

The Reading Spine at Prior Heath



The Reading Spine at Prior Heath slots into our LTP so that it exposes the children to a wealth of books from the "classics," topic related books, poetry and "must have reads," but it also allows time for texts that slot into the classroom that ignite the children's interest and open their minds to the wonderful world of reading. Our reading spine has been created using the guidance from Doug Lemor "5 plagues of reading" and Pie Corbett's Reading Spine Teacher's Guide.

By structuring the wealth of children's books that we have in school we feel we can develop the children's imagination and equip them with a vast array of reading skills. This will, in turn, develop their speech and language and their confidence to communicate.

Our reading spine gives the children access to a diverse central stock of books which staff share with them as whole class reads, group reads, use as extracts and individuals reads. Non-fiction books are not part of the reading spine but again relate to the LTP and the children will experience a wealth of topic related information books and have the opportunity to access non-fiction books they are interested in

In Early Years and Year 1 our reading spine texts encompass a great selection of picture books and poetry. In Year 2 the children have the opportunity to experience picture books and chapter stories and poetry to help them enjoy that transition from picture books to more detailed texts.

Following Pie Corbett's guidance we are developing our reading spine through these steps:

Step 1

Establishing our core texts.

Step 2

Resourcing the core list (creating sets of the books for the children to enjoy in guided reading and during independent reading.) Also sourcing books/films by the same author.

Step 3

On a daily basis creating expressive, exciting reading for pleasure sessions to bring the books alive.

Step 4

Developing our book related activities.

Step 5

Draw on the key set of texts to develop writing.

Step 6

Intersperse the story times with poetry.



Our Reading Spine Plan

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Reception	Nursery & Number Rhymes (L)	Gruffalo (L)	Handa's Surprise (L/UW)
	Kitchen Disco (PSHE)	Peter Pan (L)	The Hungry Caterpillar (L/UW)
	Harry and the Bucketful of	Little Red Riding Hood (L)	The huge bag of worries (PSHE)
	Dinosaurs start school (PSHE)	3 Little Pigs (L)	Double the Ducks (M)
	Tall (M)	Rapunzel (L)	Alice Hubble (M)
	Funny Bones (L/UW)	The Gingerbread Man (L/PD)	Ten Monkey Jamboree (M)
	Laura's Star (L/UW)	Hansel and Gretal (L)	Counting Birds (M)
	Whatever Next (L/EAD)	The Singing Mermaid (L)	One is snail, ten is a crab (M)
	Supertato (L/EAD/PSHE)	Have you filled a bucket today?	Grandpa's quilt (M)
	Q Pootle 5 (L/M)	(PSHE)	Mr Gumpy's Day Out (M)
	Christmas stories (RE)	The Runaway Pancake (L)	One ted falls out of bed (M)
	How are you feeling today (PSHE)	10 Little Spots (M)	Rosie's Walk (M)
	Super Duper You (PSHE)	The Doorbell Rang(M)	
	We All Belong (PSHE)	Simon's Socks(M)	
	Duck in the Truck (M)	Pairs in the garden (M)	
	Dear Zoo (M)	The Blue Balloon (M)	
	Peace at Last (M)	Clicker the cat (C)	
	Bear in a square (M)	Six Dinner Sid (M)	
	Each Peach Pear Plum (M)	None the Number (M)	
	Pete the Cat (M)	Squash and a squeeze (M)	
	Rosie's Walk (M)	The Ugly Five (M)	
	Don't Hug Doug (PSHE)	Room on a Broom (M)	
		Jasper's Beanstalk (M)	
		Mr Magnolia (M)	
		Cockatoos (M)	

Year 1	The Naughty bus (English)	Winter poetry	Ten seeds (Science)
	Oi you get off my train	The Tiger who came to tea	Oliver's vegetables (Science)
	Follow the swallow (Science)	The Gruffalo	I really wonder what plant I'm
	The colour monster (PSHE)	The snail and the whale	growing (Science)
	The colour monster goes to school	Giraffes can't dance	Titch (Science)
	(PSHE)	Animal poetry	Katie and the Sunflowers (Art/
	The Snowman	Jack & the beanstalk	Science)
	Jolly Postman	Three Billy goats gruff	Mabel's magical garden (Science)
	Winter poetry	Cinderella	Magic Carpet (Aladdin)
	A day in the life of a Victorian child	Prince Cinders	The worrysaurus (PSHE)
	(History)	The 3 little pigs	The huge bag of worries (PSHE)
	Sammy's Spider (RE)	Other traditional fairytales	Fridays are special (RE)
	Christmas stories	Spring poetry	But Martin
		How Billy Duck learnt to swim	Aliens Love Underpants
		(Science)	Aliens love dinopants
		Ruby's worry (PSHE)	The Hackney Martian
		The paper caper (Science)	Captain Gamma mission to Mars
		The Tiny Seed (Science)	Journey into space
		Jasper's beanstalk (Science)	How to catch a star
		Jim and the beanstalk (Science)	Man on the moon
			The Lighthouse keepers lunch
			Aliens in Underpants save the
			world
			Astrogirl
			Here come the aliens/ The aliens
			are coming

Year 2	Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	Lost & Found	The Dragonsitter stories
	BFG	Only One You (PSHE)	The Hodgeheg/Harriet's Hare
	George's Marvellous Medicine	We all have different abilities	Mr Wolf's Pancakes
	The Owl who is afraid of the dark	(PSHE)	What is pink?
	We all come from different	What happened to you (PSHE)	Hotel Flamingo
	cultures (PSHE)	Amazing (PSHE)	Ruby's Worries (PSHE)
	The day the crayons quit (PSHE)	Poles Apart	Tyrannosaurus Drip (PSHE)
	Kindness is my superpower(PSHE)	The Enormous Crocodile	The Tiny Seed (Science)
	What happened to you (PSHE)	The Great Kapok Tree	Eat Smart and My Body series
	I am responsible (PSHE)		of books (Science)
	Respecting Others (PSHE)		Isaac and his amazing Asperger
	The Making of a Knight		Superpowers! (PSHE)
	The Kiss that missed		
	Range of poetry for Autumn		