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Reading Spine 2025 - 2026



Year Group	Pathways to Write texts	Texts linked to the wider curriculum	Poetry/Rhymes
Nursery	<i>Peace at Last- Gill Murphy</i> <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> <i>Let's all creep through the Crocodile Creek - Jonny Lambert</i> <i>The Pirates are coming! - John Condon and Matt Hunt</i> <i>Giganotosaurus - Jonny Duggle</i> <i>The Sea Saw - Tom Percival</i>	Dear Zoo Spot Elmer & Wilbur Autumn Big Book Season Book The Nativity I Care For My Teeth I Eat Well The Hungry Caterpillar Caterpillars and Butterflies Jack and The Beanstalk	Number Nursery Rhymes Incy Wincy Spider Wheels on the Bus Wind my Bobbin up Twinkle Twinkle Humpty Dumpty Baa Baa Black Sheep 5 Little Ducks 12345 Fish Alive Wind the bobbin Up
Reception	<i>Peace at Last- Gill Murphy</i> <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> <i>Let's all creep through the Crocodile Creek - Jonny Lambert</i> <i>The Pirates are coming! - John Condon and Matt Hunt</i> <i>Giganotosaurus - Jonny Duggle</i> <i>The Sea Saw - Tom Percival</i>	Goldilocks and the three bears by Lauren Child Whatever Next by Jill Murphy Home by Carson Ellis Little Red Riding Hood by Mara Alperin The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig by Eugene Trivizas There's a pig up my nose by John Dougherty The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson Alfie's Feet by Shirley Hughes The Selfish Crocodile by Faustin Charles Ten Little Pirates by Mike Brownlow Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae Peter Pan (1953 film) by Disney Katie and the Dinosaurs by James Mayhew Harry and the bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow	Creepy Crawly by Anon Busy Bugs by James Carter Incy Wincy Spider 12345 Fish Alive Wheels on the BUs Wind my Bobbin up Twinkle Twinkle Humpty Dumpty Two Little Dickie Birds Sleepies Bunnies



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Year 1	Lost and Found - Oliver Jeffers Nibbles - Emma Yarlett The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth by Ellie Hattie The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright Toys in Space by Mini Grey Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson	A selection of Julia Donaldson books including <i>A Squash and a Squeeze, Spinderella and Superworm</i> . A selection of Sue Hendra books including <i>Cake</i> A selection of Kes Gray books including <i>Oi Frog!</i> A selection of Oliver Jeffers books including <i>How to catch a Star</i> Little People Big Dreams Books The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl	Edward Lear poetry for Young People
Year 2	<i>Troll Swap- Leigh Hodgkinson</i> <i>The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Owl- Jill Tomlinson</i> <i>Dragon Machine- Helen Ward</i> <i>Major Glad, Major Dizzy- Jan Oke</i> <i>The Last Wolf- Mini Grey</i> <i>Grandad's Secret Giant- David Litchfield</i>	Trolls Go Home- Alan MacDonald The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark -Jill Tomlinson (chapters)	The Owl and the Pussy Cat- Edward Lear
Year 3	<i>Seal Surfer - Michael Foreman</i> <i>Winter's Child - Angela McAliister</i> <i>Stone Age Boy - Satoshi Kitamura</i> <i>Big Blue Whale - Nicola Davies</i> <i>Journey - Aaron Becker</i> <i>Zeraffa Giraffa - Dianne Hofmeyr</i>	<i>The Twits - Roald Dahl</i> <i>James and the Giant Peach - Roald Dahl</i> <i>Witches - Roald Dahl</i> <i>I'm Sticking With You - Smriti Halls & Steve Small</i> <i>The Egyptian Cinderella - Shirley Climo</i> <i>I dare you not to yawn - Helene Boudreau</i> A selection of Little People, Big Dreams Books <i>The Ice Palace - Robert Swindell</i>	<i>I Am Hungry - Michael Rosen</i> <i>Oh Dear - Michael Rosen</i> <i>The Witch of Axon - John Murray</i> <i>The Sound Collector - Roger McGough</i>
Year 4	<i>Gorilla - Anthony Browne</i> <i>Leon and the Place Between - Graham Baker Smith</i> <i>Escape from Pompeii - Christina Balit</i> <i>When the Giants Stirred - Celia Godkin</i> <i>Where the Forest Meets the Sea - Jeannine Baker</i> <i>Rainforest in 30 seconds - Jen Green</i>	<i>The Incredible Book Eating Boy - Oliver Jeffers</i> <i>The Pied Piper - Michael Morpurgo</i> <i>The Promise - Nicola Davies</i> <i>The Day I Fell Into a Fairytale - Ben Miller</i> <i>The Christmasaurus - Tom Fletcher</i> <i>The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Q. Rauf</i>	<i>The Lost Lost- Property Office - Roger McGough</i> <i>The Field Mouse - Cecil Francis Alexander</i> <i>The River - Valerie Bloom</i> <i>The River - James Carter</i>



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	<i>Blue John</i> - Berlie Doherty		<i>The Tiger</i> - William Blake <i>Tiny Tim</i> <i>The Garden Year</i> - Sara Coleridge <i>My Rocket Ship</i> - Ian Bland
Year 5	<i>Queen of the Falls</i> - Chris Von Allsburg <i>The Lost Happy Endings</i> -Carol Ann Duffy <i>Arthur and the Golden Rope</i> - Joe Todd-Stanton <i>The Darkest Dark</i> - Chris Hadfield <i>The Paperbag Prince</i> - Colin Tompson <i>The Hunter</i> - Paul Geraghty	Born to Run- Michael Morpurgo Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls - Elena Favilli Hansel & Gretel - Neil Gaiman Odd and the Frost Giants - Neil Gaiman Exploring Space - Literacy Company Pollution: A Look Behind The Scenes - Literacy Company African Tales: A Barefoot Collection - Gcina Mhlophe & Rachel Griffin Fantastically Great Women Who Made History - Kate Pankhurst Little People Big Dreams - Coco Chanel Little People Big Dreams Georgia O'Keeffe The book of Hopes - Katherine Rundell Cosmic - Frank Cottrell-Boyce The Day I was Erased - Lisa Thompson Crook Haven School For Thieves - J.J Arcanjo	Life Doesn't Frighten Me - Maya Angelo and Jean Michel Basquait Poems to Perform - Julia Donaldson The Works - Paul Cookson Silver - Walter De La Mere Jinnie Ghost - Berlie Doherty Allan Ahlberg poems
Year 6	<i>Star of Fear, Star of Hope</i> - Jo Hoestlandt <i>Can We Save the Tiger?</i> - Martin Jenkins <i>The Selfish Giant</i> - Oscar Wilde <i>Island</i> - Jason Chin <i>Jemmy Button</i> - Jennifer Unman <i>Manfish</i> - Jennifer Berne <i>Great Adventurers</i> - Alastair Humphreys <i>Sky Chasers</i> - Emma Carroll <i>Where the Warriors are?</i> - Emma Carrol	<i>The Goldfish Boy</i> - Lisa Thompson <i>Fearless - How To Be our True, Confident Self</i> - Liam Hackett <i>Wonder</i> - R. J. Palacio <i>Holes</i> - Louis Sachar <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i> - John Boyne <i>No Ballet Shoes in Syria</i> - Catherine Bruton <i>Rose Blanche</i> - Roberto Innocenti <i>Young, Gifted and Black</i> - Jamia Wilson	<i>In Flanders' Field</i> - John McRae <i>A Tiger in the Zoo</i> - Lesley Norris <i>A City to Live In</i> - Levi Tafari <i>New Beginnings</i> - Tony Walsh <i>Jabberwocky</i> - Lewis Carroll <i>Daffodils</i> - William Wordsworth <i>Belonging Street</i> - Mandy Cole <i>F is For Fox</i> - M. Patterson <i>Life Doesn't Frighten Me</i> - M.



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	<i>The Happy Prince</i> - Oscar Wilde <i>Into the Jungle</i> - Katherine Rundell <i>The Explorer</i> - Katherine Rundell	<i>The Island</i> - A. Greder <i>Little People, Big Dreams</i> - Anne Frank <i>Little People, Big Dreams</i> - Greta Thunberg <i>Little People, Big Dreams</i> - Captain Tom Moore <i>Macbeth</i> - William Shakespeare	Angelou