

KS1 Reading List

We are often asked to recommend books that are popular with children and have a good literary content. Reading a range of modern and classic literature will also help your child to develop their vocabulary whilst enjoying their reading.

Research has found that children benefit from reading for pleasure in many ways including:

'Children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better at school than their peers, making greater progress in mathematics, development of vocabulary and spelling.'

(Sullivan & Brown, Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: The role of reading, 2013)

'The lack of vocabulary knowledge is primarily caused by lack of opportunity not a lack of natural ability' (Chall et al)

'Poor vocabulary is the prime cause of academic failure' (Clegg et al)

Not only will it help their education and communication skills, but most importantly, they will really enjoy reading as long as they have a good book to suit their tastes.

We have therefore put together some suggestions for each year group in the form of a recommended reading list. We would also welcome your views and appreciate your suggestions about other books that could be added to the list.

Please remember that parents / carers have final responsibility for assessing the suitability of books that the children choose to read at home. If you want to find out more about a book, reading reviews and ratings on websites like www.lovereading4kids.co.uk and Amazon UK can often help.

If you would like any further information about reading, please ask your child's classteacher and we will be happy to help.

Author	Book Title
Allan Ahlberg	Mrs Wobble The Waitress
Laurence Anholt	Snow White and the Seven Aliens
Ian Beck	The Teddy Robber
Quentin Blake	Mister Magnolia
Anthony Browne	Willy's Pictures
Humphrey Carpenter	Mr Majeika
Lewis Carroll and Edward Lear	The Owl and the Pussycat
Kathryn Cave and Chris Riddell	Something Else
Lauren Child	My Uncle is a Hunkle Utterly Me, Clarice Bean
Babette Cole	Princess Smartypants
Barry Cunningham	Once Upon a Poem
Roald Dahl	The Magic Finger The Enormous Crocodile
Julia Donaldson	The Cook and the King Smartest Giant in Town
Polly Dunbar	Penguin
John Foster	Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar
Neil Gaiman	The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish

	Crazy Hair
Gerard Greverand	Tell Me If You Like...
Russell Hoban	The Sea-Thing Child
Ladybird Tales	The Magic Porridge Pot
Shiela MacGill-Callahan	The Children of Lir
Margaret Mah	A Lion in the Meadow
Roger McGough	Moonthief
Ross Montgomery	Space Tortoise
Michael Morpurgo	The Silver Swan
Jill Murphy	The Worst Witch The Large Family Collection
Magdalen Nabb	Josie Smith in Summer The Enchanted Horse
Hiawyn Oram	Reckless Ruby
Korky Paul and Valarie Thomas	Winnie the Witch
Sylvia Plath	The It-Doesn't Matter Suit
Beatrix Potter	The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Philip Pullman	Mossycoat
Jo Redman	The World Came to My Place Today
Michael Rosen	Poems for the Very Young
Tony Ross	Is It Because?
Dr. Seuss	The Cat in the Hat
Lemony Snicket	The Dark
Mark Sperring	Wanda's First Day
Jeremy Strong	The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog
Sean Taylor	Boing!
Aleksei Tolstoy	The Gigantic Turnip
Martin Waddell	The Big Bad Sea
Martin Waddell and Penny Dale	Rosie's Babies
Rosmary Wells	Bunny Cakes
Jacqueline Wilson	The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch

