

Recommended Reading List – Year 1

| Author | Book | Brief description |
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| Lynley Dodd | Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy Hairy Maclary Hairy Maclary Journalisatis Dairy | Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town, followed by a few friends. All is uneventful until they meet Scarface Claw, the toughest tom in town, and run for home. |
| Jill Murphey | Five Minutes Peace Five Minutes' Peace | This is the story of Mrs Large the elephant - who just needs five minutes of peace and quiet away from her boisterous children! So, she fills herself a hot, foamy bubble bath. But there's never a dull moment with the Larges, and it soon becomes clear that mum's quiet time is to be very short-lived! |
| Julia Donaldson | The Smartest Giant in Town | George wished he wasn't the scruffiest giant in town. So when he sees a new shop selling giant- sized clothes, he decides it's time for a new look. Now he's the smartest giant in town until he bumps into some animals who desperately need his help – and his clothes! |
| Julia Donaldson | The Gruffalo's Child | One wild and windy night the Gruffalo's child disobeys her father's warnings and ventures out into the snow. After all, the Big Bad Mouse doesn't really exist does he? |

| Quentin Blake | Mrs Armitage on Wheels Ruentin Blake MRS ARMITAGE on Wheels | Mrs Armitage sets off for a quiet cycle but she just can't help thinking of ways to improve her bicycle. Before very long she has added lots of different things to the bike. But it is when she finally adds the mast and sail, that Mrs Armitage really runs into trouble |
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| Allan Ahlberg | Funnybones Janet & Allan Ahlberg FUNNYBONES ************************************ | In a dark, dark house in a dark, dark cellar, love someskeletons. This book tells the story of these skeletons as they go out adventuring one night. |
| Allan Ahlberg | The Jolly Postman THE JOLLY POSTMAN or Other People's Letters | The Jolly Postman delivers cards and letters to various fairy- tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, and more! |
| Jill Murphey | Peace at Last Peace at Last Fill Murphy | The hour was late and Mr Bear was tired. But he could not sleep - however he tried and wherever he tried. Snore, snore went Mrs Bear. Tick-tock, tick-tock went the clock. Would he never get to sleep? |

| Martin Waddell | Owl Babies | A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So they sit on a branch and wait Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home. |
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| Nick Butterworth | Percy the Park keeper Series | A series of stories about Percy the Park Keeper who always helps the animals in his park, whatever the problem. |
| Sue Hendra | Supertato | Meet Supertato ! He's always there for you when the chips are down. He's the superhero with eyes everywhere - but now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea . Has Supertato finally met his match? |
| Julia Donaldson | Stickman Stickman Stickman MAN ALL SCHEFFER | Stick Man lives in the family tree With his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three. But it's dangerous being a Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire! Will he ever get back to the family tree? |

| John Burmingham | Avacado Baby John Burningham Avocado Baby | The Hargraves want their new baby to grow up big and strong. But the puny mite will hardly eat a thing. One day Mrs Hargraves finds an avocado in the fruit bowl and the baby gobbles it up. Soon, the strangest things start to happen |
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| Alexis Deacon | Beegu Alexis Deacon BEEGU Terry Agenter Terre | Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter |
| David McKee | Elmer David M*Ece | Elmer is different. Elmer is patchwork. The grey elephants all love him, but he soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be just the same as them |
| Shirley Hughes | Dogger Skirkey Hughes DOGGER DOGGER I was been also and the second secon | When Dave loses his favourite toy, Dogger, he is desolate. But then Dogger turns up at the school summer fair, and everything seems all right - until someone else buys him before Dave can get the money! |

| Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs | The Elephant and the Bad Baby The Elephant and the Bad Baby Elfride Vipont Ragmond Briggs | The Elephant takes the Bad Baby for a ride. They help themselves to ice creams, pies, buns, crisps, biscuits, lollipops and apples, and the shopkeepers follow them down the road shouting and waving. All ends well as the Bad Baby learns to say 'Please' and his mother makes pancakes for everyone. |
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| Mary Hoffman | Amazing Grace | Grace loves to act out stories. When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black. But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants to be |
| Caryl Hart | Daisy Eat your Peas DAISY Eat Your Peas Kes Gray Nick Sharratt | Daisy does NOT like peas. get her to eat them. Mum says she can have an extra pudding, a chocolate factory or a space rocket with DOUBLE RETRO LASER BLAMMERS - but it just won't work! Can Daisy save her tea time and come up with a cunning plan to turn the tables on Mum? |
| Tom Percival | Ruby's Worry | Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again? |

| Oliver Jeffers | Lost and Found | There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole. But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all. |
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| David Litchfield | Grandad's Secret Giant | Billy doesn't believe his Grandad when he tells him there's a giant living in his town. He knows that a giant is too big to keep himself hidden. And why would he WANT to keep himself a secret? But as time goes on, Billy learns that some secrets are too BIG to stay secret for long |
| Joseph Coelho | If all the World Were | A girl's love for her granddad and how she copes when he dies. This beautifully illustrated, powerful and ultimately uplifting text is the ideal way to introduce children to the concept of death and dying, particularly children who have lost a grandparent. |
| Judith Kerr | Mog the Forgetful Cat MOG the Forgetful Cat Judith Kerr | Bother that cat!' Mog always seems to be in trouble. She forgets that she has a cat flap and she forgets that she has already eaten her supper. But, one night, Mog's forgetfulness comes in very handy |

| Judith Kerr | The Tiger Who Came to Tea The Tiger Who Came to Tea Judith Kerr | The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger! |
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| Jeff Brown | Flat Stanley | Stanley Lambchop was just an ordinary boy – until a noticeboard fell on him. Now he's flat as a pancake! Being flat is fantastic – he can be rolled up, sent in the post and even fly like a kite. But it's not all fun and games there are thieves in town. Can Flat Stanley be a hero? |
| Jon Klassen | I want my Hat Back I want MY HAT BACK JON KLASSEN | This is the story of a bear whose hat has gone. And he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no but just as it he begins to lose hope, a deer comes by and asks a rather obvious question that suddenly sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance |
| Raymond Briggs | The Snowman Snowman Raymond Briggs THE ORIGINAL CLANNEC WORK | One winter's night, a snowman comes to life and an unforgettable adventure begins. Raymond Briggs' classic is a true piece of Christmas magic - narrated entirely through pictures. |

| Oliver Jeffers | The Day the Crayons Quit | Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit. Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used etc. The battle lines have been drawn. What is |
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| David McKee | Not Now Bernard | Duncan to do? Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster and that doesn't go quite to plan. |
| Dr Seuss | The Cat in the HAt | When Sally and her brother are left alone, they think they're in for a dull day – until the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, bringing with him mayhem and madness! |
| Julia Donaldson | The Smeds and The Smoos | The Smeds (who are red) never mix with the Smoos (who are blue). So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love, their families strongly disapprove. But peace is restored and love conquers all in this happiest of love stories. |

| John Hegley | Stanley's Stick | With a stick in hand, Stanley's options are endless - he flies to the moon, writes in the sand, goes fishing, plays a whistle and rides a dinosaur - and his imagination takes over and the magic begins. |
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| Eileen Browne | Handa's Surprise | Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo. But as Akeyo wonders, I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket. When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend? |
| Maurice Sendak | Where the Wild Things Are WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE Image: start of the wild things are wild the wil | That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are. Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king, and then the wild rumpus begins! But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely and realises it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all. |
| Benji Davies | The Rainbow Fish | The Rainbow fish is asked to share one of his shining scales, which he refuses to do. The other fish leave him alone, and he wonders why. After advice, Rainbow Fish reluctantly gives his scales away, except for one. He is less beautiful than he was before, but he has new friends and is happier than ever. |

| Jill Tomlinson | The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark | Plop, the Baby Barn Owl, is like every Barn Owl there ever was, except for one thing - he is afraid of the dark. "Dark is nasty" he says and so he won't go hunting with his parents. Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark and from the people he meets, he realizes that dark is super after all. |
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| Clare Freedman and Jon Cort | Aliens Love Underpants Aliens Love Underpants Chire Freedman & Ben Cort | Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, but there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise |
| Duncan Beedie | THE BEAR WHO STARED | There once was a bear who liked to stare. Bear doesn't mean to be rude, he's just curious but too shy to say anything. But nobody likes being stared at and it soon gets Bear into trouble. Luckily a goggly-eyed frog helps Bear realise that sometimes a smile is all you need to turn a stare into a friendly hello. |
| Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson | The Tin Forest Tim Forest | There was once a wide, windswept place, near nowhere that was filled with all the things that no one wanted. The old man who lives there tidies the rubbish and dreams of a better place. With faith, ingenuity and hard work, he transforms a junkyard into a wonderland |

| Mrs Davina Hamilton and Mrs Elena Reinoso | Riley Knows He Can RILEY KNOWS HE CAN | Riley is excited about starring in his first school play – but his nerves keep getting the better of him. What if he walks on the stage and freezes? Or what if he walks on the stage and sneezes? Thankfully, Riley's big sister Ella is on hand. |
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| Michael Brown | A Bear Called Paddington A Bear Called Paddington Michael Bond Receive Pregy Formum | Paddington Bear had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same for ordinary things become quite extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved. |
| Benji Davies | The Storm Whale | Noi and his father live in a house by the sea. When he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out. |
| R.J. Palacio | We're All Wonders | We're All Wonders taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and teachers to talk about empathy, difference and |

| Carol Ann Duffy | The Gigantic Turnip | An amusing retelling of the classic Russian tale about a farmer whose turnip is impossible to pull from the ground. |
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| Nathan Bryon | Look Up LOOKUP UPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUPUP | Meet hilarious, science- mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars? |
| Paul Geraghty | Tortuga Paul GERAGHTY | Tortuga, the tortoise, is caught in a storm and finds herself washed up on a remote island where raiding sea birds swoop down and steal her newly laid eggs. Tortuga desperately searches for a safe place to live and a new mate. But just as she feels all is lost she makes an amazing discovery |
| Janet and Allan Ahlberg | Burglar Bill Burglar Bill Janet & Allan Ablberg | Burglar Bill is a thief and all of his possessions are stolen items, including the bed he goes to sleep in. On a typical night of thievery, Burglar Bill comes across a box with holes in, and takes it. Upon arriving home, he discovers that within the box is a baby. |

| The Everywhere Bear | Julia Donaldson Julia Davaldson The Ywhere Bear Second | The Everywhere Bear has a wonderful time with the children in Class One, but one day he gets more than he bargained for when he falls unnoticed from a backpack and embarks on his own big adventure! He's washed down a drain and whooshed out to sea, rescued by a fishing boat, loaded onto a lorry, carried off by a seagull how will he ever make it back to Class One? |
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| Cinammon | Neil Gaiman | Cinnamon is a princess whose eyes are made of pearls, which means that she is blind. And, for reasons her parents the Rajah and Rani cannot fathom, she will not talk. So they offer a reward to anyone who can teach Cinnamon to speak. People travel from far and wide to attempt it, but nothing works. Until a mighty tiger, huge and fierce, prowls into their palace and announces that he is here to teach the girl-cub to talk |