**FS1 Reading Spine**

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| Title and Author | Themes | Rationale |
| We’re going on a bear hunt- Michael Rosen | Repetition, adventure, family, outdoors | A classic book with good repeating text. Can be acted out practically |
| Owl Babies- Martin Waddell & Patrick Benson | Family, nature, worries,  | A good book to use with young children, someone always come back to them  |
| The tiger who came to tea- Judith Kerr | Imaginative, family life,  | Classic story, lots of use of children’s imaginations  |
| The Gruffalo- Julia Donaldson | Lots of imaginative language, descriptive | Classic story book, lots of lovely pictures, can extend children’s descriptive language  |
| The very hungry caterpillar- Eric Carle | Minibeasts, food, spring time  | Good for sequencing, colour, number, days of the week,  |
| Handa’s Surprise – Eileen Browne | Different country/ Culture | Different animals, fruits, extend children’s language, look at different cultures, ways of life  |
| The Three Billy Goats Gruff- My fairy-tale time- Miles Kelly | Traditional tales  | Classic story, repeating language, good for acting out the story  |
| Supertato, Veggies Assemble- Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet | Imginative story, link to healthy eating  | A good story to link with food topic/ superheroes. Encourage boys to read  |
| Come on Daisy – Jane Simmons | Spring time, mother and babies, keeping safe  | A nice story linking to spring time and animals. Another one to encourage children to know they won’t be left behind. |
| Spinderella- Julia Donaldson | Minibeasts, family, counting | A good story to talk about differences in families, how the spider is different etc. different places within the family  |
| The Wishing star- Christina Butler | Helping each other.  | A lovely story showing how friends can help each other.  |
| Don’t call me sweet- Smriti Prasadsam-Halls | Differences in people, growing up | Nice to look at differences in people and how looks can be deceiving  |
| Is a no money day- Kate Milner | Differences in people, not everyone is the same  | Nice to show children not all families are the same, they can be different etc  |
| Jack and the beanstalk- Richard Walker  | Growing, spring,  | Traditional tale all children should know  |
| Elmer- David Mckee | Others can be different  | Show children people can be different etc  |
| What the ladybird heard- Julia Donaldson | Growing, spring, | A nice Julia Donaldson story, bright and colourful, different cretaures  |
| Rosies Walk- Pat Hutchins | Direction/ maps | Good to use for direction/maps etc  |
| Blue penguin- Petr Horacek | Being different/alone  | Teach children about things can be different, and how to become friends. |
| Pirates love underpants- Claire Freedman | Pirates, pattern, colour  | A good story to link to colour, patterns etc.  |