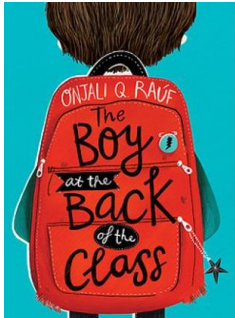
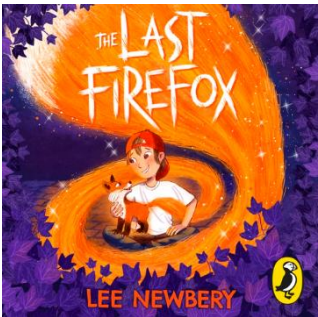


Ramsey Manor Lower School Reading Spine

Year 4

Books	Intended Engagement Focus	Authors
Our Tower 	Empathy This book marks the importance of diversity and the incredible sense of community that living in a tower block provides, showing how they are more magical than the boring, hard and grey high-rise flats that dominate urban skylines. The tale brings a message about urbanisation, where there's a perceived distinction between countryside and urban spaces.	Joseph Coelho 
The Boy at the Back of the Class 	Cultural Diversity and Acceptance This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class). There's a lovely lack of stereotyping on gender and backstory for the narrator, which adds to the message of not judging people before you know them.	Onjali Q Raúf 
The Last Firefox 	Resilience, courage, diverse families Charlie would like to be braver; to not be scared by the geese in the park and to have the courage to stand up to the bullies at school. Author Lee Newberry wrote this book for his son, so that his son could see himself in a story.	Lee Newberry 

Varjak Paw



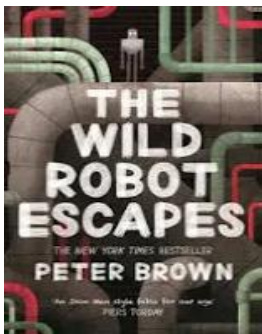
Self-identity

Varjak Paw is a young kitten who feels different from his family. When a mysterious Gentleman and his black cats arrive, Varjak escapes into the city. There he faces danger, learns ancient skills called The Way, and discovers his own courage as he fights to protect his family.

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The Wild Robot Escapes



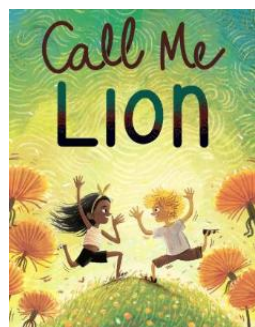
Family, belonging, identity, self-discovery, empathy and friendship

The Wild Robot Escapes is the story of a robot torn between two worlds. Roz was designed for her new life. She was designed to work alongside humans and robots and to live in the civilized world. But her computer brain is filled with perfect memories of her old life on the island. She grows to care about the new characters she meets, but she misses her old friends and her son and her home. And so Roz must discover for herself where she truly belongs.

Peter Brown



Call Me Lion



Feelings and Emotions, Inclusion

This is an enchanting tale of overcoming loneliness, standing up to bullies, overcoming fears and finding true friendship. Selective Mutism has been well researched by the author and the portrayal is supported by the Selective Mutism Research and Information Association

Camilla Chester

