

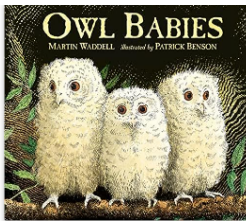
Core Books Curriculum Information for Parents

At Horfield Welly Preschool we want to promote a love of books and reading so have chosen twelve 'core books' which we will focus on throughout the year. The idea is that children will be familiar with these books by the time they leave the setting. Our core books will always be available in the book corner and will be read everyday at storytime.

Through revisiting stories again and again we will support children's language development and enable them to develop skills to become confident readers.

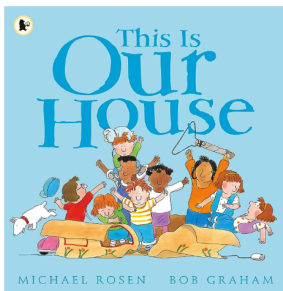
Each core book has been chosen for their special qualities, many include repetition to enable children to learn the stories and new vocabulary quickly. All our chosen stories include engaging illustrations which can support the children to make sense of the story.

Term one:



Owl babies: by Martin Waddell:

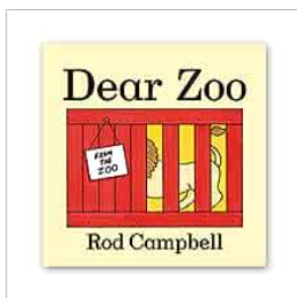
- Links to children's own experiences of separation.
- Repeated phrases
- Emotions



This is our house by Michael Rosen and Bob Graham:

- Theme of sharing & Friendships
- Portrays children's differences

Term two:



Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

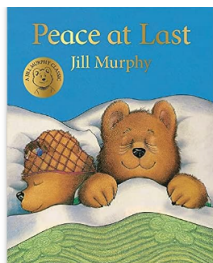
- Descriptive Language
- Animal names
- Repetition



We're going on a Bear Hunt: Michael Rosen

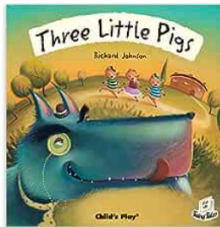
- Repetition
- Onomatopoeia
- Different Environments

Term Three:



Peace at last by Jill Murphy

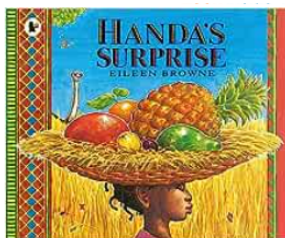
- Environmental sounds
- Routines
- Expression



Three little pigs

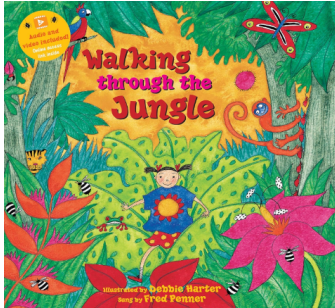
- Traditional Tale
- Story sequencing
- Repetitive phrases

Term four:



Handa's surprise by Eileen Browne

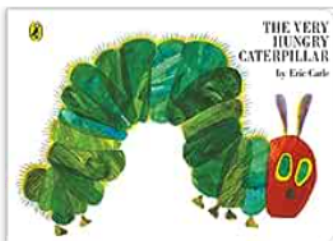
- Descriptive Language
- Different Country/Culture
- Names of Animals & Fruits



Walking through the jungle by barefoot books

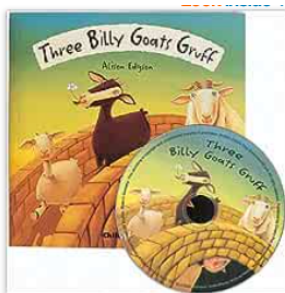
- Rhythmic pattern
- Different Environments/Habitats
- Action Words

Term Five



The very hungry caterpillar by Eric Carle

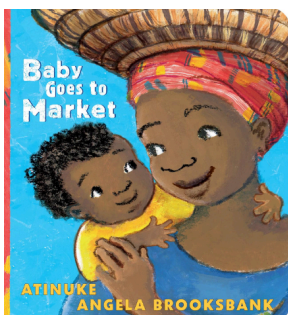
- Lifecycles
- Healthy Choices
- Days of the week



Three Billy Goats Gruff

- Traditional Tale
- Repeated Phrases
- Number/Size Concepts

Term Six



Baby Goes to market by angela Brooksbank

- Quantities
- Different Country/Culture
- Emotions



Oi Dog

- Humour
- Rhyming

We also feel that nursery rhymes and songs are important in helping children develop language skills so these will be embraced alongside our core books programs of study.

The core rhymes & songs we will focus on throughout the year are as follows:

- **Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star**
- **5 Speckled Frogs**
- **Head Shoulders Knees and Toes**
- **Humpty Dumpty**
- **Incy Wincy Spider**
- **The Wheels on the Bus**
- **Wind the Bobbin Up**
- **Miss Polly**
- **Baa Baa Black Sheep**
- **12345 Once I Caught a Fish Alive**
- **5 Little Monkeys**
- **Hot Cross Buns**
- **If Your Happy and You Know It**
- **Old Macdonald**