Reception Suggested Reading List

Our aim is to develop children's love of reading. This list provides a range of genres and difficulties to encourage children to read by themselves and with an adult.

Reception key texts

Colour monster by Anna Llenas
Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival
Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Tadpoles Promise by Jeanne Willis
Squirrels' Busy Day by Lucy Barnard
Jack and the Beanstalk by Anna Millbourne
The Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram
Look Up! by Nathan Bryon
Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman
Beegu by Alexis Deacon
Tiddler by Julia Donaldson
Clean Up by Nathan Bryon
Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
The Koala Who Could by Rachel Bright and Jim Field
The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright and Jim Field
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
The Invisible String by Patrice Karst
Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud
Happy in Our Skin by Fran Manushkin
What's Going on Inside My Head? By Molly Potter

Physical Development

From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
Walking Through the Jungle by Julie Lacome
Dinosaur Roar! by Henrietta Stickland and Paul Stickland
The Busy Body Book: A Kid's Guide to Fitness by Lizzy Rockwell
Get Up and Go! by Nancy Carlson
Healthy Me: Exercise and Play by Ryan Wheatcroft
Kangaroo's Guide to Keeping Fit by Jane Clarke

Mathematics

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin

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Ten Little Dinosaurs by Mike Brownlow
One Is a Snail, Ten Is a Crab by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre
What's the Time, Mr Wolf? by Debi Gliori

Understanding the World

We're Going On A Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
Elmer by David McKee
Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne
Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae
Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow
Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis

Expressive Arts and Design

The Story Orchestra: The Planets by Jessica Courtney Tickle
The Music Man by Julia Donaldson
The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

Henri's Scissors by Jeanette Winter
Publisher: Beach Lane Books
ISBN: 978-1481461311

Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity! By Sarah Suzuki
Publisher: The Museum of Modern Art, New York
ISBN: 978-0870707962

Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos by Monica Brown
Publisher: NorthSouth Books
ISBN: 978-0735842692

Through Georgia's Eyes by Rachel Rodríguez
Publisher: Henry Holt & Co.
ISBN: 978-0805061060

Ablaze with Colour by Jeanne Walker Harvey
Publisher: HarperCollins
ISBN: 978-0062411219

Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing by Kay Haring
Publisher: Dial Books
ISBN: 978-0525428198

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Camille and the Sunflowers by Laurence Anholt
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books
ISBN: 978-0711225181

Monet and the Impressionists by Laurence Anholt
Publisher: Frances Lincoln
ISBN: 978-0711225198

Picasso and the Girl with a Ponytail by Laurence Anholt
Publisher: Frances Lincoln
ISBN: 978-0711225204

Katie and the Waterlily Pond by James Mayhew
Publisher: Orchard Books
ISBN: 978-1852136053

If Picasso Painted a Snowman by Amy Newbold
Publisher: Tilbury House
ISBN: 978-0884487706

Poetry Recommendations

Out and About: A First Book of Poems by Shirley Hughes
A Great Big Cuddle by Michael Rosen
Wriggle and Roar! Rhymes to Join In With by Julia Donaldson
All Join In by Quentin Blake

Non-Fiction Recommendations

William Bee's Wonderful World of Tractors and Farm Machines by William Bee
ISBN: 9781843653257
My Encyclopaedia of Very Important Animals by DK
ISBN: 9780241276358
Let's Build a House by Mick Manning
ISBN: 9780749633714
Peep Inside Night-Time by Anna Milbourne
ISBN: 9789862039076
Yucky Worms by Vivian French
ISBN: 9780763644468
Chickens Aren't the Only Ones by Ruth Heller
ISBN: 9789684199514

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Additional Recommended Reads

Burglar Bill by Allan Ahlberg
Supertato by Sue Hendra
Zim Zam Zoom by James Carter
Oi Frog! by Kes Gray
One Day On Our Blue Planet: In The Savannah by Ella Bailey
Suddenly! by Colin McNaughton
Hooray for Fish! by Lucy Cousins
Pattan's Pumpkin: An Indian Flood Story by Chitra Soundar
Surprising Sharks by Nicola Davies
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd
Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches by Julie Fulton
All Aboard For Bobo Road by Stephen Davies
Mog The Forgetful Cat by Judith Kerr
Tad by Benji Davies
The Fish Who Could Wish by John Bush
Blue Monster Wants It All! by Jeanne Wills
Usborne Fairy Tales For Little Children by Various
Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore
You Choose by Pippa Goodhart
I am a Tiger by Karl Newson
The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
How To Catch A Star by Oliver Jeffers
Puffin Peter by Petr Horacek
You Can't Take An Elephant On The Bus by Patricia Cleveland-Peck
Aaaarrgghh Spider! by Lydia Monks
I am a Tiger by Karl Newson
Naughty Bus by Jan Oke
Small Knight & George & The Royal Chocolate Cake by Ronda Armitage
Anna Hibiscus' Song by Atinuke
Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell
The Teddy Robber by Ian Beck
Oi! Get Off Our Train by John Burningham
Shark in the Park! by Nick Sharratt