

Significant People & Selection Rational overview for Reading

		Autumn	Spring	Summer
KS1	Cycle A	Juila Donaldson- Writer and Playwrite.	Dapo Adeola — Author, Illustrator, Character Designer.	Anthony Browne- Children's Book Author and Illustrator.
	Reason for Significant person selection	Julia Donaldson is the British author of some of the UKs best selling picture books. The stories are engaging, the illustrations, with several collaborators, are colourful and captivating, and the rhymes perfectly phrased and fun to read aloud.	Born in Britain and of Nigerian heritage, Dapo's work tends to revolve around creating characters and imagery that challenge gender norms and equality politics in a fun and upbeat manner.	Anthony Brown was born in Sheffield in 1946, and grew up in Yorkshire. He went on to become a successful author and illustartor of over 50 children's books (primarily picture books).
	Cycle B	Allan Ahlberg- A British author of children's books.	Judith Kerr- German born illustrator and writer.	Dr Tamara Pizzoli- An African American writer, publisher and producer.
	Reason for Significant person selection	Allan has published over 100 children's books with his wife, Janet Ahlberg. As a child, Allan was adopted into a very poor working class family and identified himself as the baby in his book 'Peepo'.	Judith is a German-born illustrator and writer who has sold more than 10 million books. She fled the Weimar Republic during the rise of Nazi Germany in 1933. She settled in Britain and wrote about her experiences.	Dr Tamara Pizzoli is a former Kindergarten teacher who loved to read aloud to her students. She now resides in Rome where she continues to write children's books.

LKS2	Cycle A	Cressida Cowell – Children's Book Author and Illustrator.	Tae Keller – Children's Book Author.	Jason Reynolds- American author of novels and poetry.
	Reason for Significant person selection	Cressida spent a great deal of time on a tiny, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland, which is where she first began to develop her writing and drawing skills. She has written a series of children's novels.	Tae Keller is an American children's author who writes about biracial girls trying to find their voices. She grew up in Honolulu listening to her halmoni's (grandmother's) stories about tigers. She has won many awards for her writing.	Reynolds found inspiration in rap and had an early focus on poetry before publishing his first novel. He returned to poetry later in his career. Jason was named as the Library of Congress' national ambassador for young people's literature in 2020.
	Cycle B	Chris Colfer- An American actor, singer and author.	R.J. Palacio- An American author and graphic designer.	Michael Morpurgo- An English author, poet and playwright.
	Reason for Significant person selection	Colfer began his career as an actor before writing novels for children. He has been open about being so severely bullied in middle school for being gay that he was withdrawn and home schooled.	Palacio began her career as an illustrator, designing book covers including children's books. She was born in New York City as the daughter of Columbian immigrants and spent many years travelling widely through Europe. Her novel Wonder was adapted into a film.	Michael is noted for his magical story telling with recurring themes such as the triumph of an outsider, for character's relationships with nature and for vivid settings. Morpurgo and his brother were evacuated to Northumberland when they were younger.

UkK2	Cycle A	JK Rowling- British author and philanthropist.	J.R.R Tolkien- South African born author who was a signalling officer during WW1 and survived the Battle of the Somme.	Ivan E Coyote- A Canadian writer of short stories, novels and films.
	Reason for Significant person selection	Rowling, has sold over 500 million copies of her series of books: Harry Potter which has been translated into at least 70 languages. She wrote while living on state assistance as a single parent, deeply affected by her Mother's death.	John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was an English writer, poet, philologist and academic best known as the author of the high fantasy works, The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. He was a professor of Anglo-Saxon (Old English) at the University of Oxford.	Ivan is non- binar and uses singular they pronouns. Their work deals with contemporary issues of family, class, gender, identity and social justice. Coyote's books have these common themes throughout them.
	Cycle B	Rabindranath Tagore- An Indian polymath (person of learning) who contributed greatly to the fields of literature and philosophy.	Jacqueline Woodson- An African-American writer of books.	John Boyne- An Irish author who was fascinated by the effect of war on children.
	Reason for Significant person selection	Tagore contributed to the fields of literature, art and philosophy. He is credited with reshaping Bengali literature and music. He was the first non-European to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature.	Jacqueline is an author of books for adults, children and adolescents. She is best known for her National Award-winning memoir: Brown Girl Dreaming. Woodson is very open about being raised as a Jehovah's Witness although she is no longer practising.	John's books have been published in over 50 languages and his novel The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas was adapted into a film. Boyne has spoken about the difficulties that he encountered growing up gay in Catholic Ireland.