Year 1 Recommended Reading List

Here is a list of some of our favourite stories for you to share with your child at home. Happy reading!

Look Up! by Nathan Bryan

Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, starcatcher, space-traveller that has ever lived!

Grandad's Secret Giant by David Litchfield

Billy doesn't believe his Grandad when he tells him there's a giant living in his town, doing good deeds for everyone. He knows that a giant is too big to keep himself hidden. And why would he want to keep himself a secret?

Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs

Errol loves gardening, but there isn't enough room in his flat to grow everything that he would like. When he discovers a secret but neglected space at the top of the apartment block, he has a wonderful idea, but to carry it out he'll need some help.

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson

The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. What will happen next as they tumble into a bog and meet a greedy dragon?

Dancing in the Wings by Debbie Allen

Sassy is a long-legged girl who always has something to say. She wants to be a ballerina more than anything, but she worries that her too-large feet, too-long legs, and even her big mouth will keep her from her dream.













Dinosaurs in the Supermarket by Timothy Knapman

There's a T. rex gobbling sausages, a Stegosaurus spilling beans! A Diplodocus in the frozen peas fills the aisles with greens! For one little boy, a trip to the supermarket is turned upside down. A band of dinosaurs wreak havoc in the aisles, but the grownups can't see them! Can he convince the dinosaurs to hehave?

My Monster and Me by Nadiya Hussain

A touching story about a little boy whose worry monster follows him everywhere he goes. It's there when he gets dressed, when he wants to play with his toys, and even when his friends come over to visit. How can we escape his worries?

Dear Earth by Isabel Otter

When Tessa writes a love letter to the Earth, it's the beginning of a glorious adventure. She blows bubbles with whales, soars with birds and joins in with the noisy rainforest hullabaloo! Tessa wants everyone to know how special our planet is.

Dave and the Tooth Fairy by Verna Wilkins

Dave, an enterprising young man who loses (really loses) a tooth, quietly takes his Grandpa's dentures to put under his pillow, hoping to fool the tooth fairy into a big reward.

How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson

Does your woolly mammoth need a wash? It's not a very easy thing to do... Find out exactly how to wash your mammoth in this hilarious instruction manual - just remember don't get any soap in its eyes or it might escape up a tree!











A Boy Like You by Frank Murphy

There's more to being a boy than sports, feats of daring, and keeping a stiff upper lip. A Boy Like You encourages every boy to embrace all the things that make him unique, to be brave and ask for help, to tell his own story and listen to the stories of those around him. In an age when boys are expected to fit into a particular mould, this book celebrates all the wonderful ways to be a boy.



The Little Mermaid by Hannah Eliot

A classic fairy tale gets a fresh twist in this vibrant Caribbean spin on the Little Mermaid! The Little Mermaid longs to know about the world above the ocean. When she's finally old enough to visit, she falls in love with a prince!

This is Our House by Michael Rosen

George says the cardboard house is his and no one else can play in it. It isn't for girls, small people, twins, people with glasses, or people who like tunnels. But Lindy, Marly, Freddie, Charlene, Marlene, Luther, Sophie and Rasheda have other ideas!

Little Green Donkey by Anuska Allepuz

A thought-provoking book about a donkey who fixates on one particular food – grass. Grass is his favourite, and despite what anyone says, little green donkey can't see the point in trying anything else until he catches himself.

You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus by Patricia Cleveland – Pack

You can't take an elephant on the bus ...It would simply cause a terrible fuss! Elephants' bottoms are heavy and fat and would certainly squash the seats quite flat. Never put a camel in a sailing boat, or a tiger on a train, and don't even THINK about asking a whale to ride a bike...











Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman

A long time ago, there lived a princess named Cinnamon. Cinnamon had pearls for eyes. Cinnamon did not talk. Her father and mother offered many riches to anyone who could get Cinnamon to speak. One day a tiger came to the palace, armed with knowledge of the world, and everything changed.

The Emperor of Absurdia by Chris Riddell

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.

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that her classmates will not like her.

The Princess and the Frogs by Veronica Bartles

Once upon a time there was a princess named Cassandra who had everything she could ever wish for...except a pet frog to be her best friend.

Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman

"Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...."













The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches!

The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad

With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky.

Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers by Mairi Hedderwick

Grannie Island doesn't think much of Granma Mainland's fancy ways, but when a prize sheep gets stuck in Boggy Loch on Show Day, it's up to the everresourceful Katie Morag to save the day - with a little help from her two grandmothers...

The Mega Magic Hair Swap by Rochelle Humes

Mai and Rose are best friends but they're not two peas in a pod. Mai has dark hair that is curly and whirly and never stays put. Why couldn't she have perfect hair just like her best friend Rose? Rose has blonde hair, as straight as a ruler, which slips and slides whenever she tries to put it in a pony tail. Why couldn't she have perfect hair just like her best friend Mai?

Mango, Abuela and Me by Meg Medina

Mia's *abuela* has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. The night she arrives, Mia tries to share her favorite book with Abuela before they go to sleep and discovers that Abuela can't read the words inside. So while they cook, Mia helps Abuela learn English, and Mia learns some Spanish too!













Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall

A sweet tale of overcoming your fears, Cornwall captures a moment at the swimming pool between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for. Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swimming test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all.



Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first, it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?

Dougal's Deep-Sea Diary by Simon Bartram

The follow-up to Man on the Moon, featuring Bob's cousin Dougal, who shares the family trait of being unable to see what's going on behind his back. Count the hidden mermaids and mermen guiding Dougal on his search for the lost city of Atlantis.

The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl

The Enormous Crocodile is a horrid greedy grumptious brute who loves to guzzle up little boys and girls. But the other animals have had enough of his cunning tricks, so they scheme to get the better of this foul fiend, once and for all!

Luna Loves Library Day by Joseph Coelho

Every week Luna looks forward to one special day: the day when she discovers magic among the library shelves; the day she gets to spend with her dad. Exploring the books, Luna and her dad find magic, mystery and even start to mend their own history.



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