

Reading Spine:

A Literary Journey Through KOB; Reading Quality Texts for Pleasure

Pie Corbett created the Reading Spine to help schools build a core selection of the very best books to read aloud with children. The Reading Spine is a core of books that create a living library inside a child's minds: a store of classics and essential reads that help children engage at a deeper level and enter the world of the story, fostering a love of reading.

Year Group	Text
Reception	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
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 2	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
Year 3	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
Year 4	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
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