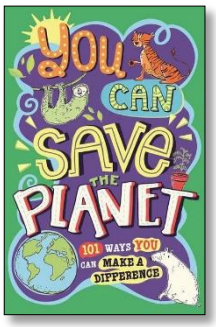	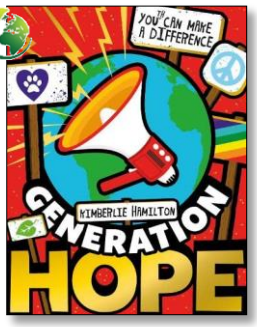
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	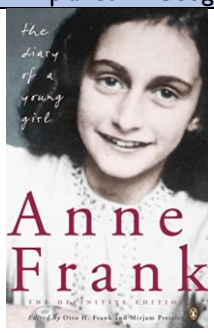	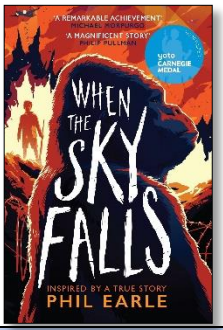	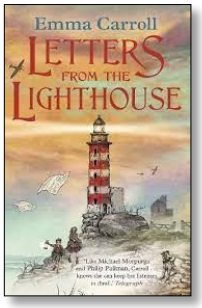
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		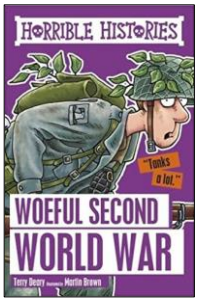	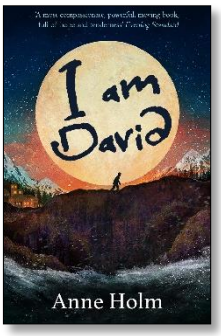
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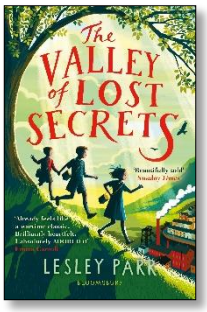	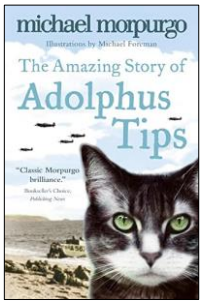		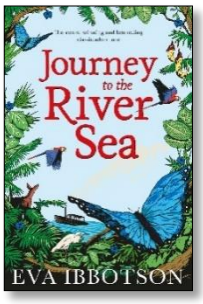
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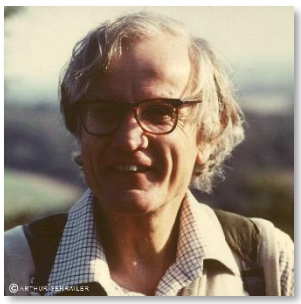
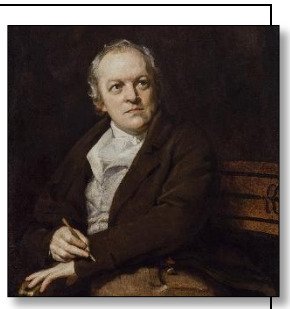
Y6 Poetry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