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Dear Parents / Carers,

Two years ago, to help put reading at the heart of Reignhead, we launched the **Reignhead Reading Spine**. The children have really enjoyed getting to know a collection of 'essential reads' and recently they have discussed and reviewed the books for each phase. The revised spine is now a collection of 100 brilliant books that can be viewed on our website. Your child will be coming home tonight with a list of the 25 books that have been carefully selected for their phase.

A range of well-known books has been chosen, including traditional tales such as The Three Little Pigs, the much-loved Gruffalo, classics such as The Jungle Book and a new exciting novel called 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. Authors such as Michael Morpurgo, Roald Dahl, David Walliams, C.S.Lewis, Jacqueline Wilson and Anthony Browne are also represented on the spine.

We know many of you will want to buy your own copies, however, there is no obligation to do this. There is a copy of each book in school and books can be ordered/borrowed from Crystal Peaks library.

Here are just a few of the ways we will continue promoting the Reignhead Reading Spine in school:

- Books from the spine will be read at story time at the end of the day;
- Extracts will be studied in reading/ book study lessons;
- Some English lessons will be based around texts from the book spine;
- Story bags containing books from the spine will continue to be used in the foundation stage;
- The Reignhead Reading Spine will be celebrated through classroom displays;

We're really excited about the revised Spine and hope your children continue to enjoy creating a 'living library' in their minds.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Dunn

English Lead

