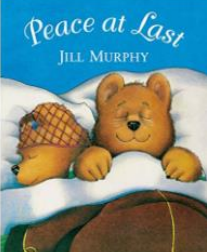
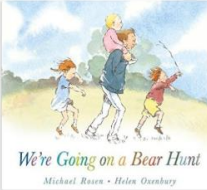
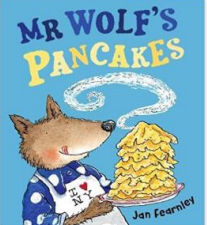

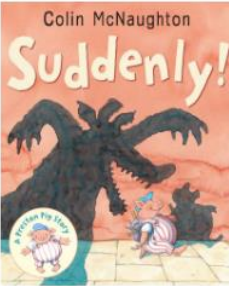
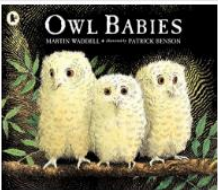
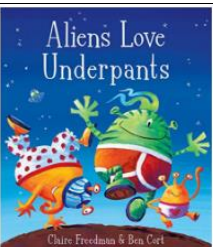
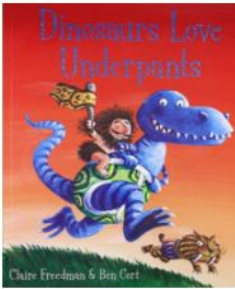
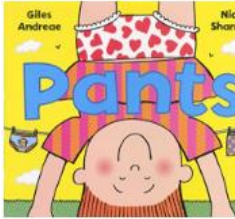


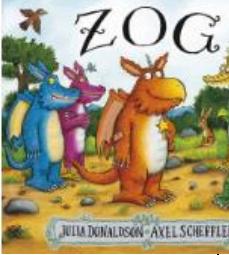
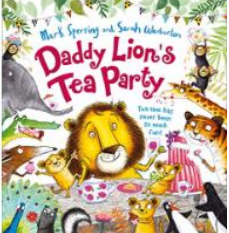
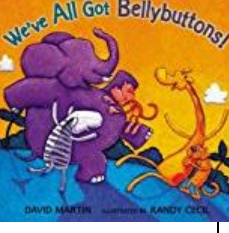
## 40 Recommended Reading Books for Year 1

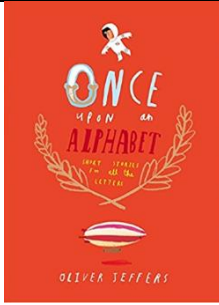
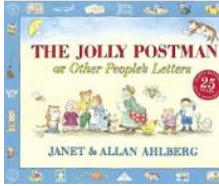
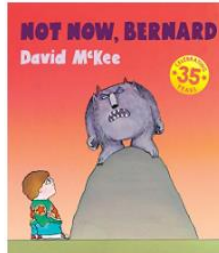
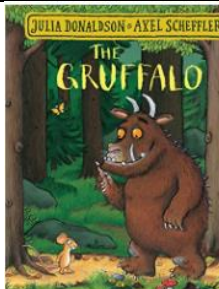
We have carefully selected books that will capture your imagination. This list contains some descriptions so you can choose books that relate to your personal interests.

Title		Author	Blurb	Review	Read
<b>Peace at Last</b>		Jill Murphy	<p><i>The hour was late and Mr Bear was tired. But he could not sleep - however he tried and wherever he tried.</i></p>		
<b>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</b>		Michael Rosen	<p><i>We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one.</i> Will you come too? For a quarter of a century, readers have been swishy-swashying and splash-splashing through this award-winning favourite. Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!</p>		
<b>Mr Wolf's Pancakes</b>		Jan Fearnley	<p>Mr Wolf fancies some tasty pancakes but he doesn't know how to make them! Asking his neighbours is of no use they're a mean and horrible lot who refuse to help. Poor Mr Wolf! He has to work it out all by himself. But what happens when those nasty neighbours want to help Mr Wolf eat his delicious pancakes?</p>		
<b>The Wonder</b>		Faye Hanson	<p>This is a story about a boy whose head is always full of wonder. We follow him on an average-seeming school day, where his daydreams transform the world around him. Unfortunately lots of other people - the park keeper, the bus driver, the lollipop</p>		

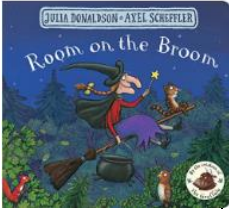
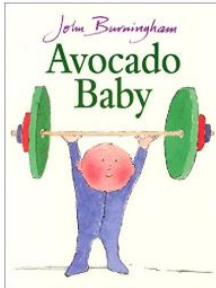
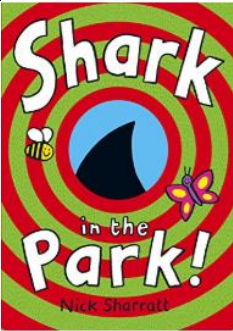
			<p>lady - all tell him to get his head out of the clouds. It is only in art class that he realises he can bring the wonder out of his head for the whole world to enjoy.</p>		
<b>Suddenly</b>		Colin McNaughton	<p>A little pig is walking down the street, unaware of the hungry wolf waiting around the corner, when SUDDENLY the pig remembers he has left something behind and turns away at the last second, leaving the wolf to fall flat on his face. The wolf pursues the little pig throughout the day, but each time, quite unaware, the pig evades him until in the end the wolf gets his come-uppance in an unexpected and hilarious way.</p>		
<b>Owl Babies</b>		Martin Waddell	<p>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.</p>		
<b>Alien's Love Underpants</b>		Claire Freedman & Ben Cort	<p>"Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...."</p> <p>This zany, hilarious tale is delightfully brought to life by Ben Cort's vibrant illustrations. With a madcap, rhyming text by award-winning Claire</p>		



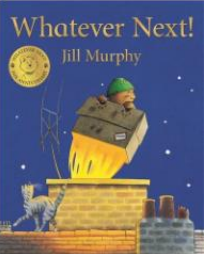


			<p>Freedman, this is sure to enchant and amuse the whole family!</p> <p>Perfect for joining in, this story is fantastically fresh and funny - you'll laugh your pants off!</p>		
<p><b>Dinosaurs Love Underpants</b></p>		<p>Claire Freedman &amp; Ben Cort</p>	<p>The hilarious follow-up to the award-winning <i>Aliens Love Underpants!</i></p> <p>The mystery of dinosaur extinction is solved! Scientists have plenty of theories about why dinosaurs are extinct, but the UK's bestselling author/illustrator team of Claire Freedman and Ben Cort knows the real answer: The dinos were wiped out in an Underpants War!.</p>		
<p><b>Pants</b></p>		<p>Giles Andreae</p>	<p>Small children (and lots of adults!) love pants. They love talking about pants. They giggle whenever pants are mentioned. Let's face it - pants are VERY FUNNY! PANTS is a picture book with a brilliant rhyming text by Giles Andreae and lots of hilarious pictures by Nick Sharratt. As we go through the book we meet lots of different animals, people and sometimes inanimate objects each wearing a different kind of pants - every shape, pattern, colour, size and style that you can think of - and lots more besides! This book will make children laugh and they will ask for it again and again. PANTS - which ones are your favourite?</p>		

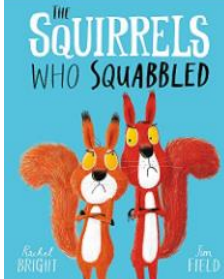
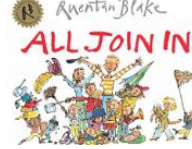
<p><b>Zog</b></p>		<p>Julia Donaldson</p>	<p>Zog is the keenest dragon in school. He's also the most accident-prone. Luckily, a mysterious little girl always comes by and patches up his bumps and bruises. But will she be able to help him with his toughest test: capturing a princess? A wonderfully funny new story from the creators of The Gruffalo and Stick Man.</p>		
<p><b>Daddy Lion's Tea Party</b></p>		<p>Mark Sperring</p>	<p>Feeding time at the zoo has never been so much fun! A hilarious new picture book from the creators of 'Mabel and Me' and 'Max and the Won't Go to Bed Show'.  Daddy Lion is having a polite and genteel tea party for his cubs. They want to invite all their friends but Daddy says no; he doesn't want the pot-bellied pigs hogging the cream buns or Skunk pooh, pong, stinking the place out!  But things do not go quite as planned...!</p>		
<p><b>We've All Got Belly Buttons</b></p>		<p>David Martin</p>	<p>We've got ears, and so do you. We can pull them. Can you? We've got hands for clapping, like monkeys, feet for kicking, like zebras, and lots more too. But best of all – we've all got bellybuttons for tickle-tickling!  Young children will love following the actions of these little animals and their families to discover all the wonderful ways their bodies can move!</p>		

<p>Once Upon An Alphabet</p>		<p>Oliver Jeffers</p>	<p>The most inventive and irresistible book of the year spans a mere 26 letters (don't they all!) and 112 pages. From an <b>A</b>stronaut who's afraid of heights, to a <b>B</b>ridge that ends up burned between friends, to a <b>C</b>up stuck in a cupboard and longing for freedom, <i>Once Upon an Alphabet</i> is a creative tour de force from A through Z. Slyly funny in a way kids can't resist, and gorgeously illustrated in a way readers of all ages will pour over, this series of interconnected stories and characters explores the alphabet in a way that will forever raise the bar.</p>		
<p>The Jolly Postman</p>		<p>Janet &amp; Allan Ahlberg</p>	<p>Join the Jolly Postman on his rounds as he delivers cards and letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, and more! This classic and innovative story includes six envelopes with pull-out letters and cards</p>		
<p>Not Now Bernard</p>		<p>David McKee</p>	<p>Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster... and that doesn't go quite to plan.</p>		
<p>The Gruffalo</p>		<p>Julia Donaldson</p>	<p><i>A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good.</i></p> <p>Walk further into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when a</p>		

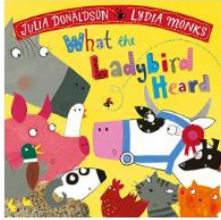
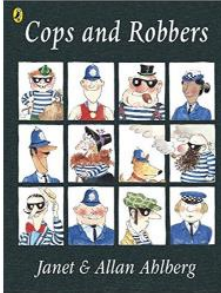
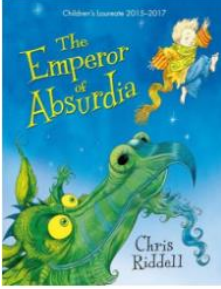
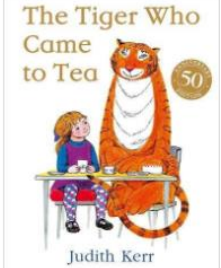


			quick-witted mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake... and a hungry Gruffalo!		
<b>Room on the Broom</b>		Julia Donaldson	<p><i>How the cat purred and how the witch grinned, As they sat on their broomstick and flew through the wind.</i></p> <p>The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. Luckily, they are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, who are all keen for a ride on the broom. It's a case of the more, the merrier, but the broomstick isn't used to such a heavy load and it's not long before... SNAP! It breaks in two! And with a greedy dragon looking for a snack, the witch's animal pals better think fast!</p>		
<b>Avocado Baby</b>		John Burningham	The Hargraves want their new baby to grow up big and strong. But the puny mite will hardly eat a thing. One day Mrs Hargraves finds an avocado in the fruit bowl and the baby gobbles it up. Soon, the strangest things start to happen...		
<b>Shark in the Park</b>		Nick Sharratt	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 has spotted. Is that <i>really</i> a shark he can see? Turn the page and find out . . .		

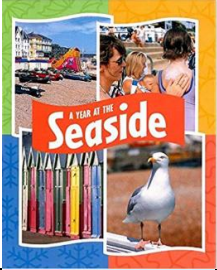
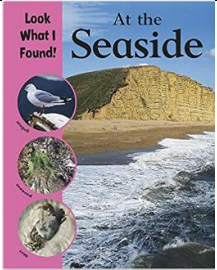

<p><b>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</b></p>		<p>Eric Carl</p>	<p>This much-loved classic picture book follows the caterpillar's week while he eats through a range of foods in preparation for his hibernation and subsequent appearance as a beautiful butterfly.</p>		
<p><b>Lost and Found</b></p>		<p>Oliver Jeffers</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.</p>		
<p><b>Whatever Next!</b></p>		<p>Jill Murphy</p>	<p>The moon and back before bath time? Whatever next!</p> <p>Join Baby Bear as he finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon.</p>		
<p><b>Oi Frog</b></p>		<p>Kes Gray</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>		
<p><b>Spinderella</b></p>		<p>Julia Donaldson</p>	<p>A fantastic new picture book all about a football-playing spider, written by Julia Donaldson, author of The Gruffalo, with glorious full colour illustrations from the talented Sebastian Braun and a sparkling, glittery foiled cover.</p>		

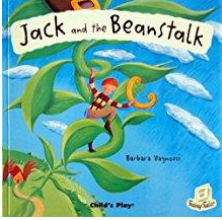
<p><b>The Snail and the Whale</b></p>		<p>Julia Donaldson</p>	<p><i>"How I long to sail!" said the tiny snail.</i></p> <p>One little snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of an enormous whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail's big plan that saves the day.</p>		
<p><b>The Squirrels Who Squabbled</b></p>		<p>Rachel Bright</p>	<p>Two greedy squirrels learn to share in the third hilarious rhyming adventure from the bestselling creators of <i>The Lion Inside</i> and <i>The Koala Who Could</i>.</p> <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>		
<p><b>The Lion Inside</b></p>		<p>Rachel Bright</p>	<p>A feel good rhyming story about one little mouse trying to make himself heard and discovering along the way that even the smallest of us has the heart of a lion.</p>		
<p><b>All Join In</b></p>		<p>Quinten Blake</p>	<p>This book is a rumbustious, rollicking and above all noisy collection of seven exuberant poems, perfect for chanting aloud, that are</p>		



			brilliantly illustrated by the incomparable Quentin Blake. The collection includes 'All Join In', 'The Hooter Song', 'Nice Weather for Ducks' and 'Sorting Out the Kitchen Pans'. Who could possibly resist?		
What the Ladybird Heard		Julia Donaldson	Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len are two crafty robbers with a cunning plan to steal the farmer's fine prize cow. But little do they know that the tiniest, quietest creature of all has overhead their plot, and she has a plan of her own . . .		
Cops and Robbers		Janet & Allan Ahlberg	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.		
The Emperor of Absurdia		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 boy as he tumbles out of bed into a dreamland of wardrobe monsters, dragons - and amazing adventure.		
The Tiger Who Came To Tea		Judith Kerr	The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!		

<p><b>Dinosaurs in the Supermarket</b></p>		<p>Timothy Knapman</p>	<p>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 grown-ups can't see them! Can he convince the dinosaurs to behave? Who will mop up the mess?</p>		
<p><b>North Pole, South Pole</b></p>		<p>Nancy Smiler Levinson and Diane Dawson Hearn.</p>	<p>An excellent non-fiction book about the North and South Poles that provides kids with a clear introduction to the Arctic's climate, seasons, animals, plants, and people.</p>		
<p><b>Snow Penguin</b></p>		<p>Tony Mitton</p>	<p>In the frozen Antarctic, one curious little penguin decides to explore the ice and the snow and the sea. On his travels he sees two blue whales, a family of sea lions and a whole school of orca, but soon Penguin starts to miss his <i>own</i> family. Sometimes coming home is the best adventure of all.</p> <p>Told in rhyming couplets, this feel-good book is perfect for bedtimes and cuddle-up times. From bestselling author Tony Mitton, and beautifully illustrated by Alison Brown.</p>		
<p><b>You Choose in Space</b></p>		<p>Pippa Goodhart</p>	<p>Zoom off into space for an adventure where YOU CHOOSE what happens next. Which alien would you most like to be friends with? And what fantastically freaky food will you decide to munch for lunch?</p> <p>The possibilities are infinite</p>		

			in this mesmerising creative toolkit which will inspire children from 3 up to make their own stories time and again - a spectacular sequel to the bestselling You Choose - it's out of this world!		
<b>At the Seaside(A Year)</b>		Sally Hewitt	Explores four fascinating locations and the people and creatures that live there		
<b>At The Seaside (Look What I Found!)</b>		Paul Humphrey	This is the perfect book to explore the topic of the seaside with a young child, perhaps before or after their own trip. It features large photographs, clear and interesting descriptions of the things you find at the seaside, including both plants and animals, and just the right amount of text for early readers. The book ties in with Key stage 1 Science and Geography as it explores habitats, species and landscape. It also promotes observation and the 'Look and Find' feature encourages simple referencing skills.		
<b>Little Red Riding Hood</b>		Ed Bryan	Little Red Riding Hood sets out into the forest to take a basket of goodies to her poorly grandma. Along the way, she adds to her stores, picking beautiful flowers, gathering fallen acorns and receiving a gift of some nice, sticky honey. She thinks these treats will cheer up her grandma. But little does she know that they could just save her from the Big Bad Wolf .		

<p><b>Jack and the Beanstalk</b></p>		<p>Barbara Vagnozzi</p>	<p>Step into the magical world of Child's Play fairy tales... Traditional tales are a well-established part of all cultures. Retold from the originals, these lively stories will captivate readers with their delightful illustrations and fun lift-up flaps which really add to the action. The 'flip-up' flaps encourage prediction and discussion, and well-known stories will give young readers confidence.</p>		
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