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At St. Bede's, we want it to be a place where children are read to, enjoy listening to high-quality books and share their enjoyment of stories through discussion. We want to be a school where, over seven or eight years, children are ready to, enjoy, discuss, and work with core books. This is the 'Reading Spine'.

Our 'Reading River' (or Spine) is one element of the approach we take to foster a love for reading in our children. The River is a spine of core books that create a living library inside the minds of pupils at St Bede's. It is a store of classics and essential reads that help our children engage at a deeper level and enter the world of the story. We have produced our very own 'Reading River' for every year group; giving children access to these high-quality texts. The texts that will be included are nursery rhymes, fairy tales, classic stories, and poetry.








Because we know that children bring their existing knowledge to what they are reading, our Reading Spine reflects the curriculum, social context and diversity of St Bede's. By doing so, we are helping our children to connect their knowledge in a meaningful way. Ultimately, while our children are continuing to enjoy a range of books throughout their school journey, they are also learning to become readers.

We use the Reading Spine books in every year group over the school year. From children moving into UF at St Bede's, to leaving in Year 6, they will have been immersed into the most fantastic books available to children.

### How It Works

Each year group has a set of texts that make up our Reading River. The composition of the books/texts chosen for the Spine underpins (where possible) the context of the school, our curriculum, and the diversity of its children. This Reading "River" is not to be confused with the structured reading scheme which is well established.



Class	Picture Story Books	Poetry /Nursery Rhymes	Fairy Tales	Reflecting Diversity
Lower Foundation	     	       <p data-bbox="503 643 794 995"> 12345 once I caught a fish alive  Baa Baa black sheep  Here we go round the mulberry bush  Hey diddle diddle  Hickory dickory dock  Humpty dumpty  I'm a little teapot  Incy Wincy spider  Jack and Jill  5 little ducks  Mary had a little lamb  Miss Polly had a dolly  Old McDonald  Teddy bear teddy bear  10 in a bed.  Grand old Duke of York.  Twinkle twinkle little star. </p>	   	  

## Class

## Picture Story Books

Poetry /Nursery  
Rhymes

## Fairy Tales

## Reflecting Diversity

Upper  
Foundation

12345 once I caught a  
fish alive

Baa Baa black sheep

Here we go round the  
mulberry bush

Hey diddle diddle  
Hickory dickory dock  
Humpty dumpty  
I'm a little teapot  
Incy wincy spider  
Jack and Jill  
5 little ducks  
Mary had a little lamb  
Miss Polly had a dolly  
Old McDonald  
Teddy bear teddy bear  
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## Class

## Picture Story Books

Poetry /Nursery  
Rhymes

## Fairy Tales

## Reflecting Diversity

Year 1



12345 once I caught a  
fish alive

Baa Baa black sheep

Here we go round the  
mulberry bush

Hey diddle diddle  
Hickory dickory dock  
Humpty dumpty  
I'm a little teapot  
Incy wincy spider  
Jack and Jill  
5 little ducks  
Mary had a little lamb  
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## Class

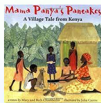
## Picture Story Books

## Poetry /Nursery Rhymes

## Fairy Tales

## Reflecting Diversity

Year 2



12345 once I caught a fish alive  
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 Here we go round the mulberry bush  
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# Class

Whole class novels,  
short story, picture books

Poems, rhymes  
and classic poetry

Traditional tales,  
Myths and legends

Reflecting Diversity

Year 3



Matilda by Hilary Belloc  
Roald Dahl Little Red Riding Hood



# Class

Whole class novels,  
short story, picture books

Poems, rhymes  
and classic poetry

Traditional tales,  
Myths and legends

Reflecting Diversity

Year 4





Class	Whole class novels, short story, picture books	Poems, rhymes and classic poetry	Traditional tales, Myths and legends	Reflecting Diversity
Year 5				
Year 6		 <p data-bbox="516 890 662 911">The unicorn poem</p>		