

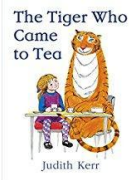
# Reading Spine

Year 1

Our reading spine is designed using books – written by inspirational authors – which we value and want the children to have read by the time they leave primary education. The texts are purposefully selected to take the reader on a journey, from sharing picture books, to sharing a range of chapter books that gradually expose the reader to beautifully crafted storylines with evermore intriguing and challenging themes. Some books also fit with the year group’s Learning Quest and science topics.

Research shows that sharing quality narratives, which the children would not necessarily choose to read for themselves, develops not only a love of reading but improves vocabulary development and language skills, develops imagination and empathy, and enables children to learn about people, places and events outside of their own experience. In turn, this promotes achievement in all writing genres across the curriculum.

This pack contains your core texts – 1 per half term – and a poetry anthology. The books should be kept in the zippy wallet and remain available in the classroom. Children should be read to for 15 minutes each day from the half termly text indicated on the reading spine. One reading session a week should be replaced with a poem from the year group poetry anthology.

Autumn 1		<p><b><u>The Elephant and the Bad Baby by Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs</u></b> Link with: Wheely Great Transport</p> <p>The Elephant takes the Bad Baby for a ride and they go 'rumpeta, rumpeta, rumpeta down the road.' They help themselves to ice creams, pies, buns, crisps, biscuits, lollipops and apples, and the shopkeepers follow them down the road shouting and waving. All ends well as the Bad Baby learns to say 'Please' and his mother makes pancakes for everyone.</p>
Autumn 2		<p><b><u>The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr</u></b> Link with: Science – Weather</p> <p>The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!</p>
Spring 1		<p><b><u>Mr Wolf's Pancake by Jan Fearnley</u></b> Link with: Fairy tales</p> <p>Mr Wolf fancies some tasty pancakes but he doesn't know how to make them! Asking his neighbours is of no use they're a mean and horrible lot who refuse to help. Poor Mr Wolf! He has to work it out all by himself. But what happens when those</p>

		nasty neighbours want to help Mr Wolf eat his delicious pancakes?
Spring 2		<p><b><u>Avocado Baby by John Burningham</u></b> Link with: Science – growing seeds</p> <p>The Hargraves want their new baby to grow up big and strong. But the puny mite will hardly eat a thing. One day Mrs Hargraves finds an avocado in the fruit bowl and the baby gobbles it up. Soon, the strangest things start to happen...</p>
Summer 1		<p><b><u>Don't Look in this Book by Samuel Langley – Swain</u></b> Link with: Space</p> <p>A unique rhyming adventure for young readers.</p>
Summer 2		<p><b><u>The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl</u></b> Link with: Amazing Animals</p> <p>The Enormous Crocodile is planning what to have for his lunch. This foul fiend - the greediest croc in the whole river - wants to eat something <i>juicy</i> and delicious. His teeth sparkle like knives in the sun and he's getting hungrier and hungrier. But what <b>can</b> the greedy grumptious brute guzzle up? Beware - he's looking for someone . . . someone who looks a lot like YOU!</p>
Poetry Anthology		<p><b><u>The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems</u></b> A great first poetry book; the poems span time, from Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter de la Mare right up to date with Roger McGough and Michael Rosen. Themes covered, such as mealtimes, playtime, animals, family and bedtime, really appeal to young readers. A truly lovely collection of all-time favourite poems.</p>