


## Butler's Hill Infant and Nursery – Fairy Tale Reading Spine

### F2 (Reception) – Age 4–5

Focus: Repetitive language, simple structure, clear moral messages, strong rhythm and rhyme.

1. The Gingerbread Man
2. Goldilocks and the Three Bears
3. The Three Little Pigs
4. The Little Red Hen
5. The Enormous Turnip
6. The Ugly Duckling (*Hans Christian Andersen*)


 *Why these?* Simple plots with repetition and familiar patterns help language acquisition and participation. Stories like *The Little Red Hen* also support early PSHE (helping, fairness).

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### Year 1 – Age 5–6

Focus: Story structure, character motivation, retelling and sequencing.

1. Jack and the Beanstalk
2. Cinderella
3. The Elves and the Shoemaker
4. Little Red Riding Hood
5. The Three Billy Goats Gruff
6. The Princess and the Pea


 *Why these?* These stories introduce rich vocabulary and more developed narratives. They're great for exploring emotions, cause and effect, and building storytelling confidence.

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### Year 2 – Age 6–7

Focus: Understanding story language, comparing versions, traditional structures.

1. Hansel and Gretel
2. The Frog Prince
3. Rumpelstiltskin
4. The Twelve Dancing Princesses
5. The Magic Porridge Pot
6. The Boy Who Cried Wolf (*Aesop's Fable*)

 *Why these?* These expand understanding of less common fairy tales, with trickster characters and problem-solving themes. Children can compare darker or alternate endings.