

## Recommended Reading List: Reception – Books to read to your child

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Blurb</u>
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 quickthinking mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake and a hungry gruffalo ...
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.
Jill Murphy	Peace at Last	<i>The hour was late and Mr Bear was tired. But he could not sleep - however he tried and wherever he tried. Snore, snore went Mrs Bear. Tick-tock, tick-tock went the clock. Would he never get to sleep?</i> The familiar noises, repetition and beautiful illustrations make Jill Murphy's delightful <i>Peace at Last</i> an all-time favourite bedtime story with children and adults everywhere. This edition comes in a handy board book format, so even the youngest children can enjoy this classic story.
Martin Waddell	Owl Babies	A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.

Kes Gray	How Many Legs?	<p>From the award winning creators of <i>Oi Frog!</i> comes an hilarious counting picture book about our four-legged - and two-legged and eight-legged - friends!</p> <p>How many legs would there be if a polar bear came for tea? How high would the leg count go if a squid rode in on a buffalo? As more and more animals join in the fun, count along if you can!</p>
Kes Gray	Oi! Frog!	<p>Jam-packed with the silliest of animals, this bestselling rhyming story will have the youngest of readers in fits of laughter.</p> <p>Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gofers sit on sofas, but Frog does not want to sit on a log! Jam-packed with animals and silliness, this original rhyming story will have young children in fits of laughter.</p>
Julia Donaldson	Zog	<p>Zog is the keenest dragon in school. He's also the most accident-prone. Luckily, a mysterious little girl always comes by and patches up his bumps and bruises. But will she be able to help him with his toughest test: capturing a princess?</p>
Rachel Bright	The Squirrels Who Squabbled	<p>Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...</p>
Eric Carle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	<p>A much-loved classic, The Very Hungry Caterpillar has won over millions of readers with its vivid and colourful collage illustrations and its deceptively simply, hopeful story. With its die-cut pages and finger-sized holes to explore, this is a richly satisfying book for children.</p>
Nick Sharratt	Shark In The Park	<p>Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Children will delight in peeping through the die-cut holes and guessing what Tim</p>

		has spotted. Is that <i>really</i> a shark he can see? Turn the page and find out . . .
Jill Murphy	Whatever Next!	The moon and back before bath time? Whatever next!  Join Baby Bear as he finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon.
Giles Andreae	Giraffes Can't Dance	Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?  A funny, touching and triumphant picture book story about a giraffe who finds his own tune and confidence too, with joyful illustrations from Guy Parker Rees and a foiled cover.
Julia Donaldson	Superworm	Never fear, Superworm's here! He can fish Spider out of a well, and rescue Toad from a busy road. But who will come to Superworm's rescue, when he's captured by a wicked Wizard Lizard? Luckily, all of Superworm's insect friends have a cunning plan...
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?
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...
Natasha Durley	Creature Feature	This large format book about nature features tough card pages full of brightly illustrated animals, organised by their special features: excellent for young

		readers building their vocabulary and learning about the natural world.
Stacy McAnulty	Planet Awesome!	A humorous, fabulously entertaining and lavishly illustrated introduction to astronomy, geology, natural history and ecology from the point of view of planet Earth herself.
Judith Kerr	The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Sophie and her Mummy are having tea in the kitchen when in walks a hungry tiger who asks to stay to tea. After eating everything, he moves on to Daddy's supper and for good measure also cleans out the fridge and drinks all the water from the tap. When Daddy gets home he decides they should all have supper out and the next day Sophie and Mummy buy an extra big tin of tiger food - just in case the tiger comes back!
Rod Campbell	Dear Zoo	As you lift the flaps in search of an ideal pet, a host of different zoo animals will be revealed, until the right pet is finally discovered. Simple, stylish and highly interactive, this book invites constant re-reading. The sturdy flaps are perfect for small fingers to lift, and children will still love this book when they are ready to start school.
Janet & Allan Ahlberg	The Jolly Postman and Other People's Letters	In this much-loved rhyming tale, join the jolliest of postmen on his daily rounds as he delivers letters to the residents of a fairytale town. While the postman is treated to numerous cups of tea, children will be re-introduced to a host of favourite characters, from the great and good such as Cinderella and the Three Bears, to the not so nice Mr Wolf and the Wicked Witch.