

**Wantage CE  
Primary School**



**Reading Spine**

**Our reading spine is a carefully curated list of books that are selected with the specific intention of engaging, inspiring, and broadening the minds of the children we serve. The books are chosen to give the children the experience of reading or listening to stories which are from a wide range of genres and diverse themes. The selection has been made with an emphasis on books that are not only educational but also enjoyable. In doing this we hope to foster a love for reading; a habit that can have lifelong benefits.**

# Nursery

## Old and Gold

\*Based on Pie Corbett's Reading Spine

**Where's Spot? -Eric Hill**

Dear Zoo -Rod Campbell

**You Choose- Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt**

We're Going On a Bear Hunt- Michael Rosen

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? -Bill Martin Jnr and Eric Carle**

Jasper's Beanstalk-Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar-Eric Carle**

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy-Lynley Dodd

**Each Peach Pear Plum-Allan and Janet Ahlberg**

Hug-Jez Alborough

**The Train Ride- June Crebbin**

Come on, Daisy-Jane Simmons



# Nursery

## New & Bold

### **Max and the Tag Along Moon-Floyd Cooper**

The Smile-Marie Voigt

### **So Much-Trish Cooke**

We're Going to Find the Monster-Malorie Blackman & Dapo Adeola

### **If I Were the World-Mark Sperring & Natelle Quek**

Forever Star-Gareth Peter & Judi Abbot

### **Look Up!-Nathan Bryon**

Super Duper You-Sophie Henn

### **Hello! A Counting Book of Kindness-Hollis Kurman**



# Reception

## Old & Gold

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### **Owl Babies-Martin Waddell**

The Gruffalo-Julia Donaldson

### **Handa's Surprise-Eileen Browne**

Mrs Gumpy's Outing-John Burningham

### **Rosie's Walk-Pat Hutchins**

Six Dinner Sid-Inga Moore

### **Mrs Armitage on Wheels-Quentin Blake**

Whatever Next-Jill Murphy

### **On the Way Home-Jill Murphy**

Farmer Duck-Martin Waddell

### **Goodnight Moon-Margaret Wise Brown**

Shhh!-Sally Grindley



# Reception

## New & Bold

### **Full, Full, Full of Love-Trish Cooke**

Never Show a T-Rex a Book-Rashmi Sirdeshpande &  
Diane Ewen

### **You're so Amazing-James & Lucy Catchpole**

The Boys-Lauren Ace & Jenny Lovlie

### **The Girls-Lauren Ace & Jenny Lovlie**

The New Small person-Lauren Child

### **My Must-Have Mum-Maudie Smith & Jen Khatun**

The Missing Piece-Jordan Stephens

### **Julian is a Mermaid- Jessica Love**



# Year 1

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### **Peace at Last-Jill Murphy**

Can't You Sleep Little Bear-Martin Waddell

### **Where the Wild Things Are-Maurice Sendak**

The Elephant and the Bad Boy-Elfrida Vipont & Raymond Briggs

### **Avocado Baby-John Burningham**

The Tiger Who Came to Tea-Judith Kerr

### **Lost & Found-Oliver Jeffers**

Knuffle Bunny-Mo Willems

### **On the Way Home-Jill Murphy**

Beegu-Alexis Deacon

### **Dogger-Shirley Hughes**

Cops and Robbers- Alan & Janet Ahlberg

### **Elmer-David McKee**



# Year 1

## New & Bold

**The Many Colours of Harpreet Singh-Supriya Kelkar**

Jabari Jumps-Gaia Cornwall

**I talk Like a River-Jordan Scott**

The Word Collector-Peter H. Reynolds

**Out of the Blue-Robert Tregoney**

Ruby's Worry-Tom Percival

**Jabari Tries-Gaia Cornwall**

Little Red-Beth Woolvin

**Princesses Break Free-Timothy Knapman**

My Nana's Garden-Dawn Casey & Jessica Courtney-Ticke

**Julain at the Wedding-Jessica Love**

Meesha Makes Friends-Tom Percival

**My Dad is a Grizzly Bear-Swapna Haddow**



# Year 2

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**Traction Man is Here-Mini Grey**

Meerkat Mail-Emily Gravett

**Amazing Grace-Mary Hoffman**

Pumpkin Soup-Helen Cooper

**Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?-Lauren Child**

Dr Xargles's Boof of Earthlets-Tony Ross

**Not Now Bernard-David McKee**

Tuesday-David Wiesner

**The Flower-John Light**

Gorilla-Anthony Browne

**Emily Brown and The Thing-Cressida Cowell**

Frog and Toad Together-Arnold Lobel

**The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark-Jill Tomlinson**

The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me-Roald Dahl

**Fantastic Mr Fox-Roald Dahl**

The Hodgeheg-Dick King-Smith

**Flat Stanley-Jeff Brown**



# Year 2

## New & Bold

**The Caravan-Richard O'Neill**

That's not a Daffodil-Elizabeth Honey

**My Monster and Me-Nadiya Hussain & Ella Bailey**

The Bookworm-Debi Glori

**Our Tower-Joseph Coelho &Richard Johnson**

Grandad's Camper-Harry Woodgate

**The invisible-Tom Percival**

My Two Grannies-Floella Benjamin

**Ravi's Roar-Tom Percival**

Extra Yarn-Mac Barnett

**My Beautiful Voice-Joseph Coelho & Allison**

**Colpoys**

The Proudest Blue-Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K.Ali



# Year 3

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### **The Iron Man -Ted Hughes**

Cat Tales: Ice Cat - Linda Newberry

### **The Sheep-pig– Dick King-Smith**

The Abominables-Eva Ibbotson

### **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe-CS Lewis**

The Battle of Bubble and Squeak - Philippa Pearce

### **Hansel and Gretel-Anthony Browne**

Esio Trot - Roald Dahl

### **The Butterfly Lion - Michael Morpugo**



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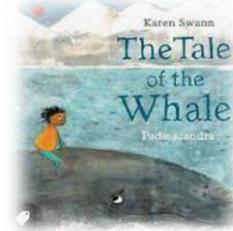
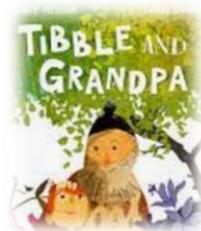
**Tibble and Grandpa-Wendy Meddour & Daniel Egneus**

Eyes that Kiss in the Corners-Joanna Ho

**The Tale of the Whale-Karen Swann**

My name is not Refugee-Kate Milner

**I am Nefertiti-Annemarie Anang & Natalie Quek**



# Year 4

## Old & Gold

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**Bill's New Frock - Anne Fine**

**Usborne History of Britain: Kings and Queens**

Charlotte's Web – EB White

**Why the Whales Came - Michael Morpurgo**

The Firework-Maker's Daughter - Philip Pullman

**The Snow Walker's Son - Catherine Fisher**

Perry Angel's Suitcase - Glenda Millard

**Voices in the Park - Anthony Browne**



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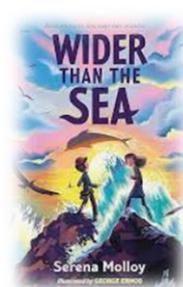
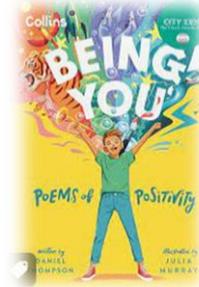
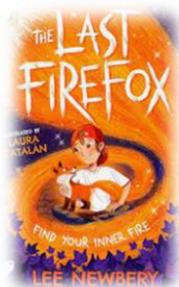
**The Last Firefox - Lee Newbery**

Max and the Millions - Ross Montgomery

**Being You - Daniel Thompson**

Wider than the Sea - Serena Molly

**Wisp - a story of hope - Zara Fraillon and  
Grahame Baker-Smith**



# Year 5

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### **The Wolves of Willoughby Chase -Joan Aiken**

Varjak Paw - SF Said

### **Wolf Brother-Michelle Paver**

Street Child– Berlie Doherty

### **The Midnight Fox-Betsy Byars**

Tom's Midnight Garden-Philippa Pearce

### **FArTHER-Grahame Baker-Smith**

Stig of the Dump - Clive King

### **Letters from the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll**



# Year 5

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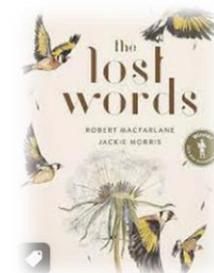
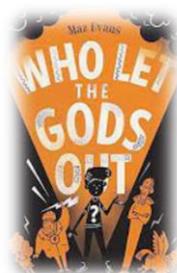
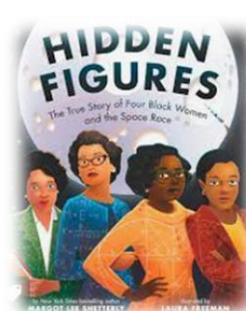
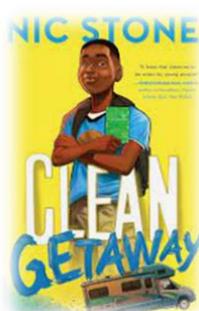
**Clean Getaway - Nic Stone**

The star outside my window - Onjalii Rauf

**Hidden Figures - Margot Lee Shetterly**

Who let the Gods out - Maz Evans

**The Lost Words - Robert Macfarlane**



# Year 6

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**Holes - Louis Sachar**

Clockwork - Philip Pullman

**The Hobbit-JRR Tolkein**

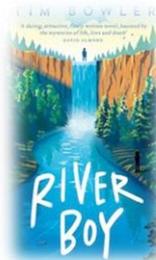
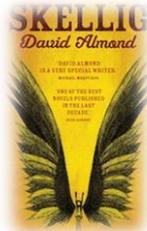
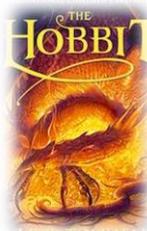
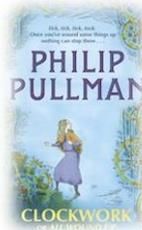
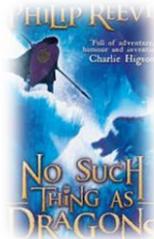
Skellig - David Almond

**Fireweed-Jill Paton Walsh**

River Boy-Tim Bowler

**Floodland - Marcus Sedgwick**

There's No Such Thing as Dragons - Phillip Reeve



# Year 6

## New & Bold

**Journey to Jo'Burg - Beverley Naidoo**

The Last Bear - Hannah Gold

**Pig Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman**

The Island - Armin Greder

**The Final Year - Matt Goodfellow**

