

## Reading Spine Year 1

### Autumn Term



**Beegu:** Contemporary narrative picture book. Themes of loneliness, transition, isolation and friendships.

**Where the Wild Things Are:** Classic picture book. Themes of anger and frustration, time out and forgiveness.

**The Storm Whale:** Contemporary narrative picture book. Themes of loneliness, caring for animals, kindness and working parents.

**The Owl and the Pussycat Edward Lear:** Heritage poem and seminal poet. Archaic language and nonsense words.

**Aesop's Fables – The Boy Who Cried Wolf:** Heritage text. Story with a moral. Essential cultural reference. Themes of lying, trust and community.

### Spring Term



**The Tale of Peter Rabbit** Heritage text and seminal female author. Archaic language and anthropomorphism. Themes of theft, animal cruelty and trespassing.

**Look Up!** Contemporary narrative picture book. Female black protagonist who aspires to be an astronaut. Reference to Mae Jemison. Themes of family, siblings, self-doubt and enthusiasm.

**Here We Are** Contemporary narrative picture book. Themes of kindness, tolerance and environmental responsibility. Guide to understanding our place in the world.

**Chocolate Cake Michael Rosen** Humorous contemporary poem. Themes of temptation, overindulgence and forgiveness.

### Summer Term



**There's a Rangtan in my Bedroom** Contemporary narrative picture book and information text. Female protagonist. Highlighting issues around deforestation and endangered species.

**And Tango Makes Three** Contemporary narrative picture book and information text. Themes around same sex parents, adoption, blended families, kindness and tolerance.

**The Lion Inside** Contemporary rhyming narrative poem. Themes of courage, self-confidence and friendship. Highlights differences in how we make our voices heard.

**Aesop's Fables – The Hare and the Tortoise** Heritage text. Story with a moral. Essential cultural reference. Themes of pride, vanity, complacency, patience and perseverance.

**The Proudest Blue** Contemporary narrative picture book. Female Muslim protagonist and author. Narrates a child's first day wearing a hijab. Themes of difference, inclusion, courage, faith, family and resilience.