

At Everton Primary School, we carefully select high-quality texts each term to develop children's love of reading, broaden their understanding of the world, and promote the values of equality, diversity and inclusion. Through these texts, children explore a range of complex themes, experiences and perspectives, supporting them to develop empathy, critical thinking and respect for others.

## Class 3- Cycle A

### Autumn Term 1: Suspense, Mystery and Moral Courage

**Text:** *Room 13*

This text explores themes of fear, suspense and moral decision-making, encouraging children to consider bravery, trust and consequences of actions. It supports discussion around ethical choices and standing up for what is right. Through these ideas, children develop empathy and understanding of difference, including respect for **age** and **disability**, as they reflect on vulnerability and responsibility towards others.



### Autumn Term 2: Poverty, Survival and Resilience

**Text:** *Street Child*

This powerful historical novel explores themes of poverty, hardship, survival and resilience in Victorian Britain. It helps children understand inequality in society and how life experiences can differ greatly depending on circumstance. These themes promote empathy and respect for others, including awareness of differences linked to **age**, **disability**, and **sex**, as well as social and economic inequality.



### Spring Terms 1 & 2: Conservation, Conflict and Responsibility

**Text:** *Gorilla Dawn*

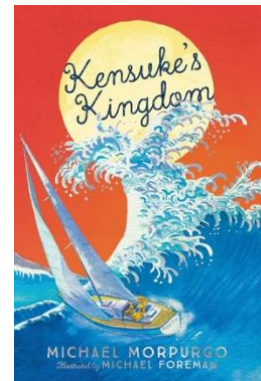
This text explores themes of environmental protection, conflict, exploitation and moral responsibility towards the natural world. It encourages children to consider the impact of human actions on animals and ecosystems, as well as ethical choices in difficult situations. Through these themes, children develop respect for diversity in all its forms, including **race**, **religion or belief**, and **disability**, while also considering global responsibility and justice.



## Summer Term 1: Survival, Friendship and Isolation

**Text:** *Kensuke's Kingdom*

This novel explores themes of survival, isolation, friendship and cultural understanding. It encourages children to reflect on resilience, adaptation and communication across difference. Through the relationship between characters from different backgrounds, children develop empathy and respect for others, including differences linked to **race**, **age**, and **disability**, and gain insight into global diversity.



## Summer Term 2: Power, Ambition and Consequences

**Text:** *Macbeth*

This Shakespearean tragedy explores themes of ambition, power, guilt and moral consequence. It encourages children to consider how choices, influence and responsibility shape outcomes for individuals and communities. Through the characters' actions and motivations, children develop understanding of human behaviour, ethics and fairness, while reflecting on respect for differences linked to **sex**, **age**, and **religion or belief**, and how societal expectations can influence identity and decision-making.

