

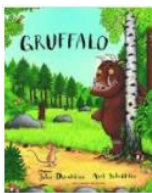
Reception Core Books and Rhymes

At Laurance Haines we have chosen twelve '**Core Books**' which we want our children to know well by the time they leave Reception. These books are the type of books that can be re-visited again and again, on different levels to support language development. The idea is that children will develop language and increase vocabulary in addition to gaining a love of books and will become very familiar with these known texts so that they can remember and re-tell them. We have chosen fun, repetitive books, which are easy for the children to join in with, so that the experience of reading becomes interactive and the children begin to learn the story as they are read to. In each book there is lots to discuss so that the children understand the vocabulary as well as what is happening.

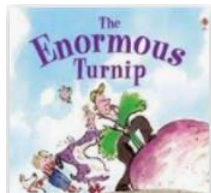
All of our core books have pictures, which support the text but also compliment and add to it. We discuss the pictures and what is happening in them as much as the text. We find our children learn the books word for word after a while, which can give them great confidence as early readers in terms of fluency when reading.

Our core books are:

The Gruffalo
By Julia Donaldson



The Enormous Turnip
By Irene Yates



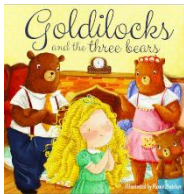
We're going on a bear hunt
By Michael Rosen



Where snowflakes fall
By Claire Freedman



Goldilocks
By Rosie Butcher



Little Red Riding Hood
By Rachel Elliot



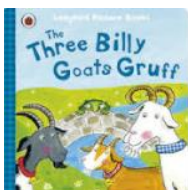
Three little pigs
By Ronne Randall



Gingerbread man
By Lesley Sims



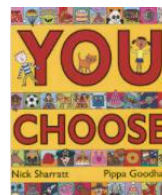
Three Billy Goats Gruff
By Irene Yates



Jack and the Beanstalk
By Iona Treahy



You choose
By Pippa Goodhart



Shark in the park
By Nick Sharratt



We also have '**core rhymes**' which support language development. Each week, the children chant or sing the rhyme at group and carpet times. By the time the children leave Reception they are familiar with each core rhyme.

Our core rhymes are:

- **Ten green bottles**
- **Ten in the bed**
- **Five little ducks**
- **Five little monkeys jumping in the bed**
- **Five little speckled frogs**
- **Head shoulders knees and toes**
- **Wheels on the bus**
- **If your happy and you know it**
- **Old MacDonald's had a farm**
- **Fiver little men in a flying saucer**