

# St James Reading Spine

*St James Church of England Primary School*

## **Our Journey Drivers:**

- Joyful Readers**
- Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills**
- Understanding of British and Christian Values**
- Resilience and Perseverance**
- Nurture Curiosity**
- Encourage Articulate Learners**
- Your Wellbeing and Health**



*"We are Joyful Readers."*

With our first curriculum driver to ensure that all children are 'Joyful Readers', our 'St James Spirit Reading Spine' has been carefully selected to allow pupils to explore issues that are relevant to life in modern Britain. The selection of books is intended to nurture our children's curiosity further in addition to providing opportunities explore inclusion, diversity and equality. Pupils get the opportunity to reflect upon and discuss these issues and the relevance in their lives.

Each text has fulfilled the four following criteria (Mary Myatt, 2021) to be chosen:

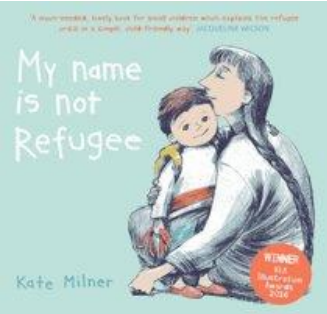
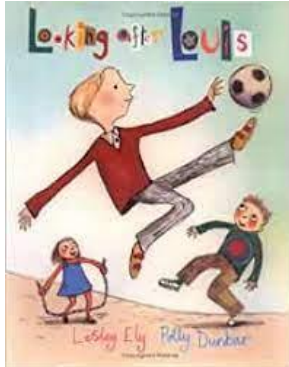
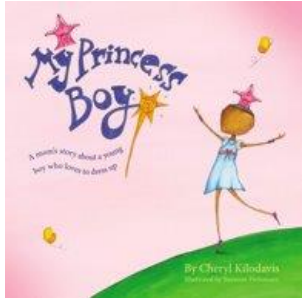


The chosen texts will be explored through a P4C session, with pupils being given the opportunity to lead their learning and decide on the discussion points and 'big questions' they would like to explore. All teaching staff are Level 1 P4C trained, giving pupils the opportunity to explore life's 'big ideas.' Our Parish Spirit Reading Spine explores issues of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. These are further enhanced by books from No Outsiders, our online safety reading spine and other relevant supporting texts.

**Year 5 St James Spirit:**

Diversity		Inclusion		Equality	
<p>Core Text</p>  <p>THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER IBTIHAJ MUHAMMAD with S. K. ALI and HATEM ALI <b>THE PROUDEST BLUE</b> A Story of Faith and Family</p>	<p>The Proudest Blue</p>	<p>Core Text</p>  <p><b>I TALK LIKE A RIVER</b> JORDAN SCOTT SYDNEY SMITH</p>	<p>I Talk Like a River</p>	<p>Core Text</p>  <p>with I.T. Aquino, Jr. <b>WORM Loves WORM</b> illustrated by Mike Curtis</p>	<p>Worm Loves Worm</p>

**Year 6 St James Spirit:**

Diversity		Inclusion		Equality	
<p>Core Text</p>  <p>It wasn't me, really, but the small children which explains the refugee word in a simple, and friendly way. JACQUELINE WICKSON <b>My name is not Refugee</b> Kate Milner WINNER of the Children's Choice Award 2016</p>	<p>My Name is not Refugee</p>	<p>Core Text</p>  <p><b>Looking after Louis</b> Lesley Ely Polly Dunbar</p>	<p>Looking after Louis</p>	<p>Core Text</p>  <p><b>My Princess Boy</b> A sweet story about a young boy who likes to dress up. By Cheryl Kildanu Illustrated by Susanna Blomquist</p>	<p>My Princess Boy</p>