



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have created a list of books to help you support your child's reading development. There is a wealth of children's literature out there, with hundreds of great new reads being published every week. This list is meant as a guide and is by no means exhaustive. This selection has been chosen because these books support children learning to read and in their development as readers. The selection includes a variety of modern and contemporary picture books, short chapter books by celebrated children's authors, quality non-fiction, traditional tales and poetry. Also included are a range of literary heritage texts, (famous writings from the past which still influence the present e.g. The Velveteen Rabbit, Paddington Bear) which may be difficult for children to read independently at this age, but some children will be able to access such texts with the support of an adult.

The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant, Jean De Brunhoff

Mog Time Treasury: Six Stories about Mog the Forgetful Cat, Judith Kerr

The Cat Who Lost its Purr, Michelle Coxon

Choosing Crumble, Michael Rosen

Jinnie Ghost, Berlie Doherty

Gobolino the Witch's Cat, Ursula Williams

The Dunderheads, Paul Fleischman

The Tear Thief, Carol Ann Duffy

How to Live Forever, Colin Thompson

The Jolly -Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon, Jonny Duddle

The Day the Crayons Quit, Drew Daywatt

Clarice Bean, That's Me, Lauren Child

The Diary of a Killer Cat, Anne Fine

Fungus the Bogeyman, Raymond Briggs

Mrs Wobble the Waitress, Allan Ahlberg

Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind, Jeremy Strong

Uncle Gobb and the Dread Shed, Michael Rosen

Fluff the Farting Fish, Michael Rosen

Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf, Catherine Storr



Watt's Great Event Books: The Great Fire of London; Gun Powder Plot; Battle of Hastings;
Coronation of Elizabeth II

Watt's Famous People Series: Florence Nightingale; Louis Braille; George Stephenson;
Thomas Edison

Mr Majeika, Humphrey Carpenter

Beaver Towers, Nigel Hinton

I Was a Rat! Or, the Scarlet Slippers, Philip Pullman

Nim's Island, Wendy Orr

The Dragonsitter series, Josh Lacey

The Adventures of Captain Underpants, Dav Pilkey

The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate, Margaret Mahy

Mr Wolf's Pancakes, Jan Fearnley

Press Here, Herve Tullet

The Penderwicks, Jeanne Birdsall

Frightened Fred, Peta Coplans

Flat Stanley, Jeff Brown

The Heart and the Bottle, Oliver Jeffers

Emily's Legs, Dick King-Smith

The Guard Dog, Dick King-Smith

The Hodgehed, Dick King-Smith

The Queen's Nose, Dick King-Smith

The Sheep-Pig, Dick King-Smith

The Magic Finger, Roald Dahl

The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me, Roald Dahl

The Enchanted Wood, Enid Blyton

The Snow Lady, Shirley Hughes

The Berenstain Bears and the Spooky Old Tree Stan Berenstain, Jan Berenstain

How the World Works, Christiane Dorion



Gobolino the Witch's Cat, Ursula Moray Williams
Mister Magnolia, Quentin Blake
Fungus the Bogeyman, Raymond Briggs
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, Jon Scieszka
That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown, Cressida Cowell
Amazing Grace, Mary Hoffman
The BFG, Roald Dahl*
A Bear Called Paddington, Michael Bond*
Pippi Longstocking, Astrid Lindgren*
Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne*
Little House in the Big Woods, Laura Ingalls Wilder
My Naughty Little Sister, Shirley Hughes
Alfie, Shirley Hughes
Charlotte's Web, E.B. White*
The Worst Witch Series, Jill Murphy
The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook, Joyce Lankester Birsley
The Arrival, Shaun Tan
Anna Hibiscus, Atinuke
Azzi in Between, Sarah Garland
Claude, Alex T Smith
Fruits, Valerie Bloom
Here I Am, Patti Kim
Hermelin, Mini Grey
Hortense and the Shadow, Natalia and Laura O'Hara
If all the world were..., Joseph Coelho
Jamela's Dress, Nikki Daly
Leag, Sandra Diekmann
Little Evie in the Wild Wood, Jackie Morris
Pattan's Pumpkin, Chitra Soundar
Rapunzel, Bethan Woollvin



Stardust, Jeanne Willis
The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon, Richard Adams
The Julian Stories, Ann Cameron
The Man Who Wore All His Clothes, Allan Ahlberg
The Night Box, Louise Greig
The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark, Jill Tomlinson

Fantastic Picture Books for all:

A bit lost by Chris Haughton
Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob), Simon Bartram
A Child of Books, Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston
A Friend for Little Bear, Harry Horse
Again, Emily Gravett
Beegu, Alexis Deacon
Chalk, Bill Thomson
Christopher Nibble, Charlotte Middleton
Courtney, John Birmingham
Dogger, Shirley Hughes
Du Iz Tak?, Carlson Ellis
Edgar Gets Ready for Bed, Jennifer Adams
Flotsam, David Weisner
Meerkat Mail, Emily Gravett
On a Magical Do-Nothing Day, Beatrice Alemagna
Olga da Polga, Michael Bond
Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel
The Dot, Peter H Reynolds
The Forest Child, Richard Edwards
Open Very Carefully, Nick Bromley



Brilliant Non-Fiction

A First Book of Animals, Nicola Davies

A First, Book of Nature, Nicola Davies

A is for Africa, Ifeoma Onyefulu

Actual Size, Steve Jenkins

Camille and the Sunflowers, Laurence Anholt

Caterpillar, Butterfly, Vivian French

Number Circus, Květa Pacovská

Professor Astro Cat's Solar System, Dominic Walliman

River Story, Meredith Hooper

Shadow, Robie H Harris

Stone Age Bone Age!, Mick Manning

The Black Book of Colours, Menena Cottin

The Rhythm of the Rain, Grahame Baker-Smith

Tiny. The Invisible World of Microbes, Nicola Davies