

Dear Parents,

We have put together some reading suggestions as recommended 'good reads' for children in each year group. The lists are not intended to be prescriptive, nor are they exhaustive; rather they are a place to start if you need some ideas about suitable books to help you guide your children on their reading journey. Many of the books can be found in our school library. The lists represent a range of fictional titles across many genres. Encourage your child to read from as many different types of books as possible. If your child is a reluctant or struggling reader, look at the lists from previous year groups too, and ask your child's teacher for advice.

All children (even strong, fluent readers) benefit enormously from sharing a book with an adult. We would encourage all parents to continue to read to and with their children, discussing the story, characters and language as you go. Make it a relaxed, enjoyable shared activity.

If your child is too tired to read in the evening, read to them and encourage them to follow the words while you read.

In addition to these stories, children should also be encouraged to read factual (non-fiction) books on subjects that interest them and/or about topics that they are learning about in school. Many children love to read poetry and there is a huge variety of modern, humorous, child-friendly verse in your local library and bookshops too.

The benefits of good reading habits cannot be underestimated for children of all ages. Research continues to evidence a strong link between reading habits and achievement at all levels of the education system. Parents often ask us what they can do to help their children with their education. We believe that one of the best things that you can do is to make reading a regular and pleasurable part of your child's life.

Happy Reading!

Year 1

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
Funny bones	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
Peace at Last	Jill Murphy
Dig, Dig, Digging	Margaret Mayo
The Kiss That Missed	David Melling
The Snail and the Whale	Julia Donaldson
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne
Jasper's Beanstalk	Nick Butterworth
Slinky Malinki	Lynley Dodd
Lila and the Secret of Rain	David Conway and Jude Daly
Panda Bear, What Do You See?	Eric Carle
Harry and the Dinosaurs	Ian Whybrow
Diary of a Worm	Doreen Cronin
Brave Irene	William Steig
The Shopping Basket	John Burningham
Traditional Fairy Stories	