

Recommended Reading List – Year 2

Author	Book	Brief description
Simon Bartram	Man on the Moon – a day in the life of Bob	Bob has a special job - looking after the moon. He keeps it clean and entertains passing space tourists as well as giving guided tours. He knows everything about the moon and that there is definitely no such thing as aliens!
Peter Bentley	The Cat, the Mouse and the Runaway Train The Cat, the Mouse the Runaway Train	When a naughty little mouse steals cheese from the station master, a battle between cat and mouse follows! But they put their differences aside when a big, red steam train comes tearing down the track straight towards them!
Anthony Brown	The Tunnel	Once upon a time there lived a brother and sister who were complete opposites. One day they discovered the tunnel. The boy goes through it at once. When he doesn't return his sister has to pluck up the courage to go through the tunnel too. She finds her brother in a mysterious forest where he has been turned to stone.
Anthony Brown	Willy the Wimp ANTHONY BROWNE WILLY THE WIMP	Willy wouldn't hurt a fly – he even apologizes when someone hits him. The suburban gorillas call him Willy the Wimp. Then, one day, Willy answers a body- building advert with hilarious results!

Helen Cooper	Pumpkin Soup Pumpkin Soup Helen Cooper	Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin, with a pumpkin patch in the garden. Every day Cat slices up some pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in some water and Duck tips in some salt to make perfect pumpkin soup until the day Duck wants to do the stirring A funny, rhythmical story about friendship and sharing.
Lauren Child	Clarice Bean, That's Me	All Clarice Bean wants is a bit of peace and quiet. But that can be hard to find in a house where your little brother is being utterly annoying, your big brother is in the dark tunnel of adolescence and your grandad's pouring soup on his cornflakes
Lauren Child	The Princess and the Pea	The tale of a prince, a princess, perfect politeness, pages of love and a peculiarly hard pea. This beautifully presented picture book explores the tale of the down-to- earth princess through a stunning mix of artwork and photography.
Lauren Child	Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book? Who's Afraid of The Big Bad Book? Laureh Child	Now if you were going to fall into a book, a book of fairy tales would probably not be your first choice. Because in every story there is always a wicked this, an evil that or a hungry somebody. It could only happen to Herb, child star of that thrilling tale, Beware of the Storybook Wolves.

Tracey Corderoy	Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam	In the dead of the night when the moon yawned down, two gloomy robber dogs plodded through town. Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam are the world's most useless burglars. When their master plan for a robbery goes hopelessly wrong again, they discover that crime doesn't pay but cupcakes certainly do!
Michael Foreman	Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish DINOSAURS and all that rubbisk Michael Foreman	Dinosaurs have taken over the Earth! They're stomping and stamping all over the place. A classic environmental tale from author/illustrator Michael Foreman. A fable for our time.
Roald Dahl	Fantastic Mr Fox	Boggis is an enormously fat chicken farmer who only eats boiled chickens smothered in fat. Bunce is a duck-and- goose farmer whose dinner gives him a beastly temper. Bean is a turkey-and-apple farmer who only drinks gallons of strong cider. Mr Fox is so clever that every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from their farms!
Roald Dahl	The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me	Billy's biggest wish is to turn a weird old wooden house into a wonderful sweet-shop. But then he finds a giraffe, a pelly and a monkey living inside - they're the Ladderless Window-Cleaning Company! Who needs ladders when you've got a giraffe?

Bob Graham	Max	What does a Super hero do when they are not being 'Super'? A funny story about being loved for who you are and not just what you can or cannot do.
Emily Gravett	Meercat Mail	Sunny the meerkat lives with his enormous family in the Kalahari desert. They are all very close. But one day Sunny decides it's just too crowded and packs his bags. He's off to visit his mongoose cousins. But from the watery world of the Marsh Mongoose to the nocturnal lifestyle of the Malagasy Mongoose, Sunny just doesn't fit in. And who's that shadowy figure who seems to be following him around?
Emily Gravett	Winnie the Witch	Winnie shares her big black house with Wilbur her big black cat. So sometimes she accidentally trips over him. Ouch! After some spells that make Wilbur look very silly, Winnie finds just the right magic to make sure she can always see him.
Kes Grey	Mum and Dad Glue	A little boy tries to find a pot of parent glue to stick his mum and dad back together. His parents have come undone and he wants to mend their marriage, stick their smiles back on and make them better.

Mini Grey	Traction Man is Here	With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised.
Mary Hoffman	Amazing Grace	Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' 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	Girls Can do Anything	Do you want to climb a mountain? Drive a fire engine? Become a prime minister? Join the girls in the pages of this book to see the incredible things they do every day and find out what you might like to do, too! A picture book for every girl with a dream.
Oliver Jeffers	Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth	The exquisite and thought-provoking new book from the multi award-winning, internationally best- selling picture book creator of Lost and Found, Oliver Jeffers.

Oliver Jeffers	Lost and Found	There once was a boy and
	DEST and FOUND	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.
David Mackintosh	Marshall Davies is New to Our School MARSHALL ARMSTRONG NEW OUR SCHOOL	Quirky, witty and brilliant, Marshall Armstrong is new to school and he definitely stands out from the crowd; but will he find it easy to make friends? A quirky and witty 'first day at school' story from a brilliant new talent, perfect for all boys and girls starting at school and meeting new friends.
Sean Taylor	Hoot Owl ScanTaylor ILLUSTRATED BY Jean Jullion HOOT OW master of disguise	Hoot Owl is no ordinary owl - oh no! - he's a master of disguise! And he will use his expert camouflage powers to trick his unsuspecting prey into succumbing to him! Tiny animals of the night beware! But, somehow, Hoot Owl's prey keeps escaping Hmmm, perhaps he isn't quite as masterful as he believes. Will he ever succeed in catching himself some dinner?
Judith Kerr	Mog the Forgetful Cat MOG the Forgetful Cat	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!
Anne Fine	The Diary of the Killer Cat ANNE FINE The Diary of a Killer Cat	Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about. Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap?
Michael Rosen	Uncle Globb and the Dread Shed	Malcolm is in all ways an ordinary ten-year- old. This is a perfectly ordinary story featuring one perfectly ordinary ten year old, his very bossy uncle, some baked beans, a school which tries to make interesting things BORING, the famed Italian city of Ponky, and a genie who appears when you rub your nose.
Dav Pilkey	The Adventures of Captain Underpants	When naughty George and Harold hypnotise their headteacher, they accidentally create the greatest superhero in the history of their school Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret that even HE doesn't know who he is but he's fighting for truth, justice, and all things pre-shrunk and cottony!!

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?
David McKee	Not Now Bernard Not Now, BERNARD David McKee	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.
Jill Murphy	The Worst Witch	Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues
Dick King Smith	The Hedgehog The Hodgeheg Dick King Smith The Marter of Fellow	Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails! The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?

Simon James	Dear Greenpeace SIMON JAMES Dear Dear Greenpeace	Worried that the whale living in her pond is unhappy, Emily writes to Greenpeace, who, though offering the best of advice, insist that it is impossible for a whale to live in a pond. Undeterred, Emily continues to seek the best course of
Paul Geraghty	The Enchanting environmental classic (23)	action for her beloved whale One day while playing
	Aul GERAGHTY Hunter Hunter	hunters in the hot dry African bush, Jamina finds a baby elephant whimpering besides its dead mother. As Jamina bravely helps the little orphaned elephant, she vows that she will <i>never</i> be a real hunter
Maurice Sendak	Where the Wild Things Are WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE Image: state of the wild things are state of the wild things are state of the wild things are state of the wild	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	Granddad's Island	Visiting Grandad's house at the bottom of the garden again, he finds it just the same as it's always been — except that Grandad isn't there anymore. Sure to provide comfort to young children struggling to understand loss, Benji Davies's tale is a sensitive and beautiful reminder that our loved ones live on in our memories.

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.
Jon Scieszka	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	You may think you know the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - but only one person knows the real story. And that person is A. Wolf. His tale starts with a birthday cake for his dear old granny, a bad head cold and a bad reputation. The rest (as they say) is history.
Hugh Lipton	The Story Tree	Al collection of tales from around the world that includes favourites like 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' (Norwegian) as well as less well familiar stories such as 'The Blue Coat' (Jewish) and 'The Sweetest Song' (African- American).
Ronda Armitage	The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Once there was a lighthouse keeper called Mr. Grinling. At night time he lived in a small white cottage perched high on the cliffs, and in the daytime he rowed out to his lighthouse to clean and polish the light. Every day Mr Grinling tucks into delicious lunch, prepared by his wife, Mrs Grinling. But Mr Grinling isn't the only one who enjoys the tasty food, so Mrs Grinling has to think of a way to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch.

Alf Proyson	Mrs Pepperpot Stories	Mrs Pepperpot can't choose when she will shrink to the size of a pepperpot - it just happens! But whatever she encounters, whether it be a monstrous mousetrap, a crafty fox or a gigantic mountain of ice cream, little Mrs Pepperpot will always come out on top.
Michael Brown	A Bear Called Paddington A Bear Called Paddington Michael Bond Michael Bond	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.
Bruce Covill	My Teacher is an Alien	Susan Simmons can tell that her new substitute teacher is really weird. But she doesn't know how weird until she catches him peeling off his face and realizes that "Mr. Smith" is really an alien!
Carol Ann Duffy	The Tear Thief the tear thie the tear thie cure to the Duffy Private Cure	Each night, in the hours between supper and bedtime the Tear Thief carries her waterproof, silvery sack over her shoulder as she soundlessly steals the tears of every child who cries. But what does she do with all of those tears?

John Light	The Flower THE FLOWER FLOWER File JOIN LOUT And J LEXENS Cuide Plays	When Brigg discovers a book in the library labelled Do Not Read, he cannot resist taking it home. In it, he comes upon pictures of bright, vibrant objects called flowers. He cannot find flowers anywhere in the city, but stumbles instead on a packet of seeds. This sets off a chain of events which bring about unexpected results, continuing to grow and bloom even after we have turned the last page.
Jeanne Willis	The Bog Baby Bog Baby	When two small sisters go fishing to the magic pond, they find something much better than a frog or a newt. They find a bog baby. The girls decide to make him their secret. But the bog baby is a wild thing, and when he becomes poorly, the girls decide they must tell their mum. And she tells them the greatest lesson: if you really love something, you have to let it go.
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.
Nathan Bryon	Look Up LOOK UPJ v Bethan Bryen Research Vage Adeela	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?

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?
Nicola Davies	The Promise	On a mean street in a mean city, a thief tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But she finds she can't have it without promising something in return – to "plant them all". When it turns out the bag is full of acorns, the young thief embarks on a journey that changes her own life and the lives of others for generations to come.