



School Reading Spine



Nursery

The list contains picture books and most are repetitive books like songs. All children can join in and should learn the importance of looking after a book. How to turn a page, what is on the front cover of a book, what is the job of the author and illustrator and where we can find who they are on the book. Children will learn the stories word for word when practised and read enough.

(See Pie Corbett's Reading Spine for more detailed teaching notes)

Title	Author	Notes for teaching
Where's Spot	Eric Hill	Linking to Hide and Seek and child can open the flaps of the book etc.
Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell	Animals theme. Introduce 'so' conjunction. Similar to Where's Spot – interactive book.
You Choose	Nick Sharratt & Pippa Goodhart	Play sorting and organising games. Choose a main character, setting, animal or object to create a class story.
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen	Acting out the story and making maps. Noting positional language. Watch Michael Rosen act out the story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gyl6ykDwds
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Bill Martin & Eric Carle	Link to colours. Are animals this colour? What might the animals hear, touch, taste and see? Children creating their own – what they can see. Also read Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear?
Jasper's Beanstalk	Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen	Sequencing days of the week and ask what story does it remind them of? (see if they know the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk but not in detail. Learn in detail in Year 2)
The Three Billy Goat's Gruff	Paul Galdone	Archaic story type. Who are the bad characters? Why are they bad? What do we learn?
The Boy Who Cried Wolf	Aesop's Fables	Archaic story type. What does the boy do that is wrong? Why should we not lie?
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	Sequencing days of the week like Jasper's beanstalk. Links to Maths and counting. Note alliteration light/little/lay/leaf – link initial sounds. and introduce conjunction 'but'



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Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy	Lynley Dodd	Focus on rhyming, playing rhyming games and finding other words that sound similar. Begin to explore similes and create others based on the book.
Each Peach Pear Plum	Janet and Allan Ahlberg	Consider using more copies for all children to see. Discuss rhyming once again and create a rhythmic clap for the story.
Hug	Jez Alborough	Links to animals. Cover speech and ask children to guess what the baby gorilla might be saying. Track his feelings.
The Train Ride	June Crebbin	Links to journey and travelling. Have they been on a train before? Create seaside small worlds. Where are they going? Watch story told as a song - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHbE8kaBDKU
Come on, Daisy!	Jane Simmons	Discuss use of exclamation marks emphasise 'but' conjunction. Discuss emotions and feelings – tracking Daisy's feelings in the story.
Dogger	Shirley Hughes	Discuss the moral of the story and feelings of the characters. Children can bring in their own cuddly toys.

Recommended Books for Nursery

Title	Author
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?	Bill Martin & Eric Carle
Titch	Pat Hutchins
Wriggle and Roar (rhymes and poems)	Julia Donaldson
The Snowman	Michael Morpurgo
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne
One Day On our Blue Planet in the Savannah	Ella Bailey
Pattan's Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story from Southern India	Chitra Soundar
Hooray for Fish	Lucy Cousins
How to Catch a Star	Oliver Jeffers
The Mega Magic Hair Swap	Rochelle Humes
Supertato	Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers
The Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss
Mixed Up Fairy Tales	Hilary Robinson & Nick Sharratt
Fairy Tales for Little Children	Usborne
I Am A Tiger	Karl Newson & Ross Collins
Blue Monster Wants it All	Jeanne Willis



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The Rainbow Fish		Marcus Pfister
The Night Pirates		Peter Harris and Deborah Allwright
Pirates Love Underpants		Claire Freedman
My First Chinese New Year		Karen Katz
Bear's Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches		Julie Fulton
The Day the Crayons Quit		Drew Daywalt
The Crayon's Christmas		Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers
Goldilocks and the Three Bears		Usborne
The Something		Rebecca Cobb
The Wonder		Faye Hanson
Suggested books linked to Themes		
Theme	Title	Author
This is Me	You Choose	Nick Sharratt & Pippa Goodhart
	Titch	Pat Hutchins
	Wriggle and Roar (rhymes and poems)	Julia Donaldson
If you go down to the woods...	We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen
	The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson
	The Snowman	Michael Morpurgo
Around the World	My First Chinese New Year	Karen Katz
	One Day On our Blue Planet in the Savannah	Ella Bailey
	Pattan's Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story from Southern India	Chitra Soundar
Once Upon a Time	Jasper's Beanstalk	Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen
	Mixed Up Fairy Tales	Hilary Robinson & Nick Sharratt
	Fairy Tales for Little Children	Usborne
All Creatures Great and Small	Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell
	Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?	Bill Martin & Eric Carle
	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
Arghh! Who Wants To Be a Pirate?/Seaside	Pirates Love Underpants	Claire Freedman
	The Night Pirates	Peter Harris and Deborah Allwright
	The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister