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**Holy Cross Catholic Primary School**

KS2 Reading Spine: 2021 – 2022

At Holy Cross, we strive to develop ‘a love of reading’ in all of our children. As part of this, we have developed a ‘reading spine’. This is a core set of books that create a living library inside a child’s mind. These are not the only books that our children will read whilst they are at Holy Cross; they will encounter many other texts. The books, outlined below, will, on the most part, be enjoyed for pleasure. Each class teacher will read each text aloud to the class. As a staff team, we have carefully selected the texts that we believe our children should experience before they leave school.

Note: This is a working document which is subject to change.

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|  | **Autumn 1** | **Autumn 2** | **Spring 1** | **Spring 2** | **Summer 1** | **Summer 2** | |
| **F1** | The Three Little Pigs  We’re Going On a Leaf Hunt  Funny Bones  Room On The Broom  Noah’s Ark  Dinosaur Starts School  What Makes Me Happy?  And many more! | Goldilocks And The Three Bears  Dear Santa  Beegu  You Choose Space  The Ugly Duckling  We’re Going  On An Elf Chase  And many more! | We’re Going On A Bear Hunt  In The Castle  The Knight And The Dragon  Little Lost Penguin  Penguin Small  Can’t You Sleep Little Bear?  Desert Night Desert Day  And many more! | The Gruffalo  In Wibbly’s Garden  Jaspers Beanstalk  Doras Eggs  Incy Wincy Spider  Superworm  The Bumblebear  And many more! | Dear Zoo  I Love Animals  What Makes A Rainbow?  The Little Raindrop  Daisy’s Giant Sunflower  Peppa’s Vegetable Garden  Why Should I Eat Well?  And many more! | The Train Ride  When A Dragon Goes To School  The Pirate Cruncher  You Can Swim Jim  The Beastly Pirates  What Pirates Really Do  Mr Honey’s Holiday  And many more! |
| **F2** | The Three Little Pigs  Puss In Boots  And many more! | Whatever Next  Christmas Story  And many more! | Aliens Love Underpants  Chinese New Year  And many more! | The Hungry Caterpillar  Easter Story  And many more! | Handa’s Surprise  Six Dinner Sid  And many more! | Commotion in the Ocean  Rainbow Fish  And many more! |
| **Y1** | Avocado Baby – John Burningham | Knuffle Bunny – Mo Willams  Fox Club Rescue – Julie Sykes | Dogger – Shirley Hughes  A Robot Squashed My Teacher – Pooja Puri | Elmer – David Mckee  The Treasure Under The Jam Factory – Chrissie Sains | Leonora Bolt – Lucy Brandt | Freddie The Superstar – Neill Cameron |
| **Y2** | Aesop’s Fables - Michael Morpurgo | The HodgeHeg - Dick King Smith | Percy Jackson Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan | Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl | George's Marvelous Medicine - Roald Dahl | Fing – David Walliams |
| **Y3** | Fearless Fairy Tales – Konnie Huq | Esio Trot – Roald Dahl | Cat Tales – Linda Newberry | The Abominables – Dick King Smith | Hansel and Gretel – Anthony Browne | The Battle of Bubble and Squeak – Philippa Pearce |
| **Y4** | The Suitcase Kid – Jacqueline Wilson | The Last Castaways – Harry Horse | The Day I Fell Into a Fairy Tale – Ben Miller | Charlotte’s Wen – E B White | Beowolf - Michael Morpurgo | Bill’s New Frock – Anne Fine  The Last Bear – Hannah Gold |
| **Y5** | Street Child – Berlie Doherty | Tom’s Midnight Garden – Phillipa Pearce | When the Sky Falls – Phil Earle | Thief – Malorie Blackman | The Week at World’s End – Emma Carroll | Freedom – Catherine Johnson |
| **Y6** | Fireweed – Jill Paton Walsh | The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q Rauf | Survivors – David Long | Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman | Skellig – Michael Almond | Room 13 – Robert Swindells |