

Golden Valley Primary School Reading Spine – Latest update July 2023



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Reception	Title	Author	Date of first read
	Owl Babies	Martin Waddell	
	The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson	
	Handa’s Surprise	Eileen Browne	
	Mr Gumpy’s Outing	John Burningham	
	Rosie’s Walk	Pat Hutchins	
	Mrs Armitage	Quentin Blake	
	Whatever Next	Jill Murphy	
	On the Way Home	Jill Murphy	
	Farmer Duck	Martin Waddell	
	Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown	
	Shhh!	Sally Grindley	
	Tiddler (TTS)	Julia Donaldson	
	Stick Man (TTS)	Julia Donaldson	
	Room on the Broom (TTS)	Julia Donaldson	
	The Wonky Donkey (TTS)	Craig Smith	
	The Rainbow Fish (TTS)	Marcus Pfister	
	Six Dinner Sid (TTS)	Inga Moore	
	Oi Frog!	Kes Gray & Jim Field	
	Billy and the Beast	Nadia Shireen	
	You Choose Fairy Tales	Nick Sharratt & Pippa Goodhart	
	Clean Up	Nathan Bryan & Dapa Adeola	
	Rain Before Rainbows	Smriti Halls & David Litchfield	
	Take Off Your Brave (poetry)	Nadim (aged 4)	
A Story about Afiya	James Berry & Anna Cunha		
Walking with my Iguana	Brian Moses & Ed Boxall		
Pattan’s Pumpkin	Chitra Soundar & Frane Lessac		
The Tiger who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr		
The Body Book	Hannah Alice		
Building a Home	Polly Faber & Klas Fahlen		
Supertato	Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet		
Astro Girl	Ken Wilson-Max		
Do You Love Bugs?	Matt Robertson		
Wriggle and Roar	Julia Donaldson & Nick Sharratt		
How Cities Work	Lonely Planet Kids (Jen Feroze)		

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	Peace at Last	Jill Murphy	
	Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	
	The Elephant and the Bad Baby	Elfrida Vipont & Raymond Briggs	
	Avocado Baby	John Burningham	
	Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers	
	Knuffle Bunny	Mo Willems	
	Beegu	Alexis Deacon	
	Dogger	Shirley Hughes	
	Cops and Robbers	Allan and Janet Ahlberg	
	Elmer	David McKee	
	Burglar Bill (TTS)	Janet and Allan Ahlberg	
	On the Way Home (TTS)	Jill Murphy	
	Cottonwool Colin (TTS)	Jeanne Willis	
	Can't You Sleep Little Bear (TTS)	Martin Waddell	
	How to be a Viking (TTS)	Cressida Cowell	
	Ruby's Worry (TTS)	Tom Percival	
	Waiting for Wolf	Sandra Dieckmann	
	Good Little Wolf	Nadia Shireen	
	Mrs Noah's Pockets	Jackie Morris & James Mayhew	
	On Sudden Hill	Linda Sarah & Benji Davies	
	The Go-Away Bird	Julia Donaldson & Catherine Rayner	
	Dave and the Tooth Fairy	Verna Wilkins	
	Lottie's Letter	Gordon Snell	
Have you Filled a Bucket Today?	Janet McLeod		
Pumpkin Soup	Helen Cooper		
Panda Bear	Bill Martin		
Poles Apart	Jeanne Willis		
The Storm Whale	Benji Davies		
Cave Baby	Julia Donaldson		
Rosie Revere Engineer	Andrea Beaty		
Dear Greenpeace	Simon James		

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Year One (continued)	Zanzibar	Catherina Valckx	
	Please Mrs Butler	Allan Ahlberg	
	There's a Sea in my Bedroom	Margaret Wild	
	Look Up!	Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola	
	Rabbit & Bear	Julian Gough & Jim Field	
	Ruby's Worry	Tom Percival	
	The Hat Full of Secrets	Karl Newson & Wazza Pink	
	You're Called What?	Kes Gray & Nikki Dyson	
	There's a Tiger in the Garden	Lizzy Stewart	
	No-Bot	Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet	
	Once Upon a Raindrop	James Carter & Nomoco	
	Not Now, Bernard	David McKee	
	Mt Dad is a Grizzly Bear	Swapna Haddow & Dapo Adeola	
	How Many Spots has a Cheetah Got?	Steve Martin & Amber Davenport	
	I Can Only Draw Worms	Will Mabbitt	
	Boo! A Fishy Mystery	Kate Read	
	Poems Out Loud	Ladybird & Laurie Stansfield	
	Man on the Moon	Simon Bartram	
	King of the Swamp	Catherine Emmett & Ben Mantle	
	Anita and the Dragons	Hannah Carmona & Anna Cunha	
	On Sudden Hill	Linda Sarah & Benji Davies	
	Chocolate Cake	Michael Rosen & Kevin Waldron	
	Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	
	Funnybones	Allan & Janet Ahlberg	
	The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Ronda & David Armitage	
	I'm Sticking With You	Smitri Halls & Steve Small	

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	Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl	
	Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster	Gill Lewis	
	The Barnabus Project	The Fan Brothers	
	The Hodgeheg	Dick King-Smith	
	Traction Man is Here	Mini Grey	
	The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson	
	The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson	
	Meerkat Mail	Emily Gravett	
	Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman	
	Pumpkin Soup	Helen Cooper	
	Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?	Lauren Child	
	Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets	Jeanne Willis & 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 Giraffe, the Pelly and Me	Roald Dahl	
	Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	
	Willa and Old Miss Annie	Berlie Doherty	
	Once Upon a Tune	James Mayhew	
	Ellie and the Cat	Malorie Blackman	
Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure	Alex T. Smith		
Gaspard the Fox	Zeb Soanes & James Mayhew		

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Year Five	Title	Author	Date started
	Wolf Brother (series of 9 books)	Michelle Paver	
	The Explorer	Katherine Rundell	
	Street Child	Berlie Doherty	
	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken	
	The Midnight Fox	Betsy Byars	
	Tom’s Midnight Garden	Phillipa Pearce	
	FARThER	Grahame Baker-Smith	
	The Girl Who Speaks Bear	Sophie Anderson	
	When the Sky Falls	Phil Earle	
	1783 Freedom	Catherine Johnson	
	The Week at World’s End	Emma Carroll	
	Asha and the Spirit Bird	Jasbinder Bilan	
	Thief!	Malorie Blackman	
	Hilda and the Troll	Luke Pearson	
	Hilda and the Stone Forest	Luke Pearson	
	TrooFriend	Kirsty Applebaum	
	Room 13	Robert Swindells	
	Roller Girl	Victoria Jamieson	
	Ella on the Outside	Cath Howe	
	Mr Wolf’s Class	Aron Nels Steinke	
	The Polar Bear Explorers’ Club	Alex Bell	
	The Last Bear	Hannah Gold & Levi Pinfold	
	Llama Out Loud!	Annabelle Sami & Allen Fatimaharan	
Secrets of a Sun King	Emma Carroll		
The White Giraffe	Lauren St John & David Dean		

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Year Six	Title	Author	Date started
	There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	Louis Sachar	
	Letters from the Lighthouse	Emma Carroll	
	Floodland	Marcus Sedgwick	
	Windrush Child	Benjamin Zephania	
	Skellig	David Almond	
	Darwin's Dragons	Lindsay Galvin	
	Holes	Louis Sachar	
	Clockwork	Philip Pullman	
	The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien	
	Fireweed	Jill Paton Walsh	
	River Boy	Tim Bowler	
	The Arrival	Shaun Tan	
	The Skylarks' War	Hilary McKay	
	A Web of Air	Philip Reeve	
	Beyond the Bright Sea	Lauren Wolk	
	Orphans of the Tide	Struan Murray	
	Once	Morris Gleitzman	
	When Secrets Set Sail	Sita Brahmachari	
	Amulet series	Kazu Kibuishi	
The Hauntings of Aveline Jones	Phil Hicks		
When the Sky Falls	Philip Earle		
Midnight Guardians	Ross Montgomery		
Wonder	R.J. Palacio		
Stormbreaker series	Anthony Horowitz		