



## Kite Primary Federation Book Spine 2023 - 2024

The Kite Primary Federation's book spine is a collection of essential, high-quality books, that children will experience during their time at school. In addition to these books, there are the texts that are used as stimuli for writing lessons which children will also become familiar with.

Pie Corbett (a well-known English Educator) explains that a book spine becomes;

***"...a store of classics, creating a living library inside a child's mind."***

At the Kite Primary Federation, we believe that reading is at the heart and centre of children's learning across the curriculum. The more children read, the greater their language development and the greater their access to the curriculum. We also believe that through reading a range of high-quality texts children's imaginations will be sparked and knowledge base of the world in which we live will be developed.

In developing our reading spine, teachers selected a wide range of texts to include poetry, picture books, books which celebrate diversity as well as books that they just love themselves!

One of the benefits of mixed year classes is children's exposure to texts from the year above and the year below, further increasing their love of a range of literature. When you visit your child's classroom, you will see these texts taking pride of place in the 'class library'.

We are currently in the process of developing our reading spine. Some year groups will add completely new texts for the academic year 2024 – 2025.

If you have any of these texts at home; do read them to and with your child and enjoy the pleasure that these texts bring.

The books in blue are the texts used as the basis for the writing curriculum in the classes.

### EYFS:

Handa's Surprise  
The Gruffalo  
Whatever Next  
Farmer Duck  
SHHH  
On the way home

### Year 1:

Knuffle Bunny  
Peace at last  
Where wild things are  
Elmer  
Lost and found  
The tiger who came to tea



### Year 2:

Fantastic Mr Fox  
The owl who was afraid of the dark  
Frog and toad  
Amazing Grace  
Tuesday  
Who's afraid of the big bad book?

**Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival**  
**Katie in London by James Mayhew**  
**Grandpa's Gift by Fiona Lumbers**  
**Beegu by Alexis Deacon**  
**Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts**  
**Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson**

### Year 3:

The World's Greatest Space Cadet by James Carter (poetry) - Autumn 2  
The Iron Man by Ted Hughes – Spring 1  
The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson – Summer 2

### Year 4:

By Ash Oak and Thorn by Melissa Harrison – Summer 1  
The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman – Autumn 1  
The Infinite by Patience Agbabi – Spring 2

**Coming to England by Floella Benjamin**  
**Winter's Child by Graham Baker-Smith, Ice Palace by Robert Swindells**  
**Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura**  
**Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies, This Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo**  
**Amazing Rivers by Julie Vosburgh Agnone**  
**Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr**

### Year 5:

Tom's Midnight Garden, Philippa Pearce (classic) Autumn 1  
The Lost Words, Robert Macfarlane (poetry) Spring 1  
FaRther, Graham Baker-Smith (picture book) Summer 1

### Year 6:

The Arrival, Shaun Tan (picture, wordless) Autumn 2  
Skyhawk, Gill Lewis (modern) Spring 2  
Carol Ann Duffy, New and Collected poems for children Summer 2

**Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson**  
**Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson**  
**Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo**  
**Kai and the Monkey King by Joe Todd-Stanton**  
**The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield**  
**The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner, Coral Reefs by Jason Chin**  
**Radiant Child by Javaka Steptoe, Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou**