



## Reception

Children should now be more familiar with 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. They should know and learn the meanings of the terms 'word', 'letter', 'title', 'story', 'author', 'capital letter' and 'full stop'.

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

| Title                         | Author          | Notes for teaching                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Owl Babies</b>             | Martin Waddell  | Animals theme. Discuss feelings of comfort and the importance of family.                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>The Gruffalo</b>           | Julia Donaldson | Animals theme. Map the story out with actions and see if children can spot rhymes within the story.                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Handa's Surprise</b>       | Eileen Browne   | Share different fruits with class. Look at where Kenya is on the map. How is it different to where we live? Change character/fruits/setting for children to create their own story or as a class.                     |
| <b>Mr Grumpy's Outing</b>     | John Burningham | Links to travel/journeys/animals. Map out Mr. Grumpy's feelings throughout story and the animals that join him. What <b>verbs</b> can they find?                                                                      |
| <b>Rosie's Walk</b>           | Pat Hutchins    | Read first without pictures. Then show the story with the pictures. How do the pictures make the story funny? Introduce term ' <b>prepositions</b> ' and see if they can spot the words in the story.                 |
| <b>Six Dinner Sid</b>         | Inga Moore      | Discuss the job of vets and pets before the story. Replace characters with new alliterative characters. Links to numbers and counting. Link 'twice' to 'two' etc.                                                     |
| <b>Mrs Armitage on Wheels</b> | Quentin Blake   | Show children a real bike and recreate the story in the classroom. What <b>adjectives</b> are used in the story? What will happen next? After the end of the book. Children to write their own version or as a class. |
| <b>Whatever Next</b>          | Jill Murphy     | Children could make a rocket and write their own version of the story. Who/What else could baby bear have seen on his journey?                                                                                        |



## School Reading Spine



|                                  |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>The Hare and the Tortoise</b> | Aesop's Fable       | <b>Archaic</b> story type.<br>What is the message of this story?<br>What have we learnt? Can we change the characters of the story?                                                                                                                |
| <b>On The Way Home</b>           | Jill Murphy         | Links to journey again – just like Mr. Grumpy's Outing and Rosie's Walk. Discuss how each story has a main character, a dilemma and an ending. Where have we heard these characters before? (big bad wolf, giant) What <b>adjectives</b> are used? |
| <b>Farmer Duck</b>               | Martin Waddell      | Where have we heard of this author before? (Owl Babies)<br>Children could write letters to the farmer from the animals. Who is the good/bad character? Why?                                                                                        |
| <b>Goodnight Moon</b>            | Margaret Wise Brown | What rhyming words can we hear?<br>Play rhyming games. Practise saying goodnight to different objects in the classroom. Encourage boys as well as girls to practise reading the story to a baby in the book corner.                                |
| <b>Shhh!</b>                     | Sally Grindley      | Look for clues as to what might happen on each page of the story. Link to Jasper's Beanstalk from Nursery. What does the giant's castle remind us of? (Not to do Jack and Beanstalk in detail – in Year 2)                                         |
| <b>Lost and Found</b>            | Oliver Jeffers      | Discuss meaning of word 'disappointment'. Why was the penguin 'sadder than ever'? Make a boat in class and provide the children with a cuddly penguin to tell stories to.                                                                          |

### Other Recommended Books for Reception

| Title                                             | Author                     |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>The Cat in the Hat</b>                         | Dr. Seuss                  |
| <b>Come Away from the Water, Shirley</b>          | John Burningham            |
| <b>Granpa</b>                                     | John Burningham            |
| <b>Burglar Bill</b>                               | Janet and Alan Ahlberg     |
| <b>Supertato</b>                                  | Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra |
| <b>Zam, Zam, Zoom! (poems)</b>                    | James Carter               |
| <b>Don't Forget the Bacon</b>                     | Pat Hutchins               |
| <b>Suddenly!</b>                                  | Colin McNaughton           |
| <b>One Day On our Blue Planet in the Savannah</b> | Ella Bailey                |
| <b>Oi Frog</b>                                    | Kes Gray                   |



## School Reading Spine



|                                                                        |                                                      |                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Oi Dog</b>                                                          | Kes Gray                                             |                               |
| <b>Wriggle and Roar (rhymes and poems)</b>                             | Julia Donaldson                                      |                               |
| <b>Pattan's Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story from Southern India</b> | Chitra Soundar                                       |                               |
| <b>Yucky Worms</b>                                                     | Vivian French                                        |                               |
| <b>Bear's Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches</b>                                 | Julie Fulton                                         |                               |
| <b>Surprising Sharks</b>                                               | Nicola Davies                                        |                               |
| <b>Mog</b>                                                             | Judith Kerr                                          |                               |
| <b>Tad</b>                                                             | Benji Davies                                         |                               |
| <b>How to Catch a Star</b>                                             | Oliver Jeffers                                       |                               |
| <b>Aliens Love Underpants</b>                                          | Claire Freedman                                      |                               |
| <b>Fairy Tales for Little Children</b>                                 | Usborne                                              |                               |
| <b>The Runaway Wok</b>                                                 | Ying Chang Compestine                                |                               |
| <b>You Can't Take an Elephant on a Bus</b>                             | Patricia Cleveland-Peck                              |                               |
| <b>Puffin Peter</b>                                                    | Petr Horacek                                         |                               |
| <b>Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs</b>                            | Ian Whybrow                                          |                               |
| <b>Titch</b>                                                           | Pat Hutchins                                         |                               |
| <b>The Mega Magic Hair Swap</b>                                        | Rochelle Humes                                       |                               |
| <b>The Snowman</b>                                                     | Michael Morpurgo                                     |                               |
| <b>The Day the Crayons Quit</b>                                        | Drew Daywalt                                         |                               |
| <b>The Crayon's Christmas</b>                                          | Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers                        |                               |
| <b>Babushka</b>                                                        | Dawn Casey & Amanda Hall                             |                               |
| <b>Mixed Up Fairy Tales</b>                                            | Hilary Robinson & Nick Sharratt                      |                               |
| <b>The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters</b>                     | Janet & Allan Ahlberg                                |                               |
| <b>The Fish Who Could Wish</b>                                         | John Bush                                            |                               |
| <b>The Stick Man</b>                                                   | Julia Donaldson                                      |                               |
| <b>Suggested books linked to Themes</b>                                |                                                      |                               |
| <b>Theme</b>                                                           | <b>Title</b>                                         | <b>Author</b>                 |
| <b>This is Me</b>                                                      | <b>Wriggle and Roar (All Change poem and others)</b> | Julia Donaldson               |
|                                                                        | <b>Titch</b>                                         | Pat Hutchins                  |
|                                                                        | <b>The Mega Magic Hair Swap</b>                      | Rochelle Humes                |
| <b>If you go down to the woods...</b>                                  | <b>The Gruffalo</b>                                  | Julia Donaldson               |
|                                                                        | <b>The Stick Man</b>                                 | Julia Donaldson               |
|                                                                        | <b>The Bog Baby</b>                                  | Jeanne Willis & Gwen Millward |
| <b>Around the World</b>                                                | <b>Handa's Surprise</b>                              | Eileen Browne                 |
|                                                                        | <b>One Day On our Blue Planet in the Savannah</b>    | Ella Bailey                   |
|                                                                        | <b>The Runaway Wok</b>                               | Ying Chang Compestine         |
| <b>Once Upon a Time</b>                                                | <b>Shhh!</b>                                         | Sally Grindley                |
|                                                                        | <b>Fairy Tales for Little Children</b>               | Usborne                       |



## School Reading Spine



|                                         |                                                    |                                    |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                         | <b>The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters</b> | Janet & Allan Ahlberg              |
| <b>All Creatures Great and Small</b>    | <b>Owl Babies</b>                                  | Martin Waddell                     |
|                                         | <b>The Hare and the Tortoise</b>                   | Aesop's Fable                      |
|                                         | <b>Six Dinner Sid</b>                              | Inga Moore                         |
| <b>Arghh! Who Wants To Be a Pirate?</b> | <b>Pirates Love Underpants</b>                     | Claire Freedman                    |
|                                         | <b>The Night Pirates</b>                           | Peter Harris and Deborah Allwright |
|                                         | <b>The Rainbow Fish</b>                            | Marcus Pfister                     |