

## Pie Corbett Reading Spine

Imagine a primary school where over 7 or 8 years, children are read to, enjoy, discuss and work with around 82 core books. These ‘essential reads’ would be a store of classics, creating a living library inside a child’s mind. This is the ‘Reading Spine’.

Below is the list of books that children will enjoy in each year group.

FS1	<p>Where’s Spot? – Eric Hill          Dear Zoo – Rod Campbell          You Choose – Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt          We’re Going on a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen          Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? – Bill Martin Jnr and Eric Carle          Jasper’s Beanstalk – Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen          The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle          Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy – Lynley Dodd          Each Peach Pear Plum – Allan and Janet Ahlberg          Hug – Jez Alborough          The Train Ride – June Crebbin          Come on, Daisy – Jane Simmons</p>	Year 2	<p>Traction Man is Here - Mini Grey          Meerkat Mail – Emily Gravett          Amazing Grace – Mary Hoffman          Pumpkin Soup – Helen Cooper          Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Book? – Lauren Child          Dr Xargle’s Book of Earthlets – Tony Ross          Not Now Bernard – David McKee          Tuesday – David Wiesner          The Flower – John Light          Gorilla – Anthony Browne          Emily Brown and The Thing – Cressida Cowell          Frog and Toad Together – Arnold Lobel          The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson          Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl          The Hodgeheg – Dick King-Smith          Flat Stanley – Jeff Brown          Willa and Old Miss Annie – Berlie Doherty</p>
FS2	<p>Owl Babies – Martin Waddell          The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson          Handa’s Surprise – Eileen Browne          Mr Gumpy’s Outing – John Burningham          Rosie’s Walk – Pat Hutchins          Six Dinner Sid – Inga Moore          Mrs Armitage – Quentin Blake          Whatever Next – Jill Murphy          On the Way Home – Jill Murphy          Farmer Duck – Martin Waddell          Goodnight Moon – Margaret Wise-Brown          Shhh! – Sally Grindley</p>	Year 3	<p>The Iron Man – Ted Hughes          Cat Tales: Ice Cat – Linda Newberry          The Sheep-pig – Dick King-Smith          The Abominables- Dick King-Smith          The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – CS Lewis          The Battle of Bubble and Squeak</p>
		Year 4	<p>Bill’s New Frock – Anne Fine          Charlotte’s Web – EB White          Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo          The Firework Maker’s Daughter – Phillip Pullman          The Snow Walker’s Son – Catherine Fisher          Perry Angel’s Suitcase – Glenda Millard          Voices in the Park – Anthony Browne</p>

Year 1	Peace at Last – Jill Murphy Can't You Sleep Little Bear? – Martin Waddell Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak The Elephant and the Bad Baby – Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs Avocado Baby – John Burningham The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers Knuffle Bunny – Mo Willems Beegu – Alexis Deacon Dogger – Shirley Hughes Cops and Robbers – Alan and Janet Ahlberg Elmer – David McKee	Year 5	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken Varjak Paw – SF Said Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver Street Child – Berlie Doherty The Midnight Fox – Betsy Byars Tom's Midnight Garden – Phillipa Pearce FArTHER – Grahame Baker-Smith
	Year 6	Holes – Louis Sachar Clockwork – Phillip Pullman The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien Skellig – David Almond Fireweed – Jill Paton Walsh River Boy – Tim Bowler The Arrival – Shaun Tan	