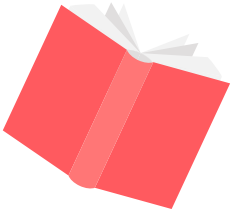
Recommended Reading List

Years R-1

The selection of books in this list are a guide for children aged 4-6. Some books they will be able to read. Others you can enjoy together as shared reading. If your child is a competent reader or has read many of these titles then try the books from the Year 2 reading list.

Series to Support Learning to Read

- Project X Alien Adventures Series – Steve Cole
- Usbourne Books My First Reading Library
- Usbourne Books My Reading Library 50 book set
- Julia Donaldson Songbirds Read with Oxford Phonics
- National Geographic Readers Levels 1 and 2
- Reading Champion Collection – Jenny Jinks et al.



Big Feelings

- The Paper Dolls – Julia Donaldson
- Child of Galaxies – Blake Nuto
- I Am Enough – Grace Byers
- The Dark – Lemony Snicket
- Riley Can Be Anything – Davina Hamilton
- Just in Case You Want to Fly – Julie Fogliano
- That Rabbit Belongs To Emily Brown – Cressida Cowell and Neal Layton
- The Dot – Peter H. Reynolds
- After the Fall – Dan Santat
- Conker the Chameleon – Hannah Peckham
- Rapping Princess – Hannah Lee
- The Grandad Tree – Cooke Trish
- The Colour Monster – Anna Llenas

Celebrating Diversity

- Emi's Curly Coily, Cotton Candy Hair – Tina Olajide
- AntiRacist Baby – Ibram X. Kendi
- My Daddies! – Gareth Peter
- Look Up! – Nathan Bryon
- Sulwe – Lupita Nyong'o
- Hats of Faith – Medeia Cohan-Petrolino
- Loud – Rose Robbins
- Isaac and His Amazing Asperger Superpowers! – Melanie Walsh
- What Happened to You? – James Catchpole
- Can Bears Ski? – Raymond Antrobus
- One in 1000 – Sonia Alcon
- My Two Grannies – Floella Benjamin
- All Are Welcome – Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman
- No Longer Alone – Joseph Coelho and Robyn Wilson-Owen
- The Smeds and the Smoos – Julia Donaldson

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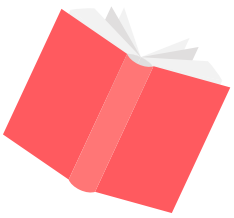
Animals

- You're Called What? – Kes Gray
- Handa's Surprise – Eileen Browne
- Dogger – Shirley Hughes
- The Whisperer – Nick Butterworth
- You Can't Take An Elephant On the Bus – Patricia Cleveland-Peck
- The Jasmine Sneeze – Nadine Kaadan
- The Silver Swan – Michael Morpurgo–
- The Whales' Song – Dyan Sheldon
- A Kitten Called Moonlight – Martin Waddell
- I Want My Hat Back – Jon Klassen
- How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth – Michelle Robinson
- Penguin – Polly Dunbar
- Owl Babies – Martin Waddell
- Rabbit and Bear Series – Julian Gough

Spooky/Mystery/Crime

- Rastamouse and the Crucial Plan – Genevieve Webster and Michael De Souza
- Funnybones – Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg
- A Dark, Dark Tale – Ruth Brown
- What the Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson
- Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam Books – Tracey Corderoy
- Football Forgery – Barbara Mitchelhill
- Fungus the Bogeyman – Raymond Briggs



Humour

- Avacado Baby – John Burningham
- The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet! – Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter
- The True Story of Three Little Pigs – Jon Scieszka
- Chocolate Cake – Michael Rosen
- When I Grow Up – Tim Minchin
- Stanley's Stick – Neale Layton
- I Can Only Draw Worms –
- Bugs in My Hair! – David Shannon
- A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to School – Davide Cali
- Alien's Love Underpants – Claire Freedman
- Horton Hears a Who – Dr. Seuss

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Real People/Occupations/History

- My Mummy is a Scientists - Kerrine Bryan
- My Daddy is a Nurse – Kerrine Bryan
- The Story of Inventions – Catherine Barr
- Get Up, Elizabeth! – Shirin Yim Bridges
- Rosa Parks: My First Rosa Parks – Lisbeth Kaiser
- Meet the Ancient Greeks – James Davies
- Meet the Ancient Egyptians – James Davies
- Mae Among the Stars – Roda Ahmed
- Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World – Kate Pankhurst
- War Horse picture book – Michael Morpurgo

Fantasy

- The Night Dragon – Naomi Howarth
- Marmaduke the Very Different Dragon – Rachel Valentine
- The Magic Paintbrush – Julia Donaldson
- In The Meadow Of Fantasies – Hadi Mohammadi
- The Day Fin Flooded the World– Adam Stower
- The King Who Banned the Dark – Emily Haworth-Booth
- Tear Thief – Carol Ann Duffy
- Zog - Julia Donaldson

Action/Adventure

- We're Going on A Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen
- We're Going to Find the Monster – Malorie Blackman
- Stick Man – Julia Donaldson
- Nimesh the Adventurer – Ranjit Singh
- The Little Mermaid (Once Upon a World) – Hannah Eliot
- The Ghanaian Goldilocks – Dr Tamara Pizzoli
- The Great Explorer – Chris Judge
- Man on the Moon – Simon Bartram
- Katie Morag's Island Stories – Mairi Hedderwick
- Sunk! – Rob Biddulph

Maths through Books

- Fruits: A Caribbean Counting Poem – Valerie Bloom
- How Many Spots Has a Cheetah Got? – Steve Martin
- Never Teach a Stegosaurus to Do Sums – Rashmi Sirdeshpande
- Remainder of One Paperback – Elinor J. Pinczes
- What's the Time, Maisy? – Lucy Cousins
- 2 X 2 = Boo – Loreen Leedy
- Centipede's 100 Shoes – Tony Ross

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