

Year 1 Recommended Reading List

Non-Fiction

Our World: A First Book of Geography - Sue Lowell Gallion
Meet the Oceans - Caryl Hart
Sounds of Nature: World of Birds - Robert Hunter
Beastly Bugs - Sarah Snashall
Mad About Megabeasts - David Wojtowycz and Giles Andreae
It's Okay to Cry - Molly Potter
Ultimate Earth: Oceans and Seas - Miranda Baker
Today I Feel: An Alphabet of Feelings - Madalena Moniz
Creature Features: Oceans - Natasha Durley
William Bees Wonderful World of Trucks – Pavillion

Popular series

Bug Belly Series - Paul Morton
Hairy Maclary and Friends - Lynley Dodd
Collection Set - Jill Tomlinson
Happy Families - Allan Ahlberg
Elephant and Piggie - Mo Willems
Mog Time Treasury - Judith Kerr

Classics

The Tale of Peter Rabbit - Beatrix Potter
Where the Wild Things Are - Maurice Sendak
The Cat in the Hat -Dr Seuss
The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh - AA Milne
The Complete Book of the Flower Fairies - Cicely Mary Barker
The Polar Express - Chris Van Allsburg
A Bear Called Paddington - Michael Bond
The Pied Piper of Hamelin - Michael Morpurgo

Take your pick!

That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown - Cressida Cowell and Neal Layton
Numenia and the Hurricane - Fiona Halliday
Cinnamon - Neil Gaiman
I Can Only Draw Worms - Will Mabbitt
King of the Classroom - Derrick Barnes and Vanessa Brantley-Newton
Yokki and the Parno Gry - Richard O'Neill
Goodnight Everyone - Chris Haughton
Oof Makes an Ouch - Duncan Beedle
The Pocket CHaotic - Ziggy Hanaor and Daniel Gray-Barnett
The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson
Cops and Robbers - Allan Ahlberg

The Smile Shop - Satoshi Kitamura
Captain Toby - Satoshi Kitamura
There are Cats in this Book - Viviane Schwarz
My Friend Bear - Jez Alborough
Not Now Bernard - David McKee
I Want my Hat Back - Jon Klassen
You Can't Take an Elephant on a Bus - Patricia Cleveland-Peck
Penguin - Polly Dunbar
A Royal Lullabyhullabaloo - Mick Inkpen
You Choose! - Pippa Goodhart
Stanley's Stick - Neal Layton and John Hegley
What To Do If an Elephant Stands on your Foot - Michelle Robinson
Dinosaurs in the Supermarket! - Timothy Knapman
The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon - Mini Grey

Poetry

On Sudden Hill - Linda Sarah & Benji Davies
Poems Out Loud - Ladybird & Laurie Stansfield
How to be a Tiger - George Szirtes
J is for Jamaica - Benjamin Zephaniah & Prodeepta Das
If I was a Banana - Alexandra Tylee
All the Year Round - John Yeoman and Quentin Blake
Mr Mistoffelees The Conjuring Cat - TS Elliot
Zim Zam Zoom - James Carter
A Great Big Cuddle - Michael Rosen

Core texts

Snail and the Whale – Julia Donaldson
The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson
Going on Monster Hunt – Julia Donaldson
Room on the Broom – Julia Donaldson
Beegu – Alexis Deacon
Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak

Traditional Tales and Fables:

Goldilocks
Little Red Riding Hood
The Lion and the Mouse
The Hare and the Tortoise

Year 2 Recommended Reading List

The Cat Who Lost His Purr - Michelle Coxon
Frightened Fred - Peta Coplans
Friends - Kim Lewis
Mog Stories - Judith Kerr
Mr Wolf's Pancakes - Jan Fearnley
Frog is Frog - Max Velthuijjs
Cat and Mouse Story - Michael Rosen
The Snow Lady - Shirley Hughes
Grace and Family - Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
The Adventures of Captain Underpants - Dav Pilkey
The Diary of a Killer Cat - Anne Fine
Little Wolf's Book of Badness - Ian Whybrow
The Magic Finger - Roald Dahl
Mrs Wobble the Waitress - Allan Alhberg
Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind - Jeremy Strong
George's Marvellous Medicine - Roald Dahl
The Giraffe, Pelly and Me - Roald Dahl
The Guard Dog - Dick King-Smith
Emily's Legs - Dick King-Smith

Children's Illustrated Dictionary Usborne Books:

The First Encyclopaedia of Science
The First Encyclopaedia of the Human Body
The First Encyclopaedia of Animals
The First Encyclopaedia of Seas and Oceans
The Children's World Atlas (internet linked)
Pocket Science Books
Watt's Great Events Books:
The Great Fire of London
Gun Powder Plot
Battle of Hastings
Coronation of Elizabeth II
Watt's Famous People Series:
Florence Nightingale
Louis Braille
George Stephenson
Thomas Edison

Core texts

The Day the Crayons Quit – Oliver Jeffers
This Moose Belongs to Me – Oliver Jeffers
Stuck – Oliver Jeffers

Up and Down – Oliver Jeffers
Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers
Mary Poppins – PL Travers
No Such Thing as Nessie – Chani McBain
Dilwyn the Welsh Dragon – Samuel Langley-Swain
Coming to England – Floella Benjamin
Zoo – Antony Browne
Gorilla – Antony Browne
The Tunnel – Antony Browne

Year 3 Recommended Reading List

Story time favourites

The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
The Boy Who Grew Dragons – Andy Shepherd
Leonora Bolt – Lucy Brandt
Libby and the Parisian Puzzle – Jo Clarke
Varjak Paw – SF Said
The Creakers – Tom Fletcher
Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon – Torben Kuhlmann

Classics

Charlotte's Web – E.B White
The Iron Man – Ted Hughes
The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy
Funny
The Nothing to See Here Hotel – Steven Butler
Pugs of the Frozen North – Philip Reeve
Charlie Changes Into a Chicken – Sam Copeland
The Princess Rules: The Mammoth Adventure – Philippa Gregory
A Monster Ate My Packed Lunch – Pamela Butcher

Animal

Red Panda Rescue – Jess Butterworth
The Puffin Keeper – Michael Morpurgo
Mr Dog and the Kitten Catastrophe – Ben Fogle
The Beach Puppy – Holly Webb
A Rabbit Called Clover – Helen Peters
Popular Independent Reads
Pizzazz Vs Everyone – Sophie Henn
The 13 Storey Treehouse – Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton
Dragon Storm – Alastair Crisholm
Salah Rules – Simon Mugford & Dan Green
Sheep School – Ross Montgomery
Space Blasters: Suzie Saves the Universe – Katie & Kevin Tsang
Harley Hitch and the Fossil Mystery – Vashti Hardy
Graphic Novels
Press Start! Game On, Super Rabbit Boy! – Thomas Flintham
Kitty Quest – Phil Corbett
Arthur and the Golden Rope – Joe Todd Stanton
A Day in the Life of an Astronaut, Mars and the Distant Stars – Mike Barfield
Picture books
Major Bunny's Chocolate Town – Elys Dolan
Ocean Meets Sky – The Fan Brothers

After the Fall – Dan Santat
Leon and the Place Between – Angela Mcallister
The Three Billy Goats Gruff – Mac Barnett
Faruq and the Wiri Wiri – Sophia Payne
Rainforest Warrior – Anita Ganeri

Poetry

Yapping Away – Joshua Seigal
Courage Out Loud – Joseph Coelho
Selfies With Komodos – Brian Moses
Non-fiction
Interview with a Shark – Andy Seed
The Street Beneath my Feet – Charlotte Guillian
Atlas of Adventures – Lucy Leatherland
Professor Astro Cat’s Frontiers of Space – Dominic Walliman
My Encyclopedia of Very Important Sport – DK
Egypt Magnified – David Long
A Wild Child’s Book of Birds – Dara McAnulty
Up Close – Isabel Thomas

Core texts

Major Glad Major Dizzy – Jan Oke
The Firework Maker’s Daughter – Philip Pullman
George’s Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl
Cloudbusting – Malorie Blackman
The Legend of Podkin One-Ear – Kieran Larwood

Year 4 Recommended Reading List

Animals

Dumb Creatures - Jeanne Willis
The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo
The Peppermint Pig – Nina Bowden
Doctor Dolittle – Hugh Lofting
The Village Dinosaur – Phyllis Arckle
The Tales of Olga da Polga – Michael Bond
The Great Elephant Chase – Gillian Cross

Spooky/Mystery

The Way to Sattin Shore – Phillipa Pearce
The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth – Eoin Colfer
The Sandman and the Turtles – Michael Morpurgo
Beaver Towers – Nigel Hinton
The Watchers – Helen Cresswell
The Snow Spider Trilogy – Jenny Nimmo

Humour

Jeremy James Series -David Henry Wilson
Vlad the Drac Series – Ann Jungman
Walking the Bridge of your Nose – Michael Rosen
Little Wolf – Ian Whybrow
Just William – Richard Crompton
Vernon Bright Series – Steve Barlow
Eddie Dicken Series – Philip Ardagh
Desirable – Frank Cottrell Boyce
The 13 Storey Treehouse – Andy Griffiths
Mr Stink – David Walliams
The Boy in the Dress – David Walliams
Awful Auntie – David Walliams
Ratburger – David Walliams
My Friend's a Werewolf – Pete Johnson
How to Train Your Parents – Pete Johnson
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series – Jeff Kinney
Give Peas a Chance – Morris Gleitzman

Historical

The Children of Green Knowe – Lucy M Boston
War Game – Michael Foreman
The Roman Mysteries: The Thieves of Ostia – Caroline Lawrence
Carrie's War – Nina Bawden
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips – Michael Morpurgo

William Shakespeare Scenes from the Life of the World's Greatest Writer –
Mick Manning

Fantasy

Earth Giant - Melvyn Burgess
Angels Unlimited - Annie Dalton
The Spiderwick Chronicles - Tony Diterlizzi
Araminta Spook series - Angie Sage
The Strongest Girl in the World - Sally Gardner
The Boy Who Could fly - Sally Gardner
The Invisible Boy - Sally Gardner
The Smallest Girl Ever - Sally Gardner

Adventure/Action

Cows in Action – Steve Cole
Emil and the Detectives – Erich Kastner
Operation Gadgetman! – Malorie Blackman
How to Train Your Dragon – Helen Cresswell
The Great Elephant Chase – Gillian Cross
The Last Castaways – Harry horse
The Falcon's Malteser – Anthony Horowitz
The House that Sailed Away – Pat Hutchins
Dimanche Diller – Henrietta Bradford
Toots Underwater – Carol Shields
Lizzie Dripping – Helen Cresswell
Ice Palace – Robert Swindells
How to Steal a Dragons Sword – Cressida Cowell

Well-loved Authors

The BFG – Roald Dahl
The Twits – Roald Dahl
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl
George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl
The Secret Seven Series – Enid Blyton
The Famous Five – Enid Blyton
The Narnia Books – C.S Lewis
Sleepovers - Jacqueline Wilson
Cliffhanger - Jacqueline Wilson
The Lottie Project - Jacqueline Wilson
Double Act - Jacqueline Wilson
Take a Good Look – Jacqueline Wilson
The Suitcase Kid - Jacqueline Wilson
Mary Poppins Series – P.L Travers
A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens

Tom's Midnight Garden – Phillipa Pearce

Core texts

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis

Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom – Louis Sachar

Year 5 Recommended Reading List

Popular series

Dragon Racer - Margaret Bateson-Hill
Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer
How to Train your Dragon - Cressida Cowell
The Demon Headmaster - Gillian Cross
Tales from Schwartzgarten - Christopher William Hill
Alex Rider - Antony Horowitz
Pet Defenders - Gareth P. Jones
The 39 Clues series - Gordon Korman
Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy
The Roman Mysteries – Caroline Lawrence
Defenders - Tom Palmer
Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver
The Edge Chronicles - Chris Riddell & Paul Stewart
Percy Jackson - Rick Riordan
Laura Marlin Mysteries - Lauren St John
The White Giraffe series - Lauren St John
Wayside School - Louis Sachar
A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket
Murder Most Unladylike - Robin Stevens
The Mysterious Benedict Society - Trenton Lee Stewart

Classics

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aiken
The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Amazing Adventures of Professor Branestawm – Norman Hunter
The Phantom Tollbooth – Norton Juster
Stig of the Dump – Clive King
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – CS Lewis
Nancy and Plum – Betty Macdonald
The Railway Children - Edith Nesbit
Swallows and Amazons – Arthur Ransome
The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
Kidnapped – Robert Louis Stevenson
Great Expectations – Retold for children by James Riordan

Reluctant Readers Might Like

Woof – Allan Ahlberg
Clarice Bean – Lauren Child
The Giggler Treatment – Roddy Doyle
The Abominables – Eva Ibbotson

Emil and the Detectives – Erich Kastner
Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Jeff Kinney
The Borrowers – Mary Norton
Goth Girl – Chris Riddell
Fergus Crane – Paul Riddell and Paul Stewart
Atticus Claw Breaks the Law - Jennifer Gray
The Amazing Adventures of Curd The Lion and Us! In the Land at the Back of Beyond - Alan
Gilliland
Return of the Hungry Hamster - Sam Hay
Anything by Roald Dahl, David Walliams

Take your pick!

The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place - Julie Berry
Cogheart - Peter Bunzl
Letters from the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll
The Girl who Walked on Air - Emma Carroll
Millions - Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Astounding Broccoli Boy - Frank Cottrell Boyce
Who Let the Gods Out? - Maz Evans
The Imagination Box - Martyn Ford
Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke
Coraline - Neil Gaiman
Escape from Mr Limoncello's Library - Chris Grabenstein
Mold and the Poison Plot - Lorraine Gregory
The Devil and his Boy - Anthony Horowitz
Where Monsters Lie - Polly Ho-Yen
The Secret of Platform 13 - Eva Ibbotson
The Matilda Effect - Ellie Irving
The Considine Curse - Gareth P. Jones
Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink - Jennifer Killick
The Five Realms: The Legend of Podkin One-Ear - Kieran Larwood
School Ship Tobermory - Alexander McCall Smith
The Nowhere Emporium - Ross McKenzie
The Girl of Ink and Stars - Karen Millwood Hargrave
Wonder - R.J. Palacio
The Adventures of the New Cut Gang - Philip Pullman
Rooftoppers - Katherine Rundell
The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick
Muddle Earth - Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell
Varjak Paw - S.F. Siad
Here be Monsters - Alan Snow
The Last Wild - Piers Torday
Time Travelling with a Hamster - Ross Welford
The Clockwork Sparrow - Katherine Woodfine

Just Call me the Amazing Spaghetti Hoop Boy - Lara Williamson

Graphic Novels

Tintin - Hergé

King Kong - Anthony Browne

Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz and Kanako/Yuzuru

Point Blank

Skeleton Key

Eagle Strike

Core texts

Tuesday – David Wiesner

Shackleton's Journey – William Grill

Macbeth – William Shakespeare (Oxford Tree Tops Classics)

Journey to Jo'burg – Beverly Naidoo

The Lost Words – Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris

Year 6 Recommended Reading List

Non-Fiction

Politics for Beginners - Alex Frith, Rosie Hore & Louie Stowell
Science Ideas in 30 Seconds - Mike Goldsmith
Generation Hope: You(th) Can Make a Difference! - Kimberlie Hamilton
Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World - Rachel Ignatofsky
Black and British: A short, essential history - David Olusoga
Perfectly Imperfect Stories – Leo Potion (stories about mental health)
What Is Politics? Why Should we Care? – Michael Rosen & Annemarie Young
What is Right and Wrong? Who Decides? Where Do Values Come From? – Michael Rosen & Annemarie Young
Who are Refugees and Migrants? What Makes People Leave their Homes? – Michael Rosen & Annemarie Young
You are Awesome – Matthew Syed (building resilience)
This Book is Not Rubbish: 50 Ways to Ditch Plastic, Reduce Rubbish and Save the World - Isabel Thomas
Big Ideas For Young Thinkers - Jamia Wilson

Classics

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aiken
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt
The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Phantom Tollbooth – Norton Juster
The Railway Children - Edith Nesbit
Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce
Swallows and Amazons – Arthur Ransome
Great Expectations – Retold for children by James Riordan

Challenging

Skellig – David Almond
October, October – Katya Balen
Wolf – Gillian Cross
Boy 87 – Ele Fountain
Lost – Ele Fountain
Inkheart (trilogy) - Cornelia Funke
Maggot Moon – Sally Gardner
Cuckoo in the Nest - Michelle Magorian
Orphans of the Tide – Struan Murray
A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
Ghost Boys – Jewell Parker Rhodes
Northern Lights (Part 1 of a trilogy) – Philip Pullman
Mortal Engines - Philip Reeve
Floodland – Marcus Sedgwick

She Is Not Invisible – Marcus Sedgwick
Girl. Boy. Sea. - Chris Vick

Take your Pick!

The Infinite - Patience Agbabi
The Girl who Speaks Bear – Sophie Anderson
The Middler – Kirsty Applebaum
The Butterfly Circus – Francesca Armour-Chelu
Boy Under Water – Adam Baron
Asha & the Spirit Bird - Jasbinder Bilan
Runaway Robot - Frank Cottrell Boyce
Ruby Redfort – Lauren Child
The Boy who Hit Play – Chloe Daykin
The Stormkeeper’s Island – Catherine Doyle
Ingo – Helen Dunmore
The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day – Christopher Edge
Wed Wabbit – Lissa Evans
Shadow Jumper – J.M. Forster
The Bubble Boy – Stewart Foster
The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman
Fizzlebert Stump The Boy Who Ran Away From the Circus - A. F. Harrold
A Pinch of Magic – Michelle Harrison
Darkmouth – Shane Hegarty
The Eleventh Trade - Alyssa Hollingsworth
The House of 100 Clocks – A.M. Howell
The Devil and his Boy - Anthony Horowitz
Fly Me Home – Polly Ho-Yen
The Boy in the Tower - Polly Ho-Yen
High Rise Mystery – Sharna Jackson
Kick – Mitch Johnson
Crater Lake – Jennifer Killick
Lightning Chase Me Home – Amber Lee Dodd
Beetle Boy – M.G. Leonard
Monstrous Devices – Damien Love
Where the World Ends - Geraldine McCaughrean
The Nowhere Emporium - Ross McKenzie
Shadowsmith – Ross McKenzie
The Girl of Ink and Stars - Karen Millwood Hargrave
Wonder - R.J. Palacio
Exposure – Mall Peet
Here in the Real World – Sara Pennypacker
The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Rauf
The Explorer - Katherine Rundell
Can You See Me? – Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott

The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick
Clean Getaway - Nic Stone
Malamander – Thomas Taylor
The Light Jar – Lisa Thompson
The Last Wild - Piers Torday
The Kid Who Came From Space - Ross Welford
Beyond the Bright Sea – Lauren Wolk

Graphic Novels, Picture Books, Magazines and Newspapers

The Dam – David Almond
King Kong - Anthony Browne
Illegal – Eoin Colfer
The City of Ember: the Graphic Novel - Jeanne DuPrau
The Wolves in the Walls – Neil Gaiman
The Island – Armin Greder
When Stars are Scattered – Victoria Jamieson
The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse - Charlie Mackesy
The Arrival – Shaun Tan
How to Live Forever – Colin Thompson
Small Things - Mel Tregonning
The Mysteries of Harris Burdick - Chris Van Allsburg
Varmints – Helen Ward
Child of St Kilda – Beth Waters
Alex Rider series - Anthony Horowitz and Kanako/Yuzuru

Poetry

New and Collected Poems for Children – Carol Ann Duffy
101 Poems for Children: A Laureate's Choice - chosen by Carol Ann Duffy
Leaves Are Like Traffic Lights – Andrew Fusek-Peters
A Little, Aloud, for Children – edited by Angela Macmillan
Sensational! - chosen by Roger McGough
Read Me and Laugh: A funny poem for every day of the year - chosen by Gaby Morgan
Rhythm and Poetry - Karl Nova
A Kid in My Class – Rachel Rooney
The Same Inside: Poems about Empathy and Friendship Paperback – Roger Stevens , Matt Goodfellow , Liz Brownlee

Novels in verse:

The Crossover – Kwame Alexander
Cloudbusting – Malorie Blackman
The Weight of Water – Sarah Crossan

Core texts

Letters from the Lighthouse – Emma Carroll

Holes – Louis Sachar

Mouse Bird Snake Wolf – David Almo