READING MAP

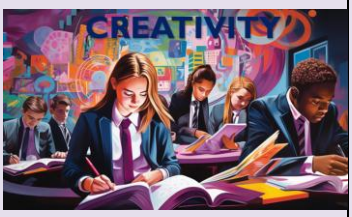
Each book included on our reading map has been carefully selected for its unique contribution to our school goals. They encompass our Nuneaton Spirit and our shared commitment to character development that shapes how we learn, lead, and grow together. These books are not only significant in their literary value but also in the lessons they impart and the perspectives they offer. Below, we outline the importance of each book and the reasons for its inclusion on our reading map. We have also shown how they fit in with our Nuneaton Norms of being Respectful, Responsive and Resolute and our values: ambition, integrity, enthusiasm, determination, creativity and confidence. Through the books they explore, the discussions they take part in, and the reflections they make, they are building the spirit of Nuneaton Academy into the story of who they are becoming. They are not just reading a chapter, they are writing a chapter of their own.

Book	The significance of the book
'Boy at the Back of The Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf 	Pupils should study "Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Q. Raúf because it addresses important themes such as empathy, friendship, and the plight of refugees. The book offers a compassionate exploration of the experiences of a young Syrian refugee named Ahmet and the transformative power of kindness. By delving into these themes, the novel promotes understanding, challenges stereotypes, and encourages young readers to develop empathy and stand up against injustice, fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society.
'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Q. Rauf 	'The Night Bus Hero' addresses social issues such as bullying, empathy, or understanding differences, it can help children develop a sense of compassion and encourage discussions about these topics. By depicting diverse characters and exploring their experiences, 'The Night Bus Hero' fosters understanding, acceptance, and appreciation of individual differences among young readers. 'The Night Bus Hero' helps children navigate ethical situations and develop their moral compass.
Wonder by R. J Palacio 	'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio is a highly acclaimed and popular children's novel that addresses themes of empathy, kindness, and acceptance. The book provides readers with a window into an individual's experiences and emotions, fostering empathy and understanding towards individuals who may look different or have unique circumstances. It encourages readers to see beyond physical appearances and value people for who they are on the inside. The book explores the theme of bullying and the importance of creating an inclusive and accepting community. By depicting instances of both kindness and cruelty, "Wonder" encourages readers to consider the impact of their words and actions, promoting a culture of empathy, respect, and inclusion. This is crucial in a school setting. By witnessing protagonist's personal growth, readers are inspired to develop a positive self-image, overcome their own struggles, and build resilience in the face of adversity.
Goodnight, Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian 	'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian is a powerful and widely acclaimed children's novel set during World War II. By reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom,' readers can gain insights into the historical events, societal changes, and challenges faced by children and families during this time. The book explores themes of resilience, friendship, and the healing power of human connections. The book delves into challenging themes such as abuse, loss, and trauma. By addressing these themes in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner, the book helps young readers develop empathy and understanding for those who have experienced difficult circumstances. It provides a platform for discussions about challenging topics, allowing readers to navigate complex emotions and build resilience. This book can inspire readers to reflect on their own personal growth and encourage them to embrace positive change in their own lives.

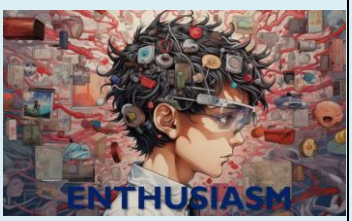
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness 	A Monster Calls" by Patrick Ness is an important book. The book delves into deep and complex emotions, particularly grief, loss, and fear. By reading this book, readers have the opportunity to explore and understand these emotions in a safe and empathetic context. It can help readers process their own feelings and develop emotional intelligence. The book sensitively portrays the challenges of loss and the different ways individuals cope with grief. It can provide comfort and support to readers who may have experienced similar situations, fostering a sense of validation and understanding.
Windrush Child by Ben Zephaniah 	'Windrush Child' is a poignant and powerful narrative that addresses a significant part of British history often overlooked in traditional curricula. This book offers students an insightful look into the experiences of the Windrush generation, exploring themes of migration, identity, and resilience. Through the eyes of the protagonist, young readers can empathise with the challenges and triumphs of those who moved from the Caribbean to Britain post-World War II. Incorporating this book into a secondary school reading map enriches students' cultural awareness and fosters a greater appreciation for diversity and inclusion. It also encourages discussions about social justice, heritage, and the ongoing impact of historical events on contemporary society.
Phillip Pullman by Clockwork 	'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman is an essential addition to a secondary school reading map for its masterful blend of fantasy, suspense, and moral complexity. The novel's intricate, clockwork-like structure not only captivates readers but also serves as a metaphor for the interconnectedness of actions and consequences. Pullman's rich, descriptive language and engaging narrative challenge students to think critically and analytically. Themes of fate, responsibility, and the impact of one's choices are woven throughout the story, prompting meaningful discussions and reflections. By including 'Clockwork' in the curriculum, educators provide students with an opportunity to explore deep philosophical questions and enhance their understanding of narrative techniques and literary devices.
Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by J.K Rowling 	'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling is a cornerstone of modern children's literature and an essential read for secondary school students. This novel not only ignites a passion for reading through its enchanting world and relatable characters but also introduces important themes such as friendship, bravery, and the battle between good and evil. The story's universal appeal and accessibility make it an excellent tool for engaging reluctant readers and fostering a lifelong love of literature.
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman 	'Pig Heart Boy' is a novel written by Malorie Blackman, published in 1997. The book addresses several important themes and topics that make it significant and relevant to readers. It explores the ethical dilemmas surrounding organ transplantation. The book raises thought-provoking questions about the limits of medical intervention, the moral implications of using animal organs, and the impact on the individual and society. It also highlights the ethical and emotional challenges faced by individuals dealing with life-threatening illnesses and the difficult choices they have to make. It promotes critical thinking and empathy, fostering understanding and compassion among readers.
Cirque De Freak by Darren Shan	'Cirque du Freak' by Darren Shan is important to read for several reasons. It is a thrilling and engaging story that captivates readers with its unique blend of fantasy, horror, and adventure. The fast-paced narrative, suspenseful plot, and intriguing characters make it a compelling read that can ignite a love for

	storytelling and literature. The book presents moral dilemmas and explores the consequences of the choices made by the characters. It prompts readers to consider themes such as the nature of good and evil, the complexities of loyalty and friendship, and the repercussions of personal decisions. This can resonate with readers who may be grappling with similar issues and promote discussions about individuality, acceptance, and the importance of staying true to oneself. The book delves into the complexities of these relationships, showcasing the power of genuine connections and the impact they can have on an individual's choices and actions.
The Bone Sparrow by Zara Fraillon 	'The Bone Sparrow' by Zana Fraillon is a great book to read as it raises awareness about the plight of refugees and highlights the harsh realities faced by individuals living in refugee camps. It provides a compassionate and age-appropriate way to introduce children to social issues, fostering empathy and understanding. The story features diverse characters from different backgrounds and cultures, allowing children to see themselves and others in the narrative and learning new perspectives. This promotes inclusivity, empathy, and a broader understanding of the world. The book shows children the strength and courage that can be found in human connections and the importance of empathy and support. The book can spark curiosity and encourage children to ask questions about the world, human rights, and the experiences of others. It prompts critical thinking and can lead to discussions about social justice, fairness, and equality. It provides opportunities to explore related educational topics, such as refugee rights, human migration, cultural diversity, and the importance of advocacy and activism.
The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank 	Anne Frank's diary provides an intimate and personal account of the Holocaust from the perspective of a Jewish girl in hiding. It offers a unique and poignant insight into the experiences, thoughts, and emotions of an individual living through one of the darkest periods in human history. Anne Frank's diary serves as a historical document that chronicles the atrocities of the Nazi regime and the impact it had on the lives of Jewish people. It provides first-hand information about the daily struggles, fears, and hopes of those in hiding during the Holocaust, making it a valuable resource for understanding this period. Reading Anne Frank's diary encourages empathy and understanding by allowing readers to connect with her as an individual. It humanises the Holocaust, helping students develop compassion and a sense of shared humanity, which can contribute to building a more tolerant and inclusive society. Despite the extreme circumstances, Anne Frank's diary demonstrates her resilience, optimism, and belief in the goodness of humanity. Her unwavering hope and courage in the face of adversity can inspire readers to find strength in difficult times and foster a sense of resilience and perseverance. Anne Frank's story sparks discussions about human rights, social justice, and the consequences of discrimination and intolerance. It prompts students to reflect on the importance of promoting equality, fighting against prejudice, and standing up for justice in their own lives and communities. Anne Frank's diary showcases the power of writing and self-expression as a means of coping, processing emotions, and finding solace. It encourages students to use writing as a tool for reflection, self-discovery, and personal growth, allowing them to express their own thoughts and experiences. It offers insights into the devastating effects of war and conflict on individuals and communities. It prompts discussions about the causes and consequences of war, the impact on civilian populations, and the importance of working towards

	peaceful resolutions. It offers valuable lessons about resilience, hope, and the importance of standing up for human rights and social justice.
Holes by Louis Sachar 	'Holes' by Louis Sachar is a compelling addition to a secondary school reading map due to its unique blend of mystery, adventure, and social commentary. The novel follows the journey of Stanley Yelnats, a boy wrongfully sent to a juvenile detention camp where he is forced to dig holes as part of his punishment. The story's intricate plot weaves together themes of fate, justice, and the impact of historical injustices, offering students a rich text for analysis. Through its engaging narrative and memorable characters, 'Holes' encourages discussions about family, friendship, and the power of perseverance. Its exploration of these themes makes it an invaluable tool for teaching important life lessons and promoting critical thinking skills.
Coraline by Neil Gaiman 	'Coraline' by Neil Gaiman is an essential book for secondary school students, providing a perfect mix of fantasy, horror, and coming-of-age elements. The story of Coraline Jones, who discovers an eerie parallel world that mirrors her own, captivates readers with its dark and imaginative plot. This novel delves into themes of bravery, identity, and the importance of appreciating one's own life, making it a powerful read for young adolescents. Gaiman's masterful storytelling and vivid imagery stimulate students' imaginations and encourage them to explore deeper psychological and existential questions.
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins 	'The Hunger Games' by Suzanne Collins is a good book to read for several reasons. The book captivates readers with its fast-paced plot, intense action, and suspenseful narrative. It explores various themes such as survival, sacrifice, inequality, government control, and the power of individual agency. These themes provide opportunities for readers to reflect on real-world issues and engage in discussions about ethics, social justice, and personal values. The book features well-developed characters and complex relationships. Readers witness character growth, moral dilemmas, and intricate dynamics among the characters. This allows readers to form emotional connections with the characters and invest in their journeys. The character of Katniss Everdeen is a strong, resourceful, and relatable protagonist. Her struggles, emotions, and determination resonate with readers, particularly young adults. Katniss serves as a role model for resilience, courage, and standing up for what is right. The book highlights the manipulative power of media and how it can shape public perception and control society. It showcases the strength of human connections and the importance of empathy, highlighting the transformative power of kindness and solidarity.
Things A Bright Girl Can Do by Sally Nicholls 	'Things a Bright Girl Can Do' by Sally Nicholls is a significant inclusion in a secondary school reading map due to its historical and feminist themes. Set during the early 20th century, the novel follows three young women involved in the suffrage movement, highlighting their struggles and contributions to the fight for women's rights. This book provides students with an understanding of historical events and social movements, fostering a greater appreciation for gender equality and the importance of activism. Through its well-drawn characters and compelling narrative, 'Things a Bright Girl Can Do' encourages empathy and resilience, inspiring students to reflect on the progress made in women's rights and the challenges that remain. It is an excellent resource for promoting discussions about history, politics, and social justice, making it a vital component of a well-rounded education.
Black Flamingo by Dean Atta	'Black Flamingo' by Dean Atta is an important book to read for several reasons. It tells the story of a mixed-race LGBTQ+ protagonist named Michael who explores

	his identity and experiences self-discovery. The book provides representation for marginalized communities and fosters empathy, understanding, and acceptance of diverse identities. The book explores themes of self-acceptance, self-expression, and navigating one's identity in a world that often imposes norms and expectations. It highlights the challenges faced by individuals who may feel different or struggle with their sense of belonging. Atta also addresses intersectional identities by exploring the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality. It encourages readers to understand and appreciate the unique experiences and challenges faced by individuals who navigate multiple marginalized identities. The book challenges stereotypes and prejudices by presenting a nuanced portrayal of its characters. 'Black Flamingo' celebrates the power of self-expression, creativity, and embracing one's true self. It encourages readers to explore their own passions, talents, and individuality, inspiring them to be authentic and confident in expressing their identities. The book touches upon social justice issues and the importance of standing up against discrimination, racism, and homophobia. It encourages readers to reflect on their own roles in creating a more inclusive and equitable society. It encourages individuals to see the world from different perspectives, promoting a more inclusive and compassionate society.
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes 	'Ghost Boys' by Jewell Parker Rhodes is an important book to study for several reasons. The book addresses social justice issues, particularly racial injustice and police violence. It helps readers develop empathy by presenting the story from the perspective of a young African American boy named Jerome, who becomes a ghost after being killed by a police officer. The book draws connections between historical events, such as the murder of Emmett Till, and contemporary instances of racial violence. It prompts discussions on the persistence of racial injustice throughout history and the need for ongoing efforts to address these issues. It encourages readers to reflect on their own biases and challenges them to confront and overcome them. The book explores themes of resilience, healing, and finding hope in the face of adversity. It shows the strength of the human spirit and the power of community support in times of tragedy. 'Ghost Boys' encourages readers to become advocates for social justice and to stand up against racial injustice. It empowers young readers to find their voice and take action, whether through individual acts of kindness or collective efforts to create change.
Lord Loss by Darren Shan 	'Lord Loss' by Darren Shan is an engaging book to read. It is a thrilling and suspenseful novel that hooks readers from the start. The story follows the protagonist, Grubbs Grady, as he uncovers a dark and terrifying world of demons and supernatural creatures. The fast-paced plot and unexpected twists keep readers engaged and eager to know what happens next. The book creates a unique atmosphere of horror and suspense. It delves into the macabre and explores the depths of fear, making it intriguing for readers who enjoy dark and thrilling narratives. The book delves into the themes of good versus evil and the moral choices characters face. It raises thought-provoking questions about the nature of evil and the consequences of one's actions, making readers reflect on their own beliefs and values.
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak	'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak is an important book to read. The book is set during World War II and provides a unique perspective on the Holocaust. It offers insights into the experiences of ordinary German citizens, particularly young Liesel Meminger, and the impact of Nazi Germany's ideology on their lives. It helps raise awareness and understanding of this significant historical event. The

	book delves into the complexities of human nature, showcasing both the capacity for cruelty and acts of kindness. It explores themes of compassion, resilience, and the power of empathy, inviting readers to reflect on the values that shape their own actions. It highlights the solace, escapism, and connection that books can offer even in the darkest of times.
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo 	'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo is an engaging book to read. The book is set during World War I, providing a glimpse into the realities of war and its impact on individuals and families. It explores the themes of patriotism, sacrifice, and the harsh realities of war, allowing readers to develop a deeper understanding of this significant historical period. The story is emotionally charged, drawing readers into the lives of the characters and their struggles. It addresses themes of love, loyalty, and the complexities of human relationships. The book elicits a range of emotions, from joy and laughter to sadness and empathy, making it a powerful reading experience. Readers witness the protagonist growth, resilience, and personal sacrifices, which prompts discussions about morality, integrity, and the human capacity for compassion in challenging circumstances.
The Maze Runner by James Dashner 	'The Maze Runner' by James Dashner is considered a good book to read for several reasons. The book offers a fast-paced and suspenseful storyline that keeps readers hooked from beginning. The main characters in the book, particularly Thomas, undergo significant character development as they navigate the challenges of the maze. Readers can connect with the characters' struggles, growth, and relationships, fostering empathy and emotional investment in the story. The book raises thought-provoking questions about the ethics of survival and sacrifice. It prompts readers to reflect on the choices the characters make in a desperate situation and consider the moral implications of their actions. The book emphasises the importance of friendship, trust, and teamwork. It showcases the bonds formed among the characters as they work together to overcome obstacles and find a way out of the maze. The book presents a dystopian setting that captivates readers with its unique challenges and mysteries.
The Bridge to Terabithia 	'Bridge to Terabithia' by Katherine Paterson is an important addition to a secondary school reading map due to its profound exploration of friendship, loss, and the power of imagination. The novel tells the story of Jesse Aarons and Leslie Burke, two friends who create an imaginary kingdom called Terabithia. Through their adventures, the book delves into themes of creativity, courage, and the impact of personal tragedy. 'Bridge to Terabithia' provides students with a deeply emotional and relatable narrative that encourages empathy and understanding of complex emotions such as grief and resilience. The story's rich character development and meaningful themes offer ample opportunities for discussions on coping with loss, the importance of friendship, and the role of imagination in overcoming life's challenges.
The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman	'The Ocean at the End of the Lane' by Neil Gaiman is a vital read for secondary school students, blending elements of fantasy and psychological depth to create a thought-provoking narrative. The novel follows an unnamed protagonist who returns to his childhood home and recalls a series of otherworldly events linked to a mysterious girl named Lettie Hempstock. Gaiman's story explores themes of memory, childhood, and the thin veil between reality and fantasy, encouraging readers to reflect on their own experiences and perceptions. The book's lyrical prose and imaginative plot stimulate students' creativity and critical thinking,

	making it an excellent choice for fostering a deeper appreciation of literature. 'The Ocean at the End of the Lane' addresses the complexities of growing up and the lasting impact of childhood events, offering a rich text for discussions about identity, fear, and the nature of reality.
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai 	'I Am Malala' is a memoir that tells the powerful and inspiring story of Malala Yousafzai, a young Pakistani girl who stood up for girls' education and survived an assassination attempt by the Taliban. Her story of resilience, bravery, and activism serves as a source of inspiration for students, motivating them to stand up for their beliefs and make a positive impact in the world. The book provides valuable insights into the culture, history, and challenges faced by people in Pakistan and other parts of the world. It helps students develop a broader understanding of global issues, including the importance of education, gender equality, and the fight against extremism. Her story raises important discussions about social justice, human rights, and gender equality. It exposes students to the barriers faced by marginalized communities and highlights the importance of education as a tool for empowerment and social change. Reading about Malala's advocacy can inspire students to become agents of positive change in their own communities. The book offers a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of Pakistan, its traditions, and its people. Through Malala's experiences, students can develop empathy and a deeper appreciation for diverse cultures, fostering a more inclusive and accepting mindset. Malala's story serves as a role model for students, demonstrating the power of education, resilience, and the ability to overcome adversity. Her courage and determination inspire students to pursue their own dreams, challenge societal norms, and make a difference in their own lives and communities. It encourages students to reflect on their own educational opportunities and the value of education in their lives. It can spark conversations and initiatives related to education access, equity, and quality.
Animal Farm by George Orwell 	'Animal Farm' is a political allegory that uses animals on a farm to represent historical events and political ideologies. Reading it helps pupils understand complex political concepts in a more accessible and engaging way. The book prompts pupils to think critically about power, corruption, and propaganda. It encourages them to question authority, recognise manipulation tactics, and evaluate the consequences of unchecked power. The book provides insights into historical events, such as the Russian Revolution and the rise of totalitarianism.
They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera 	'They Both Die at the End' by Adam Silvera is regarded as a great book for teens. The book explores the intriguing premise of a future world where individuals receive a notification on the day of their death. This concept immediately captures readers' attention and creates a sense of curiosity about how the story will unfold. The story delves into themes of mortality, friendship, and living life to the fullest. It explores the characters' emotional journeys as they navigate their final day, leading to introspection and thought-provoking discussions about the meaning of life and the value of human connections. The alternating perspectives of the two main characters, Mateo and Rufus, provide different insights and add depth to their individual journeys. It features diverse characters and tackles topics such as LGBTQ+ representation and cultural diversity.
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas	'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas is considered a good book to read for several reason. The novel tackles important and timely themes such as racial injustice,

	police brutality, activism, and finding one's voice. It explores these issues through the eyes of a young Black protagonist, providing readers with a powerful and thought-provoking perspective. The book offers authentic and relatable representation of marginalized communities, particularly Black individuals and their experiences. It provides insight into the challenges they face, their resilience, and the complexity of their identities. 'The Hate U Give' is known for its gripping and emotionally charged narrative. The story unfolds through the eyes of Starr, the main character, as she navigates the aftermath of witnessing her friend's unjust killing by a police officer. The book keeps readers engaged, invested, and emotionally connected to the characters and their journeys. The characters in the novel are well-developed and multi-dimensional. They face internal conflicts, grapple with societal expectations, and undergo personal growth. Through their perspectives, readers gain empathy and understanding, challenging stereotypes and promoting compassion. The book delves into issues of identity, addressing topics such as code-switching, cultural appropriation, and the intersectionality of race, class, and gender. It prompts readers to reflect on their own identities and consider the experiences of others. The book encourages readers to step into the shoes of others and understand diverse perspectives. It fosters empathy and compassion by depicting the consequences of prejudice and systemic injustice, encouraging readers to actively seek positive change.
Pigeon English by Stephen Kelman 	'Pigeon English' provides a unique and authentic perspective on the immigrant experience and multicultural communities. It explores the life of a young Ghanaian boy named Harrison Opoku who navigates the challenges of living in a London housing estate. Through the eyes of the protagonist, readers gain insight into the cultural richness, struggles, and triumphs of immigrant communities. The book delves into important social issues such as gang violence, poverty, racism, and identity. It raises awareness and promotes discussions around these topics, encouraging readers to critically examine their own assumptions and biases. It prompts empathy and understanding towards marginalized communities and challenges stereotypes. The book explores the themes of friendship and belonging, emphasising the importance of connection and support systems in navigating challenging circumstances. It portrays the power of friendships in overcoming obstacles and finding strength in unity. It resonates with young readers who may be going through similar experiences, fostering self-reflection and personal development.
Billy Elliot by Melvin Burgess 	'Billy Elliot' by Melvin Burgess, based on the screenplay by Lee Hall, is important for secondary school students as it addresses themes of identity, societal expectations, and the pursuit of dreams. The story follows Billy, a young boy from a working-class background who defies gender norms and family expectations by pursuing his passion for ballet. Set against the backdrop of the 1984 miners' strike in Northern England, the novel highlights issues of class struggle, economic hardship, and the fight for self-expression. By including 'Billy Elliot' in the reading map, educators provide students with a narrative that celebrates individuality and resilience. The book encourages discussions on breaking stereotypes, the importance of following one's passion, and the challenges of overcoming societal constraints, offering students a rich and inspiring story that resonates with their own experiences and aspirations.