

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.

<p>Nursery</p>	<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>	<p>Year 2</p>	<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>
<p>Reception</p>	<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>	<p>Year 3</p>	<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>
		<p>Year 4</p>	<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	<p>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</p>	Year 5	<p>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</p>
		Year 6	<p>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</p>