

## Reading at Home – Recommended Books



As well as being an enjoyable pastime, reading impacts hugely on children’s writing ability and general learning. We encourage children to read as much as possible, both at home and in school. To assist with the difficult task of choosing a new book, we have put together a recommended reading list for each year group across the school. This list is only intended to be a guide. The list, covering a range of genres, is drawn from a number of sources including: teachers own recommendations, the National Literacy Strategy’s recommended texts, reading lists suggested by other schools and the National Literacy Trust’s website. Some of the texts are more difficult to read than others and care should be taken when choosing those which your child might enjoy. Please ensure reading is a pleasurable experience for you and your child and remember , your child is never too old to have stories read to them. Finally, please inform your child’s class teacher if there is a book which you think should be added to our reading list. Happy reading!

### **Our top tips for creating a special space and time to read together:**

- Finding a quiet, comfortable space in your home to share a book together.
- Picking a time when both you and your child can relax when sharing the book.
- Taking the time to talk about how the story or characters made you feel and what you liked or didn’t like about the book.

## Early Years Recommended Books (Nursery & Reception)

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Bill Martin Jnr
Where's Spot?	Eric Hill
Guess How Much I Love You	Sam McBratney and Garth Williams
The Little Red Hen	Byron Barton
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman Bridwell
Owl Babies	Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
Winnie the Pooh	A A Milne
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Beatrix Potter
Stone Soup	Marcia Brown
Not Now Bernard	David McKee
There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly	Pam Adams
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Jill Tomlinson
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
Winnie the Witch	Valerie Thomas & Korky Paul
The Elephant and the Bad Baby	Elfrida Vipont & Raymond Briggs
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Helen Oxenbury
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson
I Will Never Eat a Tomato	Lauren Child
Rosie's Walk	Pat and Laurence Hutchins
One Snowy Night	Nick Butterworth
Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister
Dogger	Shirley Hughes
Farmer Duck	Martin Waddell
Once Their Were Giants	Martin Waddell and Penny Dale
Augustus and his Smile	Catherine Rayner
Dig Dig Digging	Margaret Mayo and Alex Ayliffe
Down the Back of the Chair	Margaret Mahy and Polly Dunbar
The Farmyard Jamboree	Richard Waring and Caroline Jayne Church
Knuffle Bunny	Mo Willems
Let's Get a Pup	Bob Graham
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers
Lulu loves the Library	Anna McQuinn and Rosalind Beardshaw
Mister Magnolia	Quentin Blake
Naughty Bus	Jan and Jerry Oke
On the Road	Susan Steggall
Penguin	Polly Dunbar
Shark in the Park	Nick Sharratt
We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey...	Laurie Krebs and Julie Cairns
Traditional Rhymes	
Alphabet Books	
Counting Books	

## Year 1 Recommended Books

Anna Hibiscus	Atinuke, illustrated by Lauren Tobia
Ask Me	Antje Damm
Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf	Catherine Storr, illustrated by Marjorie-Ann Watts
A Dark, Dark Tale	Ruth Brown
I will not ever NEVER eat a tomato	Lauren Child
I'll Tell You a Story and Other Story Poems (Read Me Poetry)	edited by Myra Barrs and Sue Ellis illustrated by Sue Heap
J is for Jamaica	Benjamin Zephaniah and Prodeepta Das
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Ronda and David Armitage
Lima's Red Hot Chili	David Mills and Derek Brazell
Monster Bed	Jeanne Willis and Susan Varley
My Very Own Lighthouse	Francisco Cunha, translated from Portuguese by Joao Leal
Not Now, Bernard	David McKee
T.Rex	Vivian French and Alison Bartlett
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
The Cat in the Hat	Dr Seuss
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr
Hairy Maclary	Lynley Dodd
The Large Family Collection	Jill Murphy
Charlie and Lola	Lauren Child
The Smartest Giant in Town	Julia Donaldson
The Gruffalo's Child	Julia Donaldson
The Gigantic Turnip	Aleksei Tolstoy
The Whisperer	Nick Butterworth
Mrs Armitage on Wheels	Quentin Blake
The Trouble with Jack	Shirley Hughes
My Friend Bear	Jez Alborough
Avocado Baby	John Burningham
A Bear Called Paddington	Michael Bond
Funnybones	Allan Ahlberg
The Hodgeheg	Dick King-Smith
The Jolly Postman	Allan Ahlberg
Mister Magnolia	Quentin Blake
Katie Morag Series	Mairi Hedderwick
Frog and Toad are Friends	Arnold Lobel
The Princess and the Pea	Minnie Grey
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman
Don't Forget the Bacon	Pat Hutchins
Emperor of Absurdia	Chris Riddell
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Jon Scieszka
Collins Primary Dictionary	
Children's First Encyclopaedia	
Children's Atlas	
Topic Books, eg Old Toys, Homes in the Past	
Traditional Nursery Rhymes	
Traditional Fairy Stories	

## Year 2 Recommended Books

Anna Hibiscus	Atinuke, illustrated by Lauren Tobia
Ask Me	Antje Damm
Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf	Catherine Storr, illustrated by Marjorie-Ann Watts
A Dark, Dark Tale	Ruth Brown
I will not ever NEVER eat a tomato	Lauren Child
I'll Tell You a Story and Other Story Poems (Read Me Poetry)	edited by Myra Barrs and Sue Ellis illustrated by Sue Heap
J is for Jamaica	Benjamin Zephaniah and Prodeepta Das
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Ronda and David Armitage
Lima's Red Hot Chili	David Mills and Derek Brazell
Monster Bed	Jeanne Willis and Susan Varley
My Very Own Lighthouse	Francisco Cunha, translated from Portuguese by Joao Leal
Not Now, Bernard	David McKee
T.Rex	Vivian French and Alison Bartlett
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
The Cat Who Lost His Purr	Michelle Coxon
Frightened Fred	Peta Coplans
Friends	Kim Lewis
Mog Stories	Judith Kerr
Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Jan Fearnley
Frog is Frog	Max Velthuijjs
Cat and Mouse Story	Michael Rosen
The Snow Lady	Shirley Hughes
Grace and Family	Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
The Adventures of Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey
The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine
Little Wolf's Book of Badness	Ian Whybrow
The Magic Finger	Roald Dahl
Mrs Wobble the Waitress	Allan Alhberg
Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind	Jeremy Strong
George's Marvellous Medicine	Roald Dahl
The Giraffe, Pelly and Me	Roald Dahl
The Guard Dog	Dick King-Smith
Emily's Legs	Dick King-Smith
Children's Illustrated Dictionary	
Pocket Science Books	
Watt's Great Events Books	

## Year 3 Recommended Books

### Stories with familiar settings (school, home, etc)

Bertagna, J-	The Ice Cream Machine
Browne, A-	Gorilla, Voices in the Park
Cameron, A-	Julian Stories
Cross, G-	Posh Watson
Dickinson, P-	Chuck and Danielle
Dunmore, H-	Allie's Rabbit
Fine, A-	Care of Henry, Design a Pram, Diary of a Killer Cat, Jennifer's Diary, Loud
Mouth Louis,	Only a Show, Press Play
French, V-	Morris and the Catflap
Haddon, M-	Sea of Tranquility
Hawkins, E-	Hamster in Danger, Monster of a Hamster
King-Smith, D-	The Guard Dog, Happy Mouseday, Invisible Dog, The Hodgeheg, The Magic Carpet Slippers, Mr Potter's Pet
Laybourn, E-	Monster Shoes
Lindgren, A-	Lotta Says 'No'!
Mark, J-	The Snow Maze, Taking the Cat's Way Home
Mooney, B-	But You Promised, It's Not Fair, Promise Me You Won't Be Cross, Why Me?, Why Not?
Tomlinson, J-	The Cat Who Wanted to Go Home, The Otter Who Wanted to Know, The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark

### Poetry: shape poems and poems based on observation and the senses

Brownjohn, S-	Both Sides of the Catflap
Cook, H-	Dream Time
Corbett, P-	Poems for Year 3
Douthwaite, G-	Picture a Poem
Earl, A-	Poems about Feelings
Foster, J-	Word Whirls and Other Shape Poems

### Myths, legends, fables, parables, traditional stories and stories with related themes

Agard, J-	Brer Rabbit: Great Tug-o-war
Ahlberg, A-	Ten in a Bed
Andersen, Hans Christian	- any tales would be suitable.
Anholt, L-	Little Red Riding Wolf, Eco-wolf & the Three Pigs
Barber, A-	Mousehole Cat, Noah & the Ark
Cresswell, H-	The Sea Piper
Croser, J-	Baleen
French, F-	Anancy and Mr Drybone
French, V-	The Boy Who Walked on Water, Aesop's Funky Fables
Brothers Grimm-	any of their traditional stories would be suitable.
Hoffman,	M- Sun Moon & Stars
Mitton, T-	Excalibur the Magic Sword
Naidu, V-	Stories from India
Patten, B-	Beowulf & the Monster
Whitfield, S-	The legend of the Chinese Zodiac
Wilkes, A-	The Adventures of King Arthur
Williams, M-	King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table
Zeff, C-	The Amazing Adventures of Hercules, Jason and the Gold Fleece

**Humorous poetry and poems that play with words**

Agard, J-	Another Day on Your Foot
Crebbin, J-	Cows Moo, Cars Toot
Cookson, P-	Let's Twist Again; Teachers' Pets; Tongue Twisters & Tonsil Twizzlers
Foster, J-	Teasing Tongue Twisters; Loopy Limericks; Crack another Yolk; Word Spinning; Firewords
Patten, B-	Juggling with Gerbils; Gargling with Jelly
Rosen, M-	You Can't Catch Me, Walking on the Bridge of Your Nose, Michael Rosen's Book of Nonsense

**Adventure and Mystery Stories**

Allen, Judy-	Seven Weird Days at Number 31
Blackman, M-	Wizziwig
Blyton, E-	any Famous Five title
Bradman, T-	Tommy Niner and the Mystery Spaceship
Brennan, H-	Eddie & the Bad Egg; Eddie & the Dirty Dogs
Broad, M-	Agent Amelia: Ghost Diamond
Burlington, M-	Lighthouse Joey
Carpenter, H-	any Mr Majeika title
Defoe, D-Robinson Crusoe (retold by Angela Wilkes)	
Deary, T-	Time Detectives series
Morpurgo, M-	Black Queen; Dancing Bear
Mould, C-	Treasure Island
Odgers, D-	Jack Russell: Dog Detective Adventure and Mystery stories continued
Offen, H-	Rita and the Flying Saucer
Paiba, H-	Adventure Stories for Seven Year Olds
Peyton, K-	The Pony that Went to Sea
Powling, C-	Hoppity-Gap
Rees, G-	Mermaid Magic
Ryan, M-	Hover Boy: Missing Moggy Mystery
Shire, P-	Magic Pony Carousel: Flame

**Classics/ Modern Classics**

White, E.B-	Charlotte's Web
Ahlberg, A-	Cops and Robbers, Please Mrs Butler
Dahl, R-	Esio Trot, The Twits
Cresswell, H-	Mystery At Winklesea
Mccaughrean, G-	One Thousand And One Arabian Nights
Murphy, J-	The Worst Witch
Child, L-	Clarice Bean
Mcdonald, M-	Judy Moody series
Proyson, A-	Mrs Pepperpot

## Year 4 Recommended Books

### Historical

Garfield Leon	The Apprentices
Graham Kenneth	The Reluctant Dragon
Climo Shirley	The Egyptian Cinderella
Lawrence Caroline	The Thieves of Ostia
McCughrean Geraldine	The Wooden Horse
Mayo Margaret	Why the Sea is Salt
Linklater Eric	The Wind on the Moon
King-Smith Dick	The Toby Man
Morpurgo Michael	The Wreck of the Zanzibar

### Contemporary

Johnson Pete	How to Train Your Parents
Gardam Jane	Kit
Gleitzman Morris	Blabbermouth
Horgan Dorothy	Charlie's Eye
Pippa Flow	Goodheart
Strong Jeremy	Fatbag: The Demon Vacuum Cleaner
	There's a Viking in My Bed
Symes Ruth	The Mum Trap
Kemp Gene	Tamworth Pig
King-Smith Dick	The sheep-pig
Mahy Margaret	The Great Piratical Rumbustification
Mark Jan	The Dead Letter Box
Mason Simon	The Quigleys

### Adventure & Mystery Stories

Maurois Andre	Fattypuffs and Thinifers
Pearce Phillipa	The Battle of Bubble and Squeak
Hughes Ted	Short/er Stories Tales of the Early World
	The dream Fighter and Other Craetion Tales
Godden Rumer	The Fairy Doll and Other Tales from the Dolls House
Jones Terry	Fairy Tales
Leeson Robert	Smart Girls
Foster J	Poetry Spaceways (Anthology)
Phinn Gervais	Are we Nearly there Yet?
Moses Brian	Aliens Stole My Underpants
Hendry Diana	Fantasy Harvey Angell
Hinton Nigel	The Finders
Geras Adele	The FabulousFantova Files
Hall Willis	The Last Vampire
Sage Angie	The Sword in the Grotto ( Araminta Spook)
Horowitz Anthony	Groosham Grange
Hughes Shirley	Enchantment in the Garden
Jaffrey Madhur	Robi Dobi
Caitling Patrick	The Chocolate Touch Skene
Umansky Kaye	Pongwiffy
Swindells Robert	Ice Palace
McGough Roger	The Magic Fountain
King-Smith Dick	Dragonboy
Ridley Phillip	Kasper in the Glitter

**Picture Texts & Novels**

Hathorn Libby	Way Home
Hughes Shirley	Chips and Jessie
Tomlinson Theresa	Little Stowaway
Thompson Colin	The Paperbag Prince
Williams Marcia	Mr William Shakespeares Plays
McCardie Amanda	The Frog Ballet
Paul Johnathan / Korky	The dog Who Could Dig Long

**Classics /Modern Classics**

Kastner Erich	Emil and the Detectives
Spyri Johanna	Heidi
Antoine	The Little Prince de St Exupery
Travers P.L.	Mary Poppins
Smith Dodie	101 Dalmatians
Lofting Hugh	Dr Doolittle
Crompton Richmal	Just William (Series)



## Year 5 Recommended Books

### Historical

Aitken Joan	Go Saddle the Sea
Bawden Nina	The Peppermint Pig
Booth Martin	War Dog
Conlon-McKenna Marita	Under the Hawthorn Tree
Elliott Patricia	The Ice Boy
Hastings Salina	Sir Gawain & the Green Knight
Jones Terry	The Knight and the Squire
Jones Terry	Eric the Viking
Lang Andrew	Tales of Troy and Greece
Morpurgo Michael	Arthur High King of Britain
Sutcliff Rosemary	Black Ships Before Troy
	The Capricorn Bracelet
	The Wanderings of Odysseus

### Contemporary

Byars Betsy	The Cartoonist
Chambers Aidan	Seal Secret
Clements Andrew	Frindle
Colfer Eoin	Benny and Omar
Cross Gillian	New World
Dahl Roald	BFG
	Danny Champion of the World
Lavinia	Sula Derwent
Di Camillo Kate	Because of Winn-Dixie
Step Fine Anne	Step by Wicked
Gleitzman Maurice	Boy Overboard
Jefferson Mark	Hurricane Hamish , the Calypso Cricketer
Kaye M.M.	The Ordinary Princess
Lewis Sian	Project Kite
Lowry Lois	Anastasia Krupnik
Mangan Lucy	My Family and Other Disasters
McCaughrean Geraldine	Gold Dust
Morpurgo Michael	The War of Jenkins Ear
Norris Andrew	Matt's Millions
Walsh Jill	Gaffer Sampson's Luck Paton
Fine Anne	Madame Doubtfire
Temperley Alan	The Wrinklies

### Short/er Stories

Lady Berry James	The Future Telling
Berry James	A Thief in the Village
Forbes Curdella	Flying with Icarus ( and other stories)
McEwan Ian	The Daydreamer
Thomas Dylan	A Child's Christmas in Wales

### Poetry

Wadsworth Longfellow	Hiawatha
wright Kit (Ed )	Poems for 10 Year Olds and Over
Patten Brian (Ed)	The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry
Webb Kaye (Ed)	I Like this Poem

**Adventure and Mystery Stories**

A-Z Rosen Michael (Ed)	Michael Rosen's
Funke Cornelia	Fantasy Dragon Rider
Buckley Linda	Gide on the Cutpurse
Farmer Penelope	Charlotte Sometimes
Hoeye Michael	Time Stops for No Mouse
Jacques Brian	Redwall
Lively Penelope	The Revenge of Samuel Stokes
Jones Diana	Dogsbody Wynne
Corbett W. J.	Song of the Pentecost
Hobdan Russell	Fantasy Dinner at Albertas
Howarth Lesley	Maphead
Ibbotson Eva	The Secret Platform
Funke Cornelia	Dragon Rider
Fine Anne	The Chicken Gave it to Me

**Picture Texts & Novels**

Browne Anthony	Hansel & Gretel
Horowitz Anthony	Stormbreaker
	Point Blanc
Thompson Colin	How to Live Forever
Anderson Helen	The Tin Forest Ward
Duffy / Ray Carol Ann	The Lost Happy Endings
Christian Andersen	Classics The Snow Queen
Garnett Eve	The Family from One End Street
Norton Mary	The Borrowers
Hughes Ted	The Iron Woman

## Year 6 Recommended Books

### Historical

Aitken, Joan	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase The Cuckoo Tree
Alhberg Allan	The Boyhood of Burglar Bill
Ashley Bernard	Jonnie's Blitz
Bawden Nina	Carrie's War
Byars Betsy	The Midnight Fox
Cresswell Helen	The Bagthorpe Saga ( Ordinary Jack)
Cross Gillian	The Great Elephant Chase
Gallico Paul	The Snow Goose
Jeffers Susan	Brother Eagle, Sister Sky : A Message from Chief Seattle
Mark Jan	Thunder & Lightnings
Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables L
O'Brien Robert	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Walsh Jill	The Dolphin Crossing Paton Fireweed Paton
Pullman Philip	The Adventures of the New Cut Gang
Serraillier Ian	The Silver Sword
Sutcliffe Rosemary	Beowulf:Dragon Slayer Black Ships Before Troy The Eagle of the Ninth
Utley Alison	The Country Child
van der Loeff Rutgers	Children on the Oregon Trail
White T.H	Sword in the Stone

### Contemporary

Laird Elizabeth	Kiss the Dust
Blackman Malorie	Thief! Pig Heart Boy
Byars Betsy	The Eighteenth Emergency
Dowd Siobhan	The London Eye Mystery
Feeney Josephine	Truth, Lies and Homework
Fine Anne	Flour Babies The Angel of Nitshill Road
Lord Funke Cornelia	The Thief
Hill David	See Ya!
Horowitz Anthony	Granny Alex Rider Series
Merrick Anne	Someone Came Knocking
Paterson Katherine	Bridge to Terabitha
Sachar Louis	Dogs Don't Tell Jokes
Ure Jean Becky	Bananas: This is Your Life
Cottrell Boyce Frank	The unfogotton coat
Bowler Tim	The River Boy

### Short Stories & Poems

Desai Anita	The Village by the Sea
Hallworth Grace	Mouth Open - Story Jump Out
Magorian Margaret	In Deep Water
Benson Gerard	This Poem Doesn't Rhyme
Berry James	Classic Poems to Read Outloud

## Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School

Wilson Jaqueline	Green Glass Beads - A Collection of poems for girls
Rosen Michael	A world of Poetry
Webb Kaye	I Like This Poem
Zephaniah Benjamin	Talking Turkeys
Colfer Eoin	Artemis Fowl
Cooper Susan	Over Sea, Under Stone
Garner Alan	The Owl Service
LeGuin Ursula	Fantasy A wizard of Earthsea
L'Engle Madeleine	A wrinkle in Time
Margaret Mahy	The Haunting
McCaughrean Geraldine	Forever X
	The Kite Rider
Nicholson William	The Wind Singer
Patou Edith	North Child
Pullman Philip	Clockwork
Ridley Philip	Krindlekrax
Rushdie Salman	Haroun & the Sea of Stories
Shipton Paul	Bug Muldoon and the Garden of Fear
Storr Catherine	Marianne Dreams
Wynne Jones Diana	The Worlds of Chrestomanci ( Series)
Browne Anthony	King Kong

### **Picture Texts & Novels**

Collingwood Peter	The coming of the Surfman
Tan Gary/ Shaun	Memorial Crew
Tolkein	The Hobbit
Weisner David	Tuesday
	Flotsam
White E.B.	Classics Charlotte's Webb
Grahame Kenneth	The Wind in Willows
Hodgson-Burnett Francis	The Secret Garden
Kipling Rudyard	Just So Stories
Norton Mary	The Borrowers
Sewell Anna	Black Beauty
Streatfield Noel	Ballet Shoes
Wilde Oscar	Stories For Children

### **Adventure & Mystery Stories**

Edge Christopher	Twelve Minutes to Midnight
Evans Lissa	Small Change for Stuart
Ibbotson Eva	The Abominables
Jones Gareth P	The Considine Curse
Lawrence Caroline	The Case of the Good Looking Corpse
Meloy Maile	The Apothecary
Palacio R.J.	Wonder
Pichon Liz	The Brilliant World of Tom Gates
Reeve Philip	Goblins