

Recommended Reading List





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

