



Stannington Infant Reading Spine 2026-27

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2
Book type			
Classics	The Little Red Hen – traditional tale The Gingerbread Man by Hans Christian Anderson	A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl The Three Little Pigs by Axel Shaffer Jack and the Beanstalk by Mara Alperin	The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams The Iron Man by Ted Hughes Little Red Riding Hood and other versions The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo
Narrative	The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen Astro Girl by Ken Wilson - Max Handa's Hen – Eileen Brown Farmer Duck – Martin Waddell	The Gruffalo's Child By Julia Donaldson Owl Babies by Martin Waddell Man on the Moon, a day in the life of Bob by Simon Bartram Funnybones by Alan and Janet Alberg Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis My Best friend Bob by Georgie Ripper The squirrels who squabbled by Rachel Bright Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers Look Up by Nathan Byron	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson Foghounds by Joan Aitkin Lyla and the Secret of Rain by David Conway Traction Man by Mini Grey Izzy Gizmo by Pip Jones George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
Poetry	Nature Trail – Benjamin Zephaniah Poems by Michael Rosen	Out and About - a first book of poems by Shirley Hughes	The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear The Treasures – Clare Bevan (poems to perform)
Fables	The Leopard's Drum by Jessica Souhami	Stories of Aesop	The Fox and the Star by Coralie Bickford-Smith
Links to theme work (non-fiction and Narrative)	Guess how much I love you -Sam McBratney and Garth Williams The Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson Pass the Jam Jim – Kay Umansky Festivals- Jo Ely Leaping Frogs – Melvin Berger	The Street Beneath my Feet by Charlotte Guillain One day on our blue planet ... in the rainforest by Ella Bailey. Stella and the Seagull by Georgina Stevens One Day on our Blue Planet in the Antarctic by Ella Bailey Katie in London by James Mayhew The Big Beyond: The Story of Space Travel - James Carter	Little People – David Attenborough Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker The Bee Who Spoke by Al MacCuish The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams Africa, Amazing Africa by Atinuke
Wellbeing focus	The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas Not Now Bernard by David McKee	The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival Giraffe's can't Dance by Giles Andreae	The Proudest Blue by Ibithaj Muhammad The Invisible by Tom Percival

This Literature Spine is created by the staff of Stannington Infant School. This literature spine will be reviewed annually to reflect new books and the changing needs of the community, the city we live in and the interests of our children.

Research papers and books such as [Reflecting Realities](#), [Reading for Pleasure 2021](#) and [The Power of a Rich Reading Classroom](#) have been used to support the choices on this list.