

Here are some recommended reading books to enjoy:

Year 1 suggestions:

Wolf Won't Bite - Emily Gravett

Click Clack Moo - Cows That Type, Doreen Cronin & Betsy Lewin

Penguin - Polly Dunbar

Handa's Surprise - Eileen Browne

Fortunately, Unfortunately - Michael Foreman

My Granny Went To Market : A round - the - world counting rhyme, Stella Blackstone

We All Went On Safari : A Counting Journey through Tanzania - Laurie Krebs and Julia Cairns

Handa's Hen - Eileen Browne

One Smiling Grandma: Caribbean Counting Book - Ann Marie Linden and Lynne Russell

This Is the Tree - Miriam Moss

Unfortunately - Alan Durant and Simon Rickerty

Monkey and Me - Emily Gravett

We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen

We're Going on a Lion Hunt - David Axtell

Over on the Farm - Christopher Gunson

Billy's Bucket - Kes Gray

Where's My Teddy? - Jez Alborough

Owl Babies - Martin Waddell

Knuffle Bunny - Mo Willems

Six Dinner Sid - Inga Moore

Naughty Bus - Jan and Jerry Oke

Do You Know What Grandad Did? - Brian Smith

Mr Davies and the Baby - Charlotte Voake

I Don't Want To (and others) - Bel Mooney

Something Special - Nicola Moon

The Most Obedient Dog In The World - Anita Jeram

Nothing - Mick Inkpen

Tales of Trotter Street (and others) - Shirley Hughes

Dogger - Shirley Hughes

Amazing Grace - Mary Hoffman

Clever Sticks - Bernard Ashley

Bens Baby - Michael Foreman

Year 2 suggestions

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters - John Steptoe
Jamil's Clever Cat: a folktale from Bengal - Fiona French
The Willow Pattern Story - Alan Drummond
The Paper Bag Princess - Robert Munsch
The Boy Who Cried Wolf - Tony Ross
Into the Forest - Anthony Browne
Guess who's coming for dinner? - John Kelly
Little Red - A fizzingly good yarn - Lynne Roberts
Little Chicken Chicken - David Martin
Jasper's Beanstalk - Nick Butterworth
That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown - Cressida Cowell
Meerkat Mail - Emily Gravett
Scaredy Squirrel - Melanie Watt
On the Way Home - Jill Murphy
Once There Were Giants - Martin Waddell
Stars of Mine - Kevin Crossley-Holland
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! - Mo Willems
The smartest giant in town - Julia Donaldson
Traction Man is here - Mini Grey
A Dark, Dark Tale - Ruth Brown
Oi! Get Off Our Train - John Burningham
Just So Stories: How the Leopard Got his Spots - Shoo Rayner
How the Whale Became - Ted Hughes
Tiddalick the Frog - Susan Nunes
Ahmed and the Feather Girl - Jane Ray
How the zebra got its stripes - Justine & Ron Fontes

Year 3 suggestions

The Very Best of Aesop's Fables - Margaret Clarke
War and Peas - Michael Foreman
The Dragon Machine - Helen Ward
The Great Kapok Tree - Lynne Cherry
A Tale of Two Wolves - Kelly Susan
The Amazing Adventures of Idle Jack - Robert Leeson
Daedalus and Icarus - Geraldine McCaugrean
Rainbow Bird - Eric Maddern
Too much talk - Angela Medearis
The gift of the sun - Diane Stewart
The hare and the tortoise - Helen Ward
Rama and the Demon King, - Jessica Souhami
Tusk, Tusk - David McKee
The Stinky Cheese Man - Jon Scieszka
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs - Jon Scieszka
The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - Eugene Trivizas
Jim and the Beanstalk - Raymond Briggs
The Lost Happy Endings - Carol Ann Duffy
The Iron Man - Ted Hughes
Ulf the Finger Eater - Dick King Smith
The Truth About Hansel and Gretel - Karina Law and Graham Philpot
The Truth about those Billy Goats - Karina Law
The Pea and the Princess - Mini Grey
Cinderboy - L.Anholt
Mixed up Fairy Tales - H. Harrison
Eco Wolf and the Three Little Pigs - Laurence Anholt
The Snow Dragon - Vivien French
Flat Stanley - Jeff Brown
The Green Ship - Quentin Blake
The Pirate Cruncher/The Pirate's Next Door/The Jolly Roger and the Ghostly Galleon - Jonny Duddle
The Invisible Boy (and others in the series) - Sally Gardner
It was a Dark and Stormy Night - Janet Ahlberg
Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl
Charlie Small - Charlie Small
Tuesday - David Weisner
Dimanche Diller - Henriette Blandford
The Jaws of Doom - Alex Cliff
Black Queen - Michael Morpurgo

Dominic's Discovery - Gervase Phinn
Gorilla City, The perfumed Pirates of Perfidy - Charlie Small
The Speckled Panic - Hazel Townson
Shipley manor, - Tim Walker
The Great Smile Robbery - Roger McGough
The Haunting of Pip Parker - Anne Fine
Julian, Secret Agent - Ann Cameron
The Secret of Weeping Wood - Robert Swindells
The Thing in the Basement - Michaela Morgan

Year 4 suggestions

The Orchard Book of Greek Myths, Geraldine McCaughrean

Greek Myths - Marcia Williams

Blackberry Blue and other fairy tales - Jamila Gavin

The Boy and the Cloth of Dreams - Jenny Koralek

East O the Sun and West O the Moon - PJ Lynch

The Firework Maker's Daughter - Phillip Pullman

The Hobbit - J.R.R. Tolkien

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - J.K. Rowling

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis

Peter Pan in Scarlet - Geraldine McCaughrean

The Wooden Horse - Geraldine McCaughrean

Mission to marathon - Geoffrey Trease

Secret History of Tom Trueheart - Ian Beck

Cloud Tea Monkeys (set in another country) - Mal Peet

The Butterfly Lion (historical setting) - Michael Morpurgo

Children of Winter (historical setting) - Berlie Doherty

The Ice Palace (imaginary worlds) - Robert Swindells

Stories set in imaginary worlds

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C S Lewis

The Dream Master - Theresa Breslin

Aquila (science-fiction) - Andrew Norriss

The Widow's Broom - Chris Van Allsburg

Dragon's Child - Jenny Nimmo

Seth and the Strangers - Jenny Nimmo

Set in other countries

Jane & Lewis Kurtz E.B. Mamo on the mountain - (Ethopia)

The true story of Balto - Natalie Staniford (Arctic)

Anna Hibiscus - Atinuke (Nigeria)

The Big Book of Betsey Biggalow - Malorie Blackman (West Indies)

Sophie and the Albino Camel - Stephen Davies (Sahara Desert)

Elephant child - Mary Ellis (African savannah)

Grandpa's Indian Summer - Jamila Gavin (India)

The Colour of Home - Mary Hoffman (Somalia)

A fistful of pearls and other tales from Iraq - Elizabeth Laird

Historical settings

Street Child - Berlie Doherty

Across the Roman Wall - Theresa Breslin

The Time Travelling Cat - Julia Jarman

The Roman Eagle - Julia Jarman

The Tudor Treasure - Julia Jarman

The Egyptian Goddess - Julia Jarman

The Aztec Sacrifice - Julia Jarman

The Viking Terror - Julia Jarman

Roger's War - Robert Swindells

Meet me by the steelmen - Teresa Tomlinson

Bill's New Frock (gender stereotypes) - Anne Fine

Cloud Busting (friendship/bullying) - Malorie Blackman

Journey to Jo'burg (segregation) - Beverley Naidoo

Frog Belly Rat Bone (protecting the environment) - Timothy Basil

Year 5 suggestions

Sir Galwain and the Loathly Lady, Selina Hastings
Don Quixote, Marcia Williams
Arthur: The Seeing Stone, Kevin Crossley-Holland
Beowulf - K. Crossley-Holland
The Story of Robin Hood - R. Leeson
Arthur, High King of Britain - Michael Morpurgo
The Tale of Tales - Tony Mitton
Myths and Legends - Anthony Horowitz
Arion and the Dolphin - Vikram Seth
Just So Stories - Rudyard Kipling
Snow horse and other stories - Joan Aiken
Snaggletooth's mystery - Gene Kemp
Shock forest and other stories - Margaret Mahy
Room 13 - Robert Swindells
The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd
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Narnia Stories - CS Lewis
Harry Potter series - JK Rowling
Billy The Kid - Michael Morpurgo
Why the Whales Came - Michael Morpurgo
Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens
Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo
A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens
Stig of the Dump - Clive King
Snow Spider - Jenny Nimmo
Macbeth for Kids, Louis Burdett
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aiken
Peter Pan - J. M. Barrie

A Christmas Carol (Eyewitness classics) - Charles Dickens

The Hound of the Baskervilles - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (adapted by Chris Mould)

The Wind in the Willows - Kenneth Grahame

The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll

Mary Poppins - P.L. Travers

Year 6 suggestions

Fantasy stories

Skellig - David Almond
The Various - Steve Augarde
Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer
The Bag of Bones - Vivian French
Inkheart trilogy - Cornelia Funke
Coraline - Neil Gaiman
The Weirdestone of Brisingamen - Alan Garner
Pure Dead Magic - Debi Gliori
Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver
Truckers - Terry Pratchett
The Spiderwick Chronicles - Lynne Reid Banks
Goblins series - Philip Reeve
Wonderstruck - Brian Selznick
The Amulet of Samarkand - Jonathon Stroud
The Hobbit - J.R.R. Tolkien
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making - Catherynne M. Valente

Science Fiction

Supernaturalist - Eoin Colfer
Grinny: Grinny and You Remember Me - Nicholas Fisk
Among the Hidden - Margaret Peterson Haddix
Double Identity - Margaret Peterson Haddix
Maphead - Lesley Howarth
The Giver - Lois Lowry
Other Worlds: 10 Amazing Sci Fi Stories - Rick Riordan
Timesnatch - Robert Swindells
Hydra - Robert Swindells

Chilling Stories

The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman
Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror - Chris Priestley
Horowitz Horror - Anthony Horowitz
Breathe - Cliff McNish
At the Firefly Gate - Linda Newberry
Chill - Alex Nye

Tales from the Tunnel's Mouth - Chris Priestley
Tales of Terror From the Black Ship - Chris Priestley
Marianne Dreams - Catherine Storr

Real Life

Pig Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman (science/ethics)
Tangerine - Edward Bloor (blindness)
The Eighteenth Emergency - Betsy Byars (bullying)
The 10PM Question - Kate De Gold (worry/anxiety)
Running on Cracks - Julia Donaldson (running from home - mature themes)
Step By Wicked Step - Anne Fine (step parenting)
Dead End in Norvelt - Jack Gantos (boredom, friendship)
Love, Aubrey - Suzanne LaFleur (family)
Hangman - Julia Jarman (bullying)
The View from Saturday - E.L. Konisburg (friendship)
The Other Side of Truth - Beverly Naidoo (refugee)
Wonder - R.J. Palacio (appearance)

Adventure

Noah Barleywater Runs Away - John Boyne
Ruby Holler - Sharon Creech
Danny: the champion of the world - Roald Dahl
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - Kate DiCamillo
Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz
The Devil and his Boy - Anthony Horowitz
Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - E. L. Konigsburg
Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood - Tony Lee
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe - Penelope Lively
Mortal Engines - Phillip Reeves
Varjak Paw - S. F. Said

War

Warboy - Michael Foreman
Once/Now/Then/After - Morris Gleitzman
Goodnight, Mr Tom - Michelle Magorian
War Horse - Michael Morpurgo

At the Firefly Gate - Linda Newberry
Johnny and the bomb - Terry Pratchett
My Friend the Enemy - Dan Smith
The Machine Gunners - Robert Westall
Carrie's War - Nina Bawden
Doodlebug Summer - Alison Price
Soldier Dog - Sam Angus

Mysteries

Chasing Vermeer - Blue Bailliett
The Crossroads - Chris Grabenstein
Silver Fin - Charlie Higson
The Case of the London Dragonfish - Joan Lennon
The Sign of the Black Dagger - Joan Lingard
Magnus Finn and the Selkie Secret - Janis Mackay
Out of the Depths - Cathy MacPhail
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Humour

How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell
The Meanwhile Adventures - Roddy Doyle
Boom! - Mark Haddon
Ribblestrop - Andy Mulligan
Goblins series - Philip Reeve
Holes - Louis Sachar
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom - Louis Sachar
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat - Dave Shelton

Animals

The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars
The Tale of Despereaux - Kate DiCamillo
Charlotte's Web - E.B.White
Flush - Carl Hiaasen
One Boy and His Dog - Eva Ibbotson
A Coyote in the House - Elmore Leonard
The Call of the Wild - Jack London
Going Home -Cliff McNish
Why the Whales Came - Michael Morpurgo
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo
War Horse - Michael Morpurgo
Catscape - Mike Nicholson
Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver
The Outlaw Varjack Paw - S.F. Said
Black Beauty - Anna Sewell

Further suggestions

The Mysteries of Harris Burdick - Chris Van Allsburg
FATHER - Grahame Baker-Smith
Journey - Aaron Becker
Train to Somewhere - Eve Bunting
The Princess Blankets - Carol Ann Duffy
The Gift -Carol Ann Duffy
The Wolves in the Walls - Neil Gaiman Illus. by Dave McKean
Wolves - Emily Gravett
Way home - Libby Hathorn
Beware, Beware - Susan Hill
The Red Tree - Shaun Tan
The Arrival - Shaun Tan
Tales from Outer Suburbia - Shaun Tan
Eric - Shaun Tan
Rules of Summer - Shaun Tan
The Lost Thing - Shaun Tan (book and animation)
How to Live Forever - Colin Thompson
The Tower to the Sun - Colin Thompson
Varmints -Helen Ward