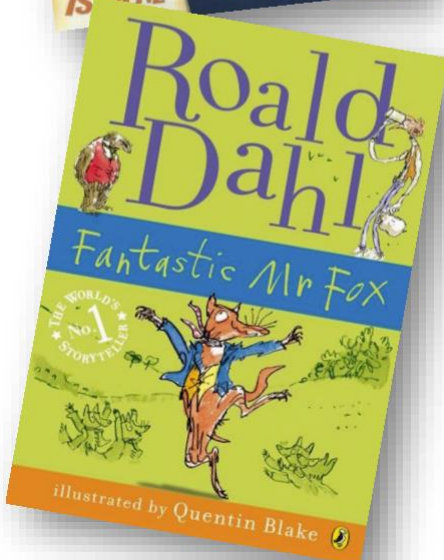


# Bidston Avenue Reading Spine

"A child who reads will be an adult who thinks"



Our Reading Spine covers a diverse range of books where all children can see themselves in the stories and promote our drivers of reading, resilience and thinking.

The Spine has been created so children have access to texts that will support them in navigating reading with confidence and foster a love of reading. They are read to the whole class by the teacher and therefore are complex beyond a lexical level and demand more in terms of comprehension.

In addition, each class in Key Stage 1 will also have a range of favourites read to them from the previous year. There is also opportunity for children to select their own to be read to the class.

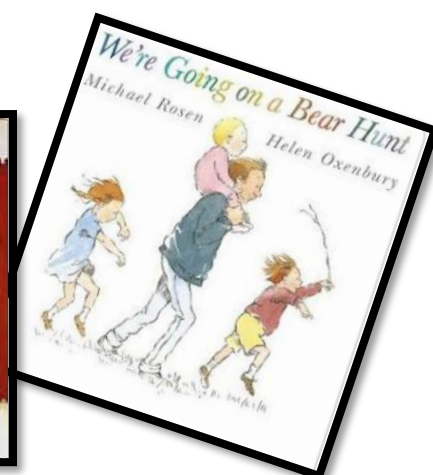
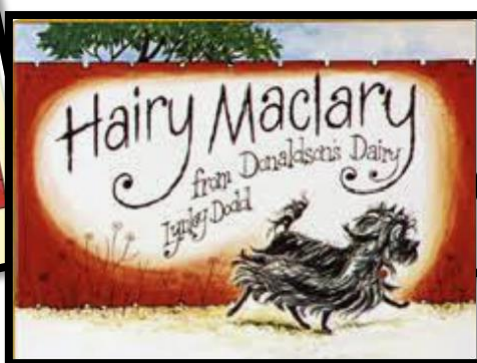
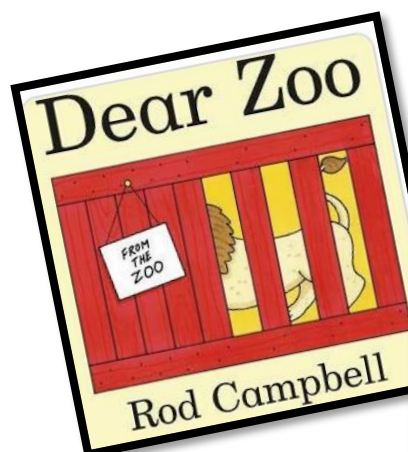
We have used a range of recommended lists chosen from:

[Ruth Miskin – Windows and Mirrors](#)

[Reading Reconsidered', Doug Lemov – 5  
Plagues of Reading List](#)

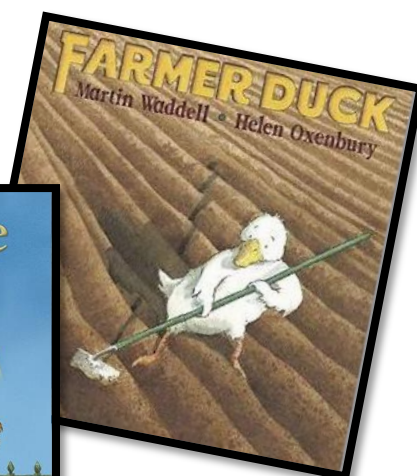
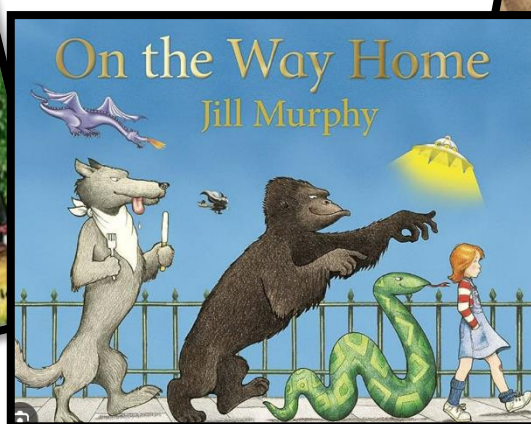
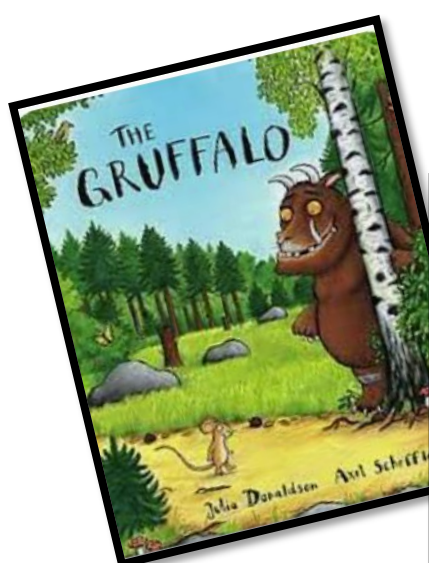
## Reading Spine- F1

Class Read	Source	Why?
Where's Spot? By Eric Hill	Pie Corbett	Build vocabulary through repetition
Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell	Pie Corbett	
You Choose by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt	Pie Corbett	Explore difference in people and build identity
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen	Pie Corbett	Story structure
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jnr and Eric Carle	Pie Corbett	Build vocabulary
Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Nick Inkpen	Pie Corbett	Learn story structure
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle	Pie Corbett	Days of the week
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson Dairy by Lynley Dodd	Pie Corbett	Exploring rhyming words
Each Peach Pear Plum by Allan and Janet Ahlberg	Pie Corbett	Rhythm and rhyme
Hug by Jez Alborough	Pie Corbett	Exploring feelings
The Train Ride by June Crebbin	Pie Corbett	Building vocabulary
Come on, Daisy by Jane Simmons	Pie Corbett	Exploring voices and punctuation
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell	Pie Corbett 5 Plague of Reading – Complexity of Plot	Exploring feelings and story structure
Ravi's Roar by Tom Percival, Bloomsbury	Windows and Mirrors	Self-regulation
Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival, Bloomsbury	Windows and Mirrors	
Super Duper You but Sophie Henn, Puffin	Windows and Mirrors	Building positive self-image
Full, Full, Full of Love by Trish Cooke, Paul Howard, Walker Books	Windows and Mirrors	Diverse families
Billy and the Dragon by Nadia Shireen	Windows and Mirrors	Critical thinking and friendship



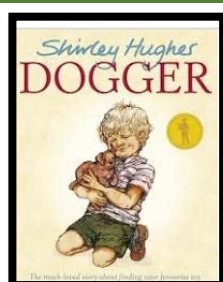
## Reading Spine- Foundation 2

Class Read	Source	Why?
The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson	Pie Corbett	Learn story structure
Handa’s Surprise – Eileen Browne	Pie Corbett	Develop vocabulary and cultural awareness
Mr Gumpy’s Outing – John Burningham	Pie Corbett	Exploring character
Rosie’s Walk – Pat Hutchins	Pie Corbett	
Six Dinner Sid – Inga Moore	Pie Corbett	
Mrs Armitage – Quentin Blake	Pie Corbett	Develop vocabulary
Whatever Next – Jill Murphy	Pie Corbett	Develop prediction and imagination
On the Way Home – Jill Murphy	Pie Corbett	Develop prediction
Farmer Duck – Martin Waddell	Pie Corbett	Develop inference
Goodnight Moon – Margaret Wise-Brown	Pie Corbett	Making lists
Shhh! – Sally Grindley	Pie Corbett	Story structure
The Girls by Lauren Ace, Jenny Lovlie, Caterpillar Books	Windows and Mirrors	Challenging gender stereotypes
The Boys by Lauren Ace, Caterpillar Books	Windows and Mirrors	
Princesses Break Free by Timothy Knapman, Walker Books	Windows and Mirrors	
The Smile by Marie Voigt, Oxford University Press	Windows and Mirrors	Power of positivity
Two Places to Call Home by Phil Earle, Ladybird	Windows and Mirrors	Diverse families
I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott, Walker Books	Windows and Mirrors	Resilience and acceptance
My Two Grannies by Floella Benjamin, Margaret Chamberlain, Frances Lincoln	Windows and Mirrors	Acceptance and friendship



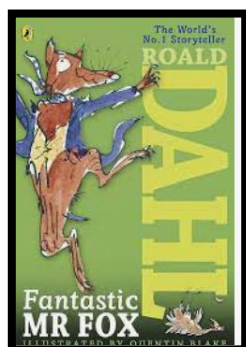
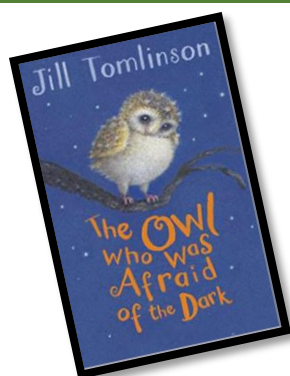
## Reading Spine- Year 1

Class Read	Source	Why?
Peace at Last by Jill Murphy	Pie Corbett	Understanding cause and effect
Can't You Sleep Little Bear? by Martin Waddell	Pie Corbett	Develop a sense of comfort and feeling safe.
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak	Pie Corbett 5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text	Making predictions
The Elephant and the Bad Baby	Pie Corbett	Story structure
The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr	Pie Corbett 5 Plagues of Reading – Complexity of Plot	
Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers	Pie Corbett 5 Plagues of Reading- Resistant Text	Exploring mistakes and disappointment
Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems	Pie Corbett	Love and loss
Beegu By Alexis Deacon	Pie Corbett	Exploring characters
Dogger by Shirley Hughes	Pie Corbett	
Cops and Robbers by by Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg	Pie Corbett	Inference from drawings and prediction
Elmer by David McKee	Pie Corbett	Diversity
Avocado Baby by John Burningham	Pie Corbett	Humour and prediction
The Three Little Kittens by Eliza Lee Follen	5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text	Understanding verse
Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao by Kat Zhang	Windows and Mirrors	Culture and diversity
Chapati Moon by Pippa Goodhart, Lizzy Finlay, Penguin	Windows and Mirrors	
Forever Star by Gareth Peter and Judi Abbot, Puffin	Windows and Mirrors	Diverse families
If all the world were... by Joseph Coelho, Frances Lincoln –	Windows and Mirrors	Families and loss
Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall	Windows and Mirrors	Resilience
The Word Collector by Peter H Reynolds	Windows and Mirrors	Love of reading
It's a No-Money Day by Kate Milner	Windows and Mirrors	Diverse families
Pirate Mums by Jodie Lancet-Grant	Windows and Mirrors	



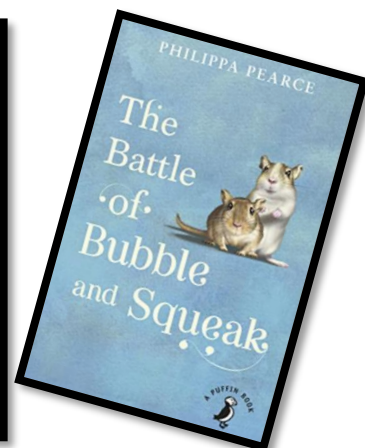
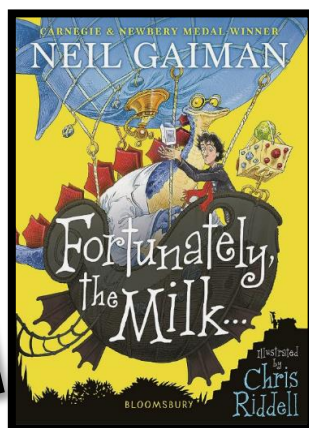
## Reading Spine- Year 2

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Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl	5 Plagues of Reading- Complexity of the Plot	Resilience
Traction Man is Here by Mini Grey	Pie Corbett	Exploring emotions
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman	Pie Corbett	Culture and diversity
Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper	Pie Corbett	Emotions and solving conflict
Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets by Jeanne Willis	Pie Corbett	Exploring language and humour
Not Now Bernard by David McKee	Pie Corbett	Understanding perspectives
Tuesday by David Wiesner	Pie Corbett	Making predictions
Gorilla by Anthony Browne	Pie Corbett	Exploring relationships
The Flower by John Light	Pie Corbett	Making links with familiar stories
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson	Pie Corbett	Resilience – overcoming fears
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown	Pie Corbett	Exploring emotions
The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear	5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text	Exploring verse
The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore	5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text	
Emily Browne and the Thing by Cressida Cowell	Pie Corbett	Overcoming fears and resilience
Who is Afraid of the Big Bad Book? By Lauren Child	Pie Corbett	Making links with familiar stories
Jack and the Baked Beanstalk by Colin Stimpson	Literacy Counts	Making links with familiar stories and diverse families
A River by Marc Martin	Literacy Counts	Links with geography
Grandad's Island by Benji Davies	Literacy Counts	
Rosie Reverie by Andrea Beaty	Literacy Counts	Gender stereotypes and resilience
The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis	Literacy Counts	Love and loss
Night Gardener by	Literacy Counts	Critical thinking
Eyes that Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho,	Windows and Mirrors	Building positive self-image
Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall	Windows and Mirrors	Critical thinking and resilience
Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love	Windows and Mirrors	Challenging gender stereotypes
My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner	Windows and Mirrors	Culture and diversity
Our Tower by Joseph Coelho	Windows and Mirrors	Resilience
Out of the Blue by Robert Tregoning	Windows and Mirrors	Diversity and acceptance
Speak Up! by Nathan Bryon	Windows and Mirrors	Resilience and critical thinking
The Word Collector by Peter H Reynolds	Windows and Mirrors	Love of reading



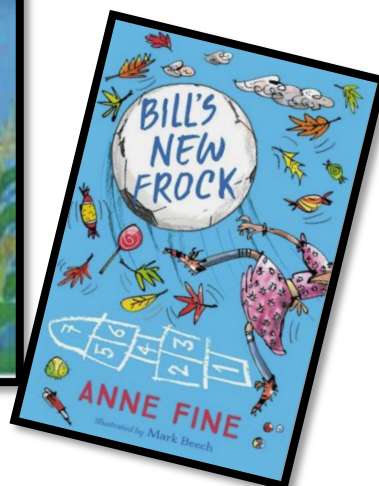
## Reading Spine- Year 3

Class Read	Source	Why?
The Battle of Bubble and Squeak by Philippa Pearce	Pie Corbett Spine	Critical thinking and family difference
Toys Go Out by E.Lockhart	5 Plagues of Reading – Complexity of the Narrator	Bravery, friendship and forgiveness
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren	5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text	Resilience and positivity
The Iron Man by Ted Hughes	5 Plagues of Reading – Complexity of Plot	Friendship
Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman	5 Plagues of Reading – Non-Linear Time Sequence	Resilience
Catch a Little Rhyme by Eve Merriam	5 Plagues of Reading – Complexity of Plot	Critical thinking
Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman	5 Plague of Reading - Resistant Text	Friendship and difference
Egyptology by Dugald Steer	Literacy Counts	Links with history
Into the Forest by Anthony Browne	Literacy Counts	Links with fairytales Resilience
Jemmy Button by Valerio Vidali	Literacy Counts	Culture and rights
Rhythm of the Rain by Grahame Baker-Smith	Literacy Counts	Links with geography – appreciation of the natural world
Fox by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks	Literacy Counts	Friendship and difference



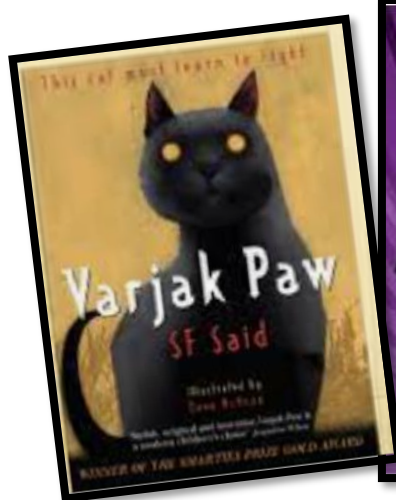
## Reading Spine- Year 4

Class Read	Source	Why?
Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine	Pie Corbett	Diversity
A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond	5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text	Exploring vocabulary
Dominic Grows Sweetcorn by Mandy Ross	5 Plagues of Reading – Non-Linear Text	Culture and diversity
The Tunnel by Anthony Browne	5 Plagues of Reading – Complexity of Plot	Conquering Fears – resilience
The Witches by Roald Dahl	5 Plagues of Reading – Complexity of Narrator	Critical thinking and prediction
Topsy Turvy World (Poem) by William Brighty Rands	5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text Resistant Text	Exploring verse
The Lost Happy Ending	Literacy Counts	Critical thinking and making literary connections
Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau by Jennifer Berne	Literacy Counts	Exploring biography and verse
The Whale by Ethan & Vita Murrow	Literacy Counts	Critical thinking and resilience
The Journey by Francesca Sanna	Literacy Counts	Resilience and exploration
Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann	Literacy Counts	Acceptance and diversity



## Reading Spine- Year 5

Class Read	Source	Why?
Street Child by Berlie Doherty	Pie Corbett	Links with history
Varjak Paw by SF Said	Pie Corbett	Friendship
The Listeners by Walter De La Mare	5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text	Exploring verse
Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll	5 Plagues of Reading – Resistant Text	
Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce	5 Plagues of Reading – Non-Linear Time Sequence	Local Author
Farther by Graham Baker-Smith	Literacy Counts	Family love and perseverance, resilience
Where We Once Stood by Christopher Riley and Martin Impey	Literacy Counts	Links with History and Science
Hound of The Baskervilles Graphic Novel by Daniel Ferran	Literacy Counts	Critical thinking and problem solving
King Kong by Anthony Browne	Literacy Counts	Relationships
Lost Book of Adventure by Unknown Adventurer	Literacy Counts	Critical Thinking



## Reading Spine- Year 6

Class Read	Source	Why?
Fireweed by Jill Paton Walsh	Pie Corbett	Links with History curriculum
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken	Pie Corbett	Challenging vocabulary
Wonder by R J Palacio	5 Plagues of Reading - Complexity of the Narrator	Acceptance and resilience
Holes by Louis Sachar	5 Plagues of Reading - Non-Linear Time Sequence and Pie Corbett	Resilience, acceptance and friendship
Charge of the Light Brigade by A .Tennyson	5 Plagues of Reading – Archaic Text	Resilience, respect and comradeship
The Tyger by William Blake	5 Plagues of Reading - Resistant text	Resilience
Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman	Literacy Counts	Resilience and critical thinking
A Story Like the Wind by Gill Lewis	Literacy Counts	Resilience, tolerance and acceptance
Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan	Literacy Counts	Citizenship links with history curriculum
Shackleton by William Grill	Literacy Counts	Resilience
Wolves in the Walls by Neil Gaiman	Literacy Counts	Challenging plot

