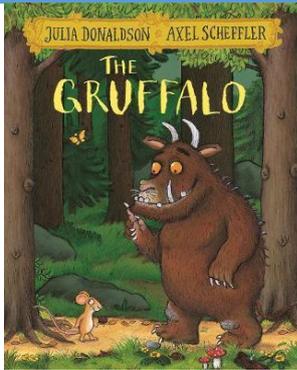


Hadley Wood Primary School's  
**Literature Spine**

The picture books in Reception have been selected because they are in line with the five types of texts that children should have access to in order to successfully navigate reading with confidence. These are complex beyond a lexical level and demand more from the reader than other types of books.

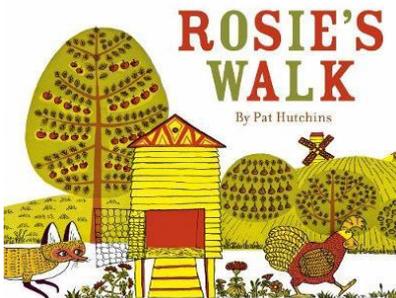
**Autumn 1**



**The Gruffalo**  
*Julia Donaldson*

In this much-loved picture book, a little mouse walks through the woods and encounters a fox, an owl and a snake. To fend them off, he tells each about the scary Gruffalo - but when the mouse actually encounters the Gruffalo himself, he cleverly invents another tale and manages to escape from danger yet again. Blending a suspenseful story with a rhyming text and wonderful illustrations, this is the perfect interactive picture book

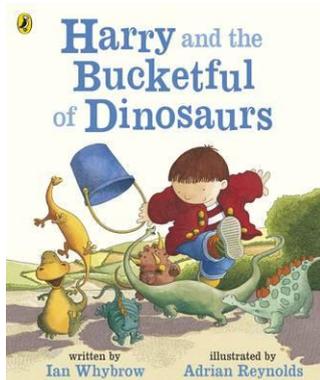
**Autumn 2**



**Rosie's Walk**  
*Pat Hutchins*

Rosie the unflappable hen introduces very young children to reading pictures and finding out that they tell a story that is not always the same as the one the words tell. As Rosie walks round the barnyard, she is completely unaware of the sly, but clumsy fox following right behind her. This is a great way to let children know that stories can be full of thrills - and are simply too good to miss!

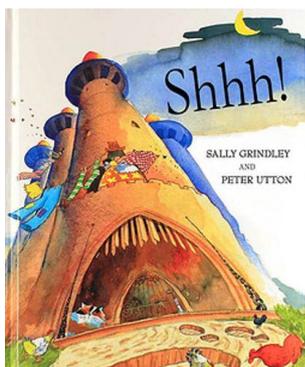
**Spring 1**



**Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs**  
*Ian Whybrow*

Harry finds some dusty plastic dinosaurs in Nan's attic. He cleans them, finds out their names and takes them everywhere - until, one day, the dinosaurs get lost! The lost property man gets a surprise when Harry proves the dinosaurs are his by calling them over to him.

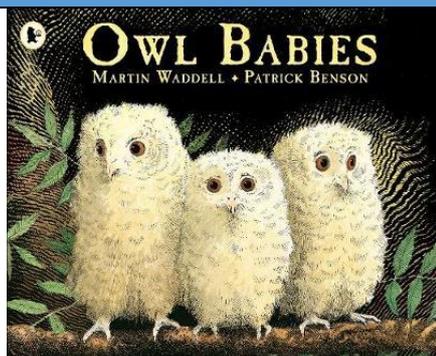
**Spring 2**



**Shhh!**  
*Sally Grindley*

Shhh! You are about to enter a giant's castle. Be very quiet. Can you get through the book without waking up the enormous scary giant? What will you do if he wakes up? Why shut the book of course! An interactive retelling of a classic fairy tale with flaps and peepholes that will keep children hooked! From the bestselling, award-winning author Sally Grindley, this is the perfect book for reading aloud and sharing together.

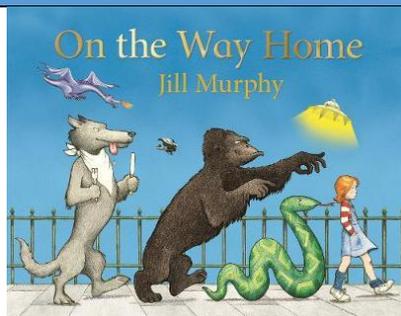
**Summer 1**



**Owl Babies**  
*Martin Waddell*

A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So, they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers, and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does, and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.

**Summer 2**



**On the Way Home**  
*Jill Murphy*

Claire has hurt her knee, so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how did it happen . . .? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?!