

Recommended Reading List: Reception/ Year 1

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Blurb</u>
Michael Bond	A Bear Called Paddington	A bear on Paddington Station? said Mrs Brown in amazement. Don't be silly - there can't be. The original story of Paddington, the classic bear from Darkest Peru. The Browns first meet Paddington on a railway station - Paddington station, in fact. He has travelled all the way from Darkest Peru with only a jar of marmalade, a suitcase and his hat. The Browns soon find that Paddington is a very unusual bear. Ordinary things - like having a bath, travelling underground or going to the seaside become quite extraordinary, if a bear called Paddington is involved.
Margaret Mahy	A Lion in the Meadow	What would you do if you knew there was a lion in the meadow, but your mother wouldn't believe you and gave you a matchbox with a dragon to scare the away the lion...and in fact the dragon was there too?
Allan Ahlberg	Cops and Robbers	This is Janet and Allan Ahlberg's hilarious picture book, Cops and Robbers . Cops and Robbers is an entertaining picture book by the iconic British husband and wife picture book team Janet and Allan Ahlberg, creators of Peepo! Perfect as a bedtime story and for children learning to read! The robbers of London town plan a desperate crime one Christmas Eve - to steal all the toys they can lay their hands on! Fortunately, the robbers meet their match in brave Officer Pugh who leaps into action and arrests the villains - all except Grandma Swagg who manages to get away. Allan Ahlberg has published over 100 children's books and with his late wife Janet, created many award-winning children's picture books.
Hilaire Belloc, Mini Grey	Jim	Award-winning illustrator Mini Grey turns her inimitable hand to Hilaire Belloc's classic cautionary tale of Jim: who ran away from his Nurse and was eaten by a Lion! First published in 1907, Belloc's wickedly funny poem describing the sad end of Jim is now fabulously illustrated by Mini Grey for this extra-special new edition. This is a perfect gift with much to explore...
Oliver Jeffers	Lost and Found	From the rising star of children's picture books comes the magical tale of friendship and loneliness, a boy and a penguin. 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...
Simon Bartram	Man on the Moon	The everyday story of an ordinary man? Well, sort of. Bob is the man on the moon, and he has a very special job, looking after the moon, cleaning it up, showing visitors around and selling souvenirs.
Quentin Blake	Mister Magnolia	Mr Magnolia has only one boot. He has an old trumpet that goes rooty-toot - And two lovely sisters who play on the flute - But Mr Magnolia has only one boot. In this wittily rhyming picture book, Mr Magnolia has a full and happy life except for one serious omission - a boot. But one day, he receives a mysterious parcel, and at last Mr Magnolia can splash in the puddles with everyone else!
Eve Sutton, Lynley Dodd	My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes	Lots of cats all around the world do exciting things like fly aeroplanes or play the violin - but my cat, an ordinary round-the-house cat, likes to hide in boxes. Children will love joining in with this fun rhyming story that is just right for beginner readers.

Chris Haughton	Oh No, George!	Harris is off to do some shopping. Will you be good, George? he asks. George hopes he can. He really wants to ...but chocolate cake is just so very delicious and he does love to chase cat...What will George do now? Chris Haughton's distinctive artwork perfectly accompanies the innocent charm of affable George, a dog trying to be good - with hilarious results!
Stan Berenstain, Jan Berenstain	The Berenstain Bears and the Spooky Old Tree	Bright and Early books help even the youngest children get ready to read. Simple stories and basic concepts are humorously presented in rhythm and rhyme. Pictures that fully explain the text help even babies make the important connection between word and meaning. It's never too early to find out that 'Learning to read is Fun'. The small Berenstain Bears go out on a daring nighttime adventure in THE SPOOKY OLD TREE and find thrills and shivers in just the right measure before returning to the safety of home. Four- and five-year olds will enjoy having this story read to them and older children will want to read it themselves.
Dr . Seuss	The Cat in the Hat	To accompany the release of the live action movie of The Cat in the Hat, starring Mike Myers, HarperCollins are proud to present Dr. Seuss's original, classic tale of the coolest, hippest cat in history! When the Cat in the Hat steps in on the mat, Sally and her brother are in for a roller-coaster ride of havoc and mayhem! The Cat can rescue them from a dull rainy day, but it means lots of thrills and spills along the way. The wonderfully anarchic Cat in the Hat is one of the most popular characters in children's fiction, and this book is ideal for budding readers to tackle on their own.
Lemony Snicket	The Dark	Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night it does. With emotional insight and poetic economy, Lemony Snicket and Jon Klassen bring to light a universal and empowering story about conquering fear. Join a brave boy on his journey to meet the dark, and see why it will never bother him again.
Levi Pinfold	The Django	Winner of the prestigious 'Best Emerging Illustrator Award' from Booktrust, Levi Pinfold has created a wonderfully moving story of a young boy dogged by the attentions of his imaginary friend 'Django' who keeps getting him into trouble. Finally, the young boy has to banish his friend, but he misses him terribly. When his father gives Jean a banjo, he rediscovers the infectious enthusiasm for music that was the Django's special gift to him.
Chris Riddell	The Emperor of Absurdia	Welcome to Absurdia: a strange and wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Trees are birds, umbrellas are trees, and the sky is thick with snoring fish. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a crazy dreamland of wardrobe monsters, dragons -- and amazing adventure. This gloriously rich and beautiful picture book comes from a uniquely talented artist at the height of his powers. With a story to enchant the youngest reader, and pictures to gasp and pore over whatever your age, it is an extraordinary achievement and one to savour.
Julia Donaldson	The Gruffalo	'A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good.' Walk further into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when the quick-thinking mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake and a hungry gruffalo ...
Dick King-Smith	The Hodgeheg	The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith is a much-loved classic! Now part of the collectible Puffin Modern Classics series. Max, the hedgehog who becomes a hodgeheg, who becomes a hero! Max's family dreams of reaching the Park. But no one has ever found a safe way of crossing the very busy road.

		Young Max, who is brighter than the average hedgehog, is determined to solve the problem. A nicely told, darkly humorous story about how hedgehogs can avoid getting squashed on the road . (Guardian).
Jill Tomlinson	The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	A heart-warming classic full of animal antics by Jill Tomlinson. 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 he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady, a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring. He realizes that through these encounters that dark is super after all. Filled with gentle humour and comfort, Jill Tomlinson's animal stories have been enjoyed by children who want to snuggle down with a good read for decades.
Viviane Schwarz	There Are Cats in This Book	If you're feeling feline-friendly, this may be just the novelty book for you. When did you last play with cats...inside a BOOK?! The cats in this book want to have fun, and by turning the pages and flipping the flaps YOU can play their favourite games with them! Tiny, Moonpie and Andre love wool to tangle with, cardboard boxes to hide in, pillow fights...and fish! But where there are fish, there is also water - lots of it. So who's going to rescue the cats from the giant floodwave? You are, of course!
Mini Grey	Three by the Sea	In a house by the sea there happily live a dog, a cat and a mouse. Well, happily enough until a stranger knocks on the door one night, offering them each a special free gift. Who is this mysterious salesman blowing into their little world and turning it upside-down? And can their happy home survive his trouble-making gifts?
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. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?
Michael Rosen	We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Follow the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of the bear. What a surprise awaits in the cave on the other side of the dark forest.
Julia Donaldson	What The Ladybird Heard	'Oink!' said the cats ...With all the MOOing and HISSing and BAAAing and CLUCKing, the farmyard is full of noise. But when Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len hatch a plot to steal the fine prize cow, it's the quietest animal of all who saves the day! Spot the glittery ladybird on every page of this wonderful rhyming tale from the creators of the bestselling The Princess And The Wizard and Sharing A Shell.
Maurice Sendak	Where the Wild Things Are	One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind and another, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and sends him to bed without his supper. 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

		<p>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.</p>
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