

School Reading Spine



Year 1

The books are mainly rooted in everyday crises of life and sets up for a variety of play situations. Children should be encouraged to enter the imaginary world of the book.

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

Title	Author	Notes for teaching
Peace at Last	Jill Murphy	What are all the noises that Mr. Bear
		can hear throughout the story? What
		noises can we hear?
Can't you	Martin Waddell	What other stories do we know from this
Sleep Little		author? (Owl Babies, Farmer Duck)
Bear?		How is this story similar to Peace at Last
		and Owl Babies?
Where the	Maurice Sendak	Different dances and art – make masks
Wild Things		for the monsters and create a dance for
Are		the 'wild rumpus'
The Elephant and the Bad	Elfrida Vipont	Retell the story but changing the places and the characters. Discuss similarities
Baby		with Mr. Grumpy's Outing story.
Avocado	John Burningham	What other stories do we know from thie
Baby	John Bon in ghann	author? (Mr. Grumpy's outing, Grandpa
2007		from Rec) Create similar story such as
		Banana Baby! Discuss meaning of
		burglar.
The Tiger Who	Judith Kerr	Retell the story with a different animal
Came to Tea		and role play scenes.
Knuffle Bunny	Mo Williams	Discuss similarities with Dogger. Discuss
		words such as 'errand' and 'laundry'
		and 'block'. Do you help your parents
D	Ala 's Danasa	with jobs?
Beegu	Alexis Deacon	Create an emotions map of Beegu's
		feelings. Write a letter to Beegu. How is this similar to 'Lost and Found'? Write
		some of Beegu's thoughts on post it
		notes for the story.
The Ugly	Hans Christian	Archaic story type.
Duckling	Anderson	What is the message of this story?
		What have we learnt? Can we change
		the characters of the story and write our
		own?
Rapunzel	Various Authors	Archaic story type.
		Links to Tangled film. How is the film
		different to the original tale? Draw a
		wanted poster for the Wicked Witch.



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Cops and Robbers	Alan and Janet Ahlberg	Link to Burglar Bill (Reception) Discuss author's other stories – (Each Peach Pear Plum Nursery) Who are the good and bad characters? What verbs are in the story? What adjectives are there? Watch story with sound effects https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5zTuMJ7XKc
Elmer	David McKee	Opportunities to discuss why/how we are all different and unique. Art opportunities.
Not Now Bernard!	David McKee	Role play being Mum and Dad talking to Bernard. Split class in to groups to role play characters. Can the children retell it from their view?
Fantastic Mr. Fox	Roald Dahl	Children could write letters to the fox or to the farmers. Discussion of good/bad characters.
Aaaarrgghh, Spider!	Lydia Monks	Taught through Wordsmith Planning
Man on the Moon	Simon Bartram	Taught through Wordsmith Planning

Other Recommended Books for Year 1			
Title	Author		
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Beatrix Potter		
Three Brave Women	CLG Martin		
The Lion Inside	Rachel Bright		
The Squirrels Who Squabbled	Rachel Bright		
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Ronda and David Armitage		
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister		
The Snowman	Michael Morpurgo		
Ruby's Worry	Tom Percival		
Grandad's Secret Giant	David Litchfield		
Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Jan Fearnleu		
That Rabbit belongs to Emily Brown	Cressida Cowell		
Winnie and Wilbur – Winnie the Witch	Valerie Thomas		
Funnybones	Janet & Allan Ahlberg		
Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf	Catherine Storr		
If All the World Were	Joseph Coelho		
A First Book of Nature	Nicola Davies		
Human Body Odyssey	Dominic Walliman		
We Build Our Homes	Laura Knowles		
Daisy Eat Your Peas	Kes Gray		
Once Upon a Raindrop	James Carter		
Anna Hibiscus	Atinuke & Lauren Tobia		



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Zeraffa Giraffa		Dianne Hofmeyr
The Adventures of the Wishing Chair		Enid Blyton
Great Women Who Worked Wonders		Kate Pankhurst
Chocolate Cake		Michael Rosen
Sophie's Snail		Dick King-Smith
The Storm Whale		Benji Davies
The Night Pirates		Peter Harris and Deborah
		Allwright
The Puffin Book of Fantastic Poems		June Crebbin
Toys in Space		Mini Grey
The Fox in the Dark		Alison Green
Nimesh's Adve	enture	Ranjit Singh
Suggested boo	oks linked to Themes	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Theme	Title	Author
All About Me	We Build Our Homes	Laura Knowles
and my	Beegu	Alexis Deacon
School	Elmer	David McKee
	The Mega Magic Hair	Rochelle Humes
	Swap	
Intrepid	Man on the Moon	Simon Bartram
Explorers	Nimesh's Adventure	Ranjit Singh
	Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
	Amelia Earhart (Little	Isabel Sanchez Vegara &
	People, Big Dreams)	Maria Diamantes
What makes	Once Upon a Raindrop	James Carter
the Weather	The Storm Whale	Benji Davies
Wonderful?	Out and About: A First	Shirley Hughes
	Book of Poems	
	Froggy Day	Heather Pindar & Barbara
		Bakos
Castles and	Rapunzel	Various Authors
Knights	Fairy Tales for Little	Usborne
/Fairytales	Children	Lillam Dolainean C. Niels Clearus II
	Mixed Up Fairy Tales	Hilary Robinson & Nick Sharratt
	Small Knight and George	Ronda Armitage and Arthur
	and the Royal Chocolate Cake	Robins
Seaside	The Lighthouse Keeper's	Ronda and David Armitage
Jeusiue	Lunch	Konda and David Amiliage
	The Storm Whale	Benji Davies
	At the Beach	Ronald Harvey
	Billy's Bucket	Kes Gray & Garry Parsons
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