

Please find below a recommended reading list for Year 1 & 2 below with title and author. Books for more confident readers are highlighted towards the end of the list, as are Short Stories and Collections of Poems/Rhymes/Songs:

- “Ahhh!” Said Stork - Gerald Rose
- “Quack” Said The Billy-goat - Charles Causley
- A Dark, Dark Tale - Ruth Brown
- A Summery Saturday Morning - Margaret Mahy
- Alphabet Adventure - Charlotte Voake
- Are You My Mother? - P D Eastman
- Bears In The Night - Stan Berenstain
- Berenstain Bears & The Spooky Old Tree - Stan Berenstain
- Bet You Can’t - Penny Dale
- Blue Rabbit and Friends - Christopher Wormell
- Chicken Licken - Jonathan Allen
- Chicken Licken - Michael Foreman
- Don’t Forget the Bacon! - Pat Hutchins
- Give Me My Yam! - Jan Blake
- Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy - Lynley Dodd
- Handa’s Surprise - Eileen Browne
- Hop on Pop - Dr Seuss
- Hush! A Thai Lullaby - Minfong ho
- I Like Books - Anthony Browne
- I Want My Potty (+ ...My Dinner,... A Sister) - Tony Ross
- If I Were A Dog - Lydia Monks
- Inside, Outside, Upside Down - Stan Berenstain
- It’s Mine! - Rod Campbell
- Ketchup On Your Cornflakes - Nick Sherratt
- Little Lumpty - Miko Imai
- Little Rabbit Foo Foo - Michael Rosen
- Lucky Clucky - Tony Blundell
- Mockingbird - Allan Ahlberg
- My Cat Likes To Hide - Eve Sutton
- No Dinner! - Jessica Souhami
- Nonsense Nursery Rhymes - Richard Edwards
- Not Now, Bernard - David McKee
- Once Upon A Time - Vivian French
- One Potato, Two Potato. Silly Rhymes About Food - Jessica Souhami
- One Smiling Grandma - Ann Marie Linden
- One, Two, Flea! - Allan Ahlberg
- Peace At Last - Jill Murphy
- Poems About Food - Brian Moses
- Rosie’s Walk - Pat Hutchins
- Rumble In The Jungle - Giles Andreae
- Suddenly! - Colin McNaughton
- Ten, Nine, Eight - Molly Bang
- The Bad Good Manners Book - Babette Cole
- The Big Wide-Mouthed Frong - Ana Larranaga
- The Elephant & The Bad Baby - Elfrida Vipont
- The Foot Book - Dr Seuss
- The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson
- The Grumpalump - Sarah Hayes
- The Monster Bed - Jeanne Willis
- The Pig In The Pond - Martin Waddell
- The Sandwich That Max Made - Marcia Vaughan
- The Shopping Basket - John Burningham

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle
- This Is The Bear - Sarah Hayes
- Three Rapping Rats - Kaye Umansky
- Watch Out, Big Bro's Coming! - Jez Alborough
- What's The Time Mr Wolf? - Colin Hawkins
- Where The Wild Things Are - Maurice Slendak
- Where's My Teddy? - Jez Alborough
- Why Do Stars Come Out At Night? - Annalena McAfee
- Would You Rather ... - John Burningham
- Zomo The Rabbit - Gerald McDermott
- More confident readers can try:
- Bear Buys A Car - Stephen Wyllie
- Burglar Bill - Janet Ahlberg
- Clever Polly & The Stupid Wolf - Catherine Storr
- Come Away From The Water, Shirley - John Burningham
- Farmer Duck -Martin Waddell
- Frog & Toad Together -Arnold Lobel
- Fruits - Valerie Bloom
- Greedy Zebra - Mwenye Hadithi
- Hue Boy - Rita Phillips Mitchell
- I Want A Pet - Lauren Child
- Jim & The Beanstalk - Raymond Briggs
- Leon & Bob - Simon James
- Little Bo Peep's Library Book - Cressida Cowell
- Mr & Mrs Pig's Evening Out - Mary Raynre
- Mrs Cockle's Cat - Robert Munsch
- Mrs Pepperpot in the Magic Wood - Alf Proysen
- Peepo! - Janet Ahlberg
- Prosper's Mountain - Henrietta Branford
- Summerhouse - Laurence Anholt
- Ten In A Bed - Allan Ahlberg
- The Big Big Sea - Martin Waddell
- The Boy and the Cloth of Dreams - Jenny Koralek
- The Diary of a Killer Cat - Anne Fine
- The Giant Jam Sandwich - John Vernon Lord
- The Hairy Toe - Daniel Postgate
- The Hodgeheg - Dick King-Smith
- The Honey Hunters - Francesca Martin
- The Hunter - Paul Geraghty
- The Iron Man:A Story in Five Nights - Ted Hughes
- The Jessame Stories - Julia Jarman
- The Jolly Postman - Janet Ahlberg
- The Jumblies - Edward Lear
- The Little Boat - Kathy Henderson
- The Long, Blue Blazer - Jeanne Willis
- The Magpie Song - Laurence Anholt
- The Old Woman and the Red Pumpkin - Betsy Bang
- The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark - Jill Tomlinson
- The Paperbag Princess - Robert Munsch
- The Village of Round and Square - Ann Grifalconi
- Tigerella - Kit Wright
- Top Secret - Ted Dewan
- Who's A Clever Baby Then? - David McKee
- Winnie the Pooh - A Milne
- Short Stories:
- Black Woolly Pony, White Chalk Horse - Jane Gardam

- Chips & Jessie - Shirley Hughes
- Lion at School & Other Stories - Philippa Pearce
- Little Obie & The Flood - Philippa Pearce
- The Big-Wide-Mouthed-Toad-Frog - Mary Medlicott
- The Julian Stories - Ann Cameron
- The Seven Treasure Hunts - Betsy Briars
- Willa and Miss Annie - Berlie Doherty
- World of Fairytales - Michale Forema
- Collections of Poems/Rhymes/Songs:
- A Spider Bought A Bicycle - Michael Rosen
- Cambridge Poetry Box 1 - Helen Cook
- Cows Moo, Cars Toot! - June Crebbin
- Down By The River-Afro-Caribbean rhymes/songs - Grace Hallworth
- First Poems - Julia Eccleshare
- Mango Spice:44 Caribbean songs - Yvonne Conolly
- Night-night, Knights & Other Poems - Michael Rosen (editor)
- No Hickory, No Dickory, No Dock - John Agard
- Tasty Poems - Jill Bennet (Editor)
- We Animals Would Like A Word With You - John Agard