

# Reading Spine Progression



Please view this progression document in conjunction with our 'Reading Spine Rationale' and year group Reading Spines.

# KS1 – Reading Spine September 2025 onwards



Term:	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme:	Nature and environment	Heroes and villains	Similarities and differences	Journeys and exploration	Animals, friendship and kindness	Imagination and creativity
Year 1						
ATOS	2.8 (Three Little Pigs) 2.6 (Meesha makes friends)	2.8 (Stickman) 2.9 (One Snowy Night)	4.1 (The Smeds and the Smoos) 3.2 (The Flower)	2.3 (The Gruffalo) 2.1 (Sidney, Stella and the Moon)	2.4 (Owl babies) 1.7 (Pig the Pug)	2.7 (Izzy Gizmo and the Invention Convention) 3.4 (Stuck)
Theme:	A twist in the tale	Urban metropolis	Bravery vs fear	Change and relationships	Creation and conversation	Fictional worlds and fantasy
Year 2						
ATOS	4.4 (Hansel & Gretel) 3.3 (Wangari's Trees of Peace)	3.6 (Too Small Tola) 2.6 (After the Fall)	4.1 (Mary Seacole) 3.6 (The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas)	3.3 (Diary of a Killer Cat) 3.7 (Pongo)	3.0 (Somebody Swallowed Stanley)	3.6 (The Lighthouse Keeper's Rescue) 3.3 (Go, Mo, Go!)

# LKS2 – Reading Spine September 2025 onwards



Term:	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme:	Magic and wonder	Dreams and curiosity	Disaster, hope and healing	From mystery to discovery	Overcoming adversity	Confidence and caution
Year 3	 	 	 	 		 
ATOS	3.5 (Stone Age Boy) 5.3 (Arthur and the Golden Rope)	3.2 (The Building Boy) ~5.0 Lost Species	4.8 (The Puffin Keeper) Earth shattering events	5.7 (Think you've got it bad) 5.9 (Mr Penguin)	~5.0 (The Land of Never-believe)	4.3 (Neckless of Raindrops) ~5.5 (Sally Jones)
Theme:	Finding freedom	Invention and innovation	Taking courage	Darkness and light	Exploration and discovery	Different Worlds
Year 4	 	 				
ATOS	5.4 Zombierella ~5.5 (Annie Lumsden)	3.8 Varjak Paw 5.3 (Firework maker's daughter)	5.5 (Viking Voyagers)	5.1 Wild Robot	4.6 Last Firefox	(On the Origin of Species)

# UKS2 – Reading Spine September 2025 onwards



Term:	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme:	Ambition and desire	Belonging and equality	Legends and folklore	Lessons from History	Power vs principles	Mystery vs truth
Year 5						
ATOS	3.0 (Black dog) ~9.0+(When the stars come out)	~6.0 (The Egyptian Cinderella) 4.4 (Marcy)	6.3 (Amazon River) ~4.4 (Once upon a Raindrop)	5.8 (Who let the God's out)	5.7 (Got it bad)	5.5 (Leo and the Gorgon's Curse) (Undeaten)
Theme:	Migration and movement	Evolution and inheritance	Enterprise and activism	Utopia vs dystopia	Fate vs free will	Crossing borders
Year 6						
ATOS	4.5 (Diver's Daughter) 9.9 (Grimm tales)	4.1 (Once) 8.4 (Wind in the Willows)	9.0 (Snow Goose) 8.3 (Treasure Island)	5.4 (Boy at Back of Class) 7.6 (Jungle Book)	4.8 (Windrush Child)	4.9 (The Flea) 8.2 (Robin Hood)
1000+ Lexile extract books						