

Year 1 Recommended Reading List – Books to read to your child.

<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.
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!
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.
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.
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 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.
Allan Ahlberg	Funnybones	A family of skeletons and their dog asset out to scare people in the night. But when they find everyone is asleep, they decide to scare themselves instead, with lots of silly jokes.
Shirley Hughes	Dogger	Dogger is Dave's beloved toy animal, who goes missing, only to turn up at the school fete. But can he buy him back before someone else does?
Lynley Dodd	Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy	Hairy Maclary likes to wander off for a walk with his friends. But the scary Scarface Claw is just around the corner. A great book for introducing rhyme.
Nadia Shireen	Billy and the Beast	Billy and her friend Fatcat are enjoying a walk in the woods when they notice that the bunnies and mice have gone missing – and a hungry Beast is collecting ingredients for a terrible soup. An empowering story, full of humour and humanity.
Natasha Durley	Creature Features	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.
Ed Vere	How To Be A Lion	Leonard is a gentle lion: just because you're a lion doesn't mean that you have to roar. A book about ignoring the aggressive voices in our society and lending an ear to our quieter thoughts, this is a warm and reassuring story.
Arree Chung	Mixed	A funny, vibrantly illustrated, allegorical tale that celebrates individual differences and talents and has an inspiring message about understanding and acceptance.
Julia Donaldson	The Smartest Giant in Town	A warm tale about a friendly giant whose heart is better than his dress sense! George wished he wasn't the

		scruffiest giant in town. So when he sees a new shop selling giant-sized clothes, he decides it's time for a new look: smart trousers, smart shirt, stripy tie, shiny shoes. Now he's the smartest giant in town . . . until he bumps into some animals who desperately need his help - and his clothes!
Julia Donaldson	Room on the Broom	Room on the Broom is a British children's book by writer and playwright Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler, which tells the story of a kind witch and her cat who invite a number of other animals to join them whilst travelling on her broomstick.