



We hope parents and carers will find these lists useful as a guide and starting point for finding good books for your children to read. The books are available through the Libraries, book shops and on-line.

If you have a favourite book enjoyed by your child, please do let us know as we will keep these lists updated.

EYFS

[Dogs Don't Do Ballet](#) by Anna Kemp

[Five Minutes Peace](#) and other stories by Jill Murphy

[One](#) by Katherine Otoshi

[The Gruffalo](#) and other stories by Julia Donaldson

[The Rainbow Fish](#) by Marcus Pfister

[The Tiger Who Came to Tea](#) by Judith Kerr

[Traditional tales](#) e.g. The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Billy Goats Gruff

[We're Going on a Bear Hunt](#) by Michael Rosen

Any other rhyming stories

[Dinosaurs Love Underpants and other stories](#) by Claire Freedman

Usborne Look Inside [series https://usborne.com/browse-books/catalogue/series/1/658/look-inside/](https://usborne.com/browse-books/catalogue/series/1/658/look-inside/)

BBC iplayer often has a good selection of stories available to watch with your child on Bedtime Stories page: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

Year 1

[Goodnight Buster](#) by Rod Campbell (Macmillan Children's Books)

[Happy Snappy \(Mr Croc\)](#) by Jo Lodge (Hodder Children's Books)

[Hop a Little, Jump a Little](#) by Annie Kubler (Child's Play International Ltd)

[That's Not My Tiger](#) by Fiona Watt, illus. Rachel Wells (Usborne)

[One Smart Fish](#) by Chris Wormell (Jonathan Cape) Recommended picture book for children up to five-years-old:

[Ernest](#) by Catherine Rayner (Macmillan Children's Books)

[The Fox in the Dark](#) by Alison Green, illus. Deborah Allwright (Alison Green Books)

[Birdsong](#) by Ellie Sandall (Egmont)

[Jack Frost](#) by Kazuno Kohara (Macmillan Children's Books)

[Jeremiah Jellyfish Flies High](#) by John Fardell (Andersen Press)

[The Talent Show](#) by Jo Hodgkinson (Andersen Press)

[Five Minutes Peace](#) and other stories by Jill Murphy

[A Squash and a Squeeze](#) by Julia Donaldson

Year 2

[Cockatoos](#) by Quentin Blake

[Greyfriars Bobby](#) by Ruth Brown

[Jolly Roger and the Pirates of Abdul the Skinhead](#) by Colin Mc Naughton

[The Katie Morag books](#) by Mairi Hedderwick

[Meerkat Mail](#) by Emily Gravett





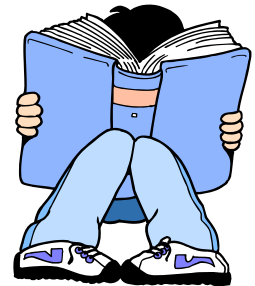
[Mr Benn Gladiator](#) by David McKee
[Pablo the Artist](#) by Satoshi Kitamura
[Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf](#) by Ian Beck
[The Dragon Kite](#) by Kenneth Steven
[The Emperor of Absurdia](#) by Chris Riddell
[The Pea and the Princess](#) by Julia Donaldson
[Three Monsters](#) by David McKee
[Whale](#) by David Lucas
[Winnie's Midnight Dragon](#) by Valerie Thomas
[Box of tricks](#) by Katie Cleminson
[Mr Pusskins best in show](#) by Sam Lloyd
[Lenny has lunch](#) by Ken Wilson-Max
[A planet full of plastic](#) by Neal Layton
[The Jolly Postman](#) by Allan ahlberg
[The diary of a Killer Cat](#) by Anne Fine
[The Faraway Tree](#) by Enid Blyton
[The Humphrey books](#) by Betty G Birney

Year 3

[The Lion, the Unicorn and Me](#) by Jeanette Winterson
[Grubtown Tales: Stinking Rich and Just Plain Stinky](#) by Philip Ardagh
[A necklace of Raindrops](#) by Joan Aiken
[Akimbo and the Baboons](#) by Alexander McCall Smith
[Dear Hound](#) by Jill Murphy
[Robo-Runners: Aquanauts](#) by Damien Harvey
[Robo-Runners: The Ghost Sea](#) by Damien Harvey
[The Knight of Spurs and Spirits](#) by Terry Deary
[The Pet Sitter: Beware the Werpup](#) by Julie Sykes
[Astrosaurs Academy: Destination: Danger!](#) By Steve Cole
[Dinopants](#) by Ciaran Murtagh
[Bug Buddies: Enemy Attack!](#) by Joe Miller
[Further Adventures of Frank N. Stein and the Great Green Greedy Garbage Monster](#) by Ann Jungman
[Game Boy Galactic](#) by Alan Durant
[Jake in Danger](#) by Annette and Nick Butterworth
[Prince Jake: Knighty-Knight](#) by Sue Mongredien
[Look into my Eyes](#) by Lauren Child
[Molly Moon stories](#) by Georgia Byng

Year 4

[Wishing for Tomorrow](#) by Hilary McKay
[Fungus the Bogeyman](#) by Raymond Briggs
[The Diary of a Killer Cat](#) by Anne Fine
[The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog](#) by Jeremy Strong
[Quick! Let's get out of here!](#) by Michael Rosen
[The Legend of Spud Murphy](#) by Eoin Colfer





[Pigs in Planes](#) by Paul Cooper
[Spy Dog](#) by Andrew Cope
[There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom](#) by Louis Sachar
[Millions](#) by Frank Cottrell Boyce
[Charlotte Sometimes](#) by Penelope Farmer
[Two weeks with the Queen](#) by Morris Gleitzman
[A Dog So Small](#) by Philippa Pearce
[The Firework Maker's Daughter](#) by Philip Pullman
[The Dragon's Child](#) by Jenny Nimmo
[The Beaver Towers series](#) by Nigel Hinton
[Bill's New Frock](#) by Anne Fine
[The Queen's nose](#) by Dick King Smith
[Why the Whales Came](#) by Michael Morpurgo
[Arthur High King of Britain](#) by Michael Morpurgo
[Football Forgery](#) by Barbra Mitchel Hill

Year 5

[Under the weather](#) edited by Tony Bradman
[New and Collected Poems for Children](#) by Carol Ann Duffy
[No Such Thing as Dragons](#) by Philip Reeve
[Time Bomb](#) by Nigel Hinton
[The Silver Sword](#) by Ian Serraiaer
[Warrior Scarlet](#) by Rosemary Sutcliffe
[Oliver Twist](#) by Charles Dickens
[Ballet Shoes](#) by Noel Steatfield
[Waking Merlin](#) by Tanya Landman
[The Blurred Man](#) by Anthony Horowitz
[Tom's Sausage Lion](#) by Michael Morpurgo
[The Borrowers](#) by Mary Norton
[Framed](#) by Frank Cottrell Boyce
[Cosmic](#) by Frank Cottrell Boyce
[Journey to the River Sea](#) by Eva Ibbotsen
[The Chrestomanci Chronicles series](#) by Diana Wynne Jones
[Howl's Moving Castle](#) by Diana Wynne Jones
[Murder Most Unladylike](#) by Robin Stevens
[Arsenic for Tea](#) by Robin Stevens
[Clockwork](#) by Phillip Pullman
[Beetle Boy](#) by MG Leonard
[The White Giraffe](#) by Lauren St John
[What's so special about Shakespeare?](#) By Michael Rosen
[The Queen's Token](#) by Pamela Oldfield
[My friend Walter](#) by Michael Morpurgo
[Sinbad the Sailor](#) by Marcia Williams





Year 6

[Tales from Outer Suburbia](#) by Shaun Tan
[Skellig](#) by David Almond
[My name is Mina](#) by David Almond
[The Whispering Road](#) by Livi Michael
[Talking Turkeys](#) by Benjamin Zephaniah
[Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief](#) by Rick Riordan
[Silver Fin](#) by Charlie Higson
[The Pig Scrolls](#) by Paul Shipton
[Great Expectations](#) by Charles Dickens
[The Lion Boy trilogy](#) by Zizou Corder
[Chinese Cinderella](#) by Adeline Yen Mah
[Dragon Moon](#) by Carol Wilkinson
[The Brothers Lionheart](#) by Astrid Lindgren
[A Little Princess](#) by Francis Hodgson Burnett
[This Morning I Met a Whale](#) by Michael Morpurgo
[A Little Lower Than the Angel's Smile](#) by Geraldine McCraughrean
[Wonder](#) by R J Palacio
[A Series of Unfortunate Events](#) by Lemony Snicket
[The Phantom Tollbooth](#) by Norton Juster
[Once](#) by Morris Gleitzman
[Carrie's War](#) by Nina Bawden
[The Diary of a Young Girl](#) by Anne Frank
[Goodnight Mister Tom](#) by Michelle Magorian
[Journey to the River Sea](#) by Eva Ibbotson
[Cogheart Series](#) by Peter Bunzl
[Time Travelling with a Hamster](#) by Ross Welford
[Beetle Boy](#) by M G Leonard
[The Girl of Ink and Stars](#) by Kiran Millwood Hargraves
[Holes](#) by Louis Sachar
[Varjak Paw](#) by S F Said
[The Secret Garden](#) by Frances Hodgson Burnett
[The London Eye Mystery](#) by Siobhan Dowd
[Who Let the Gods Out?](#) by Maz Evans
[The Dreamsnatcher](#) by Abi Elphinstone
[Strange Star](#) by Emma Carroll
[When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit](#) by Judith Kerr
[The Goldfish Boy](#) by Lisa Thompson

