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“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go” Dr Seuss

Recommended book list

(N.B. many of these texts are easily transferrable to year groups other than those mentioned in the notes and can be used in other contexts)

TITLE	AUTHOR	USEFUL INFORMATION
Pigs Might Fly	Jonathan Emmett	EYFS/Y1 – alternative version of The Three Little Pigs
Peace at Last	Jill Murphy	EYFS
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	EYFS
Mixed Up Fairy Tales	Hilary Robinson	EYFS
The Animal Boogie	Debbie Harker	EYFS
Superworm	Julia Donaldson	EYFS – great rhyming book/boys love this book
Amazing Grace	Caroline Binch	Y2 – Stories from Other Cultures
Gregory Cool	Caroline Binch	Y2 – Stories from Other Cultures
Mama Panya’s Pancakes	Mary and Rich Chamberlain	Y2 – Stories from Other Cultures
The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson	Y2 – nocturnal animals
Daft Bat	Jeanne Willis	Y2 – nocturnal animals
The Magic Bed	John Burningham	Y2 – fits in with SATs task about the magic pebble
Meerkat Mail	Emily Gravett	Y1/Y2 – good for travelling/journeys/Africa
Wolf Won’t Bite !	Emily Gravett	

Percy the Park Keeper stories	Nick Butterworth	KS1 – good links with Science
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr	KS1 KS2 – dialogue
Whatever Next?	Jill Murphy	KS1 – planets
The Terrible Plop	Ursula Dubosarsky	KS1/humour/boys love it
Room on the Broom	Julia Donaldson	Great for KS1
What the Ladybird Heard	Julia Donaldson	
The Jolly Postman	Allan Ahlberg	KS1 – useful for letter and invitation writing and good link to fairy tales
Our Cat Cuddles	Gervase Phinn	KS1 – a story with a twist/rhyming
The Magic Faraway Tree	Enid Blyton	
Dogger	Shirley Hughes	PSHCE
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers	PSHCE
Giraffes Can't Dance	Giles Andreae	Believing in yourself/great for P.E./ rhyming
The Tunnel	Anthony Browne	Stories with Dilemmas/ mystery stories/adventure stories/could be used with Pie Corbett imitation/innovation, developing imagination etc.
The Lighthouse Keeper stories	Ronda Armitage	Good for Pie Corbett retelling and a Summer/seaside theme
The Teddy Robber	Ian Beck	Bear theme/feelings/ imagination/good for Pie Corbett's Boxing Up
A Visitor for Bear The Sniffles for Bear Bedtime for Bear A Birthday for Bear	Bonny Becker	Character relationships/inference/ Prediction/characters' personalities
Emily Brown and the Elephant Emergency	Cressida Cowell	Geography (explorers)/dialogue/inference/how has the author made feelings clear ?

Who's in the Loo ?	Jeanne Willis	Prediction/rhyme
The Bog Baby	Jeanne Willis	
Misery Moo	Jeanne Willis	Friendship/PSHCE
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne	
Huge Bag of Worries	Virginia Ironside	
The Three Horrid Pigs and the Big Friendly Wolf	Liz Pichon	Link to traditional tales with dialogue – different version
The Pea and the Princess	Mini Grey	The story from the pea's point of view!
Stick Man	Julia Donaldson	
Jack and the Flumflum Tree	Julia Donaldson	
A fish Out of Water	Helen Palmer	
The Queen's Knickers	Nicholas Allan	
The Giant Jam Sandwich	John Vernon Lord	
006 and a Bit	Kes Gray	
A Bit Lost	Chris Haughton	
The Story of the Little Mole who knew it was none of his business	Werner Holzwarth	A little bit rude – boys love it !
The Forest The Flower	Helen Ward	KS1/KS2 – Stories in Familiar Settings/environmental issues/how plants grow well
Tin Forest	Helen Ward	
The Dragon Machine	Helen Ward	
The Tailypo: A Ghost Story	Joanna Galdone	KS1/KS2
Traction Man meets Turbo Dog	Mini Grey	KS1 book but used in Y6 as a follow-on to Traction Man (Heroes)
Until I Met Dudley	Roger McGough	Explanation text/fiction vs non fiction
The Wolves in the Walls	Neil Gaiman	Y3 – Stories in Familiar Settings/unit on wolves - non-chronological reports/ instructions on how to trap the wolves

The Hodgeheg	Dick King-Smith	Y3 – Stories in Familiar Settings
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo	Y4 – Stories in Historical Settings/World War I /friendship/promises
Akimbo and the Elephants	Alexander McCall	Y4 – Stories from Other Cultures
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes	Y4 – Science links
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson-Burnett	Y5 – Stories in Historical Settings/Victorians
Goodnight Mr. Tom	Michelle Magorian	Y5 – World War II
The Amazine Story of Adolphus Tips	Michael Morpurgo	World War II/friendship/love
Rose Blanche	Ian McEwan	Y5 – World War II topic – looked at pictures and covered up writing – pupils wrote their own version
A Skull in Shadows Lane	Robert Swindells	Y5 - World War II/AF3
Professor Nutter and the Siren's Wail	David Webb	World War II/PSHCE
Journey to Jo-burg	Beverley Naidoo	Y5 – Stories from Other Cultures/South Africa/ democracy
Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo	Y5 – adventure story and linked with topic of exploration/survival
Henry VIII and his Chopping Block	'Dead Famous' series	Y5 – a good example of a non-fiction text/biography with humour - linked to our Tudor topic
The Water Tower	Gary Crew	Y5/Y6 – horror based picture book
The Rabbits	Shaun Tan	Y5/Y6 – treatment of aboriginals in Australia
The Arrival	Shaun Tan	KS2
The Lost Thing	Shaun Tan	KS2
Tuesday	David Wiesner	KS2

The Mysteries of Harry Burdick	David Wiesner	KS2
Iron Man	Ted Hughes	KS2
Gangsta Granny	David Walliams	KS2 - 'Reading Book Club' text – very popular fun book
Grandma's Teeth	David Webb	Science/PSHCE
I Want my Hat Back	John Klasson	
The Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sachar	Upper KS2 - PSHCE/SEAL/friendship issues/ boys who find it difficult to achieve at school/bullying
I was a Rat	Philip Pullman	Victorians/adventure/PSHCE
Room 13	Robert Swindells	Good for looking at strategies for building tension/suspense in writing
Ma'at's Feather	Juliet Desailly	Egyptians
Cool	Michael Morpurgo	PSHCE
Stitch Head	Guy Bass	Feeling unwanted
Charlie Cook's Favourite Book	Julia Donaldson	
George Scares the World by Lunchtime	Dr. Jo Readman	Environmental theme
Weslandia	Paul Fleischman	Bullying/PSHCE/new beginnings/ Other worlds/friendship
How to Live Forever	Colin Thompson	
The Garden	Gillian Linscott	Narrative/cross curricular links/ Native American/powerful descriptive language
Mr Men and Little Miss Stories	Roger Hargreaves	Stories by the same author/author is from Cleckheaton – children wrote their own Mr or Miss story to promote reading
The Drop in my Drink	Meredith Hooper	Water cycle
The Pebble in my Pocket	Meredith Hooper	Rock cycle
Stuck	Oliver Jeffers	Problem solving
Gorilla	Anthony Brown	Good for speaking and listening/diary entries/letters/PSHCE

Jumanji	Chris Van Allsburg	Adventure stories/great images
The Green Ship	Quentin Blake	Stories in Imaginary Worlds
Tadpole's Promise	Jeanne Willis	Life Cycles/prediction/PSHCE
Two Frogs	Chris Wormell	
Window	Jeannie Baker	The environment (no words)
Mirror	Jeannie Baker	
The Colour of Home	Mary Hoffman	Stories from Other Cultures
Siddharth and Rinki	Addy Farmer	Stories from Other Cultures
Short!	Kevin Crossley-Holland	A book of very short stories – great for guided reading
It's a Book!	Lane Smith	Compares technology with a book – very clever and very funny

Please feel free to select any of these books and think about these key questions when selecting your book:

1. Why are you choosing this book?
2. How will you help children to enjoy this book?
3. What practical strategies will you use to make the book exciting?
4. How long will the book take to read?
5. How will you show the children the book? How will you make it accessible?
6. How could you adapt this book for a younger/older audience?
7. What will the outcome of your teaching be? What do you want the children to have achieved?

Remember if you love the book, this will come through in your lesson and the children will be more likely to love it too.

Remember:

“To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark” (Victor Hugo, Les Miserables)

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island” (Walt Disney)