

Alderwood Academy – KS2 Haven Reader’s for Life Curriculum Overview – 2025-26

Curriculum Overview for Readers for Life			
Subject Content/Text	Break the Mould	The Lost Thing	The Great Food Bank Heist
Core Knowledge	disability, inclusion, identity, resilience, inequality, the power of language	rejection, belonging, indifference, being different, friendship, compassion	poverty, fairness, crime, charity, friendship, loyalty
Key Skills	Fluency, pace, stamina, comprehension, word reading, critical evaluation, prosody, vocabulary, retrieval, skimming, scanning, comparison, reflection.		

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Subject Content/Text	The Journey	After the Fall	Climate Rebels
Core Knowledge	home, war, fear, change, safety, uncertainty, hope, family	determination, growth mindset, perseverance and courage	climate change, conservation, overcoming adversity, making a difference, disability, mental health
Key Skills	Fluency, pace, stamina, comprehension, word reading, critical evaluation, prosody, vocabulary, retrieval, skimming, scanning, comparison, reflection.		



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Subject Content/Text	Rise Up	The Tear Thief	Greek Myths	The Boy who met a Whale
Core Knowledge	Overcoming adversity Social responsibility and making a difference Bullying, disability, inclusion, self-belief	emotion, sadness, truth, kindness, compassion, loss, belief	myths and legends, spirituality, historical, family	environmental responsibility, inclusion, loss, friendship, adventure
Key Skills	Fluency, pace, stamina, comprehension, word reading, critical evaluation, prosody, vocabulary, retrieval, skimming, scanning, comparison, reflection.			

Year 2: Autumn Term				
Subject Content/Text	Saving Sorya	The Girl Savage	The Wolves of Currumpaw	
Core Knowledge	determination, perseverance, friendship, compassion, saying goodbye, bravery	Coming of age, family, friendship, moving home, relationships, identity, acceptance.	relationships, heritage, environment, indigenous peoples, community, loyalty, activism	
Key Skills				

Year 2: Spring Term

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Subject Content/Text			
Core Knowledge			
Key Skills			

Year 2: Summer Term			
Subject Content/Text			
Core Knowledge			
Key Skills			