



## **Book Suggestions to Develop the Reader Key Stage 1**

Here is our selection of books for Years 1 and 2, carefully chosen to further develop the reader. There is a mixture of classics as well as lesser-known books to choose from.

### **Challenging & Developing Young Readers**

There are five types of texts that it would be beneficial for all children have access to in order for them to successfully navigate reading a wide range of books with confidence. These texts are complex beyond the usual level of demand and require more from the reader than other types of books.

#### Archaic Language

The vocabulary, grammar and cultural references of texts over 50 or 100 years old are vastly different and usually more complex than texts written today.

#### Non-Linear Time Sequences

In most stories, time tends to unfold with consistency; a story is narrated in a given style with a structure that remains the same. In more complex books, time moves in fits and start. It sometimes doubles back. The only way to master such books is to have read them time and again and to be carefully introduced to them by a thoughtful teacher or parent.

#### Narratively Complex

Books are sometimes narrated by an unreliable narrator. Some books have non-human narrators such as the horse that tells the story in *Black Beauty*. Others have multiple intertwined and apparently (for a time) unrelated plot lines. These are far harder to read than books with a single plot line and children need to experience these as well.

#### Symbolic Texts

Texts which have metaphorical or symbolic meaning. This indirect approach creates complexity by attaching additional meaning to an object, action or name.

#### Resistant Texts

These are texts written to deliberately resist easy meaning-making by readers; perhaps half of the poems ever written fall into this category. Meaning has to be assembled around nuances, hints, uncertainties and clues.

# Archaic Texts

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
<b>The Magic Faraway Tree (4 Book Series)</b>	Enid Blyton	1943	224
<b>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</b>	Paul Galdone	1973	24
<b>The Tale of Peter Rabbit (23 Book Series)</b>	Beatrix Potter	1901	69
<b>The Ugly Duckling</b>	Hans Christian Anderson	1844	44
<b>The Little House</b>	Virginia Lee Burton	1942	40
<b>The Cat in the Hat</b>	Dr. Suess	1957	64
<b>Goodnight Moon</b>	Margaret Wise Brown	1947	32
<b>The Little Prince</b>	Antoine de Saint-Exupery	1943	96
<b>Aesop's Fables</b> (e.g. The Hare and the Tortoise, The Boy Who Cries Wolf, The Monkey as King etc.)	Aesop	N/A	N/A
<b>Traditional Stories</b> (e.g. Sleeping Beauty, Rumpelstiltskin, Rapunzel, Puss-in-Boots, The Princess and the Pea, Pinocchio, The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Jack and the Beanstalk)	Various Authors	N/A	N/A
<b>The Frog Prince</b>	Brothers Grimm	1812	90
<b>Traditional Nursery Rhymes</b>	Various Authors	N/A	N/A
<b>The Frog (poem)</b>	Hilarie Belloc	1896	N/A
<b>A Good Play, The Swing and My Shadow (poems)</b>	Robert Louis Stevenson	1888	N/A
<b>The Owl and the Pussycat</b>	Edward Lear	1871	24
<b>Where the Wild Things Are</b>	Maurice Sendak	1963	48
<b>The More it Snows (poem)</b>	A.A. Milne	1928	N/A
<b>Who Has Seen the Wind (poem)</b>	Christina Rossetti	1872	N/A
<b>The Three Little Kittens (poem)</b>	Eliza Lee Follen	1860	N/A
<b>Make Way for Little Ducklings</b>	Robert McCloskey	1941	76
<b>The Night Before Christmas (poem)</b>	Clement Clarke Moore	1823	32

# Non-Linear Time Sequences

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
<b>Voices in the Park</b>	Anthony Brown	1998	32
<b>The Trouble with Trolls</b>	Jan Brett	1992	32
<b>Black and White</b>	David Macaulay	1990	32
<b>Grandpa</b>	John Burningham	2003	32
<b>One Candle</b>	Eve Bunting	2002	40
<b>The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales</b>	Jon Scieszka	1993	56
<b>When the Rains Come</b>	Tom Pow	2012	48
<b>Three Brave Women</b>	C.L.G. Martin	1991	32
<b>The Summer My Father Was Ten</b>	Pat Brisson	1998	32

## Narratively Complex

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
<b>Chester</b>	Melanie Watt	2007	32
<b>Voices in the Park</b>	Anthony Brown	1998	32
<b>And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon</b>	Janet Stevens	2001	56
<b>The Very Smart Pea and the Princess to Be</b>	Mini Grey	2003	32
<b>Fantastic Mr Fox</b>	Roald Dahl	1970	112
<b>Hey Little Ant</b>	Hannah and Phillip Hoose	1998	28
<b>The Little House</b>	Virginia Lee Burton	1942	40
<b>I Doko, The Tale of a Basket</b>	Ed Young	2004	32
<b>Come Away From the Water, Shirley</b>	John Burningham	1977	32
<b>The Teddy Bear</b>	David McPhail	2002	32
<b>The Day the Crayons Quit</b>	Drew Daywalt	2013	40
<b>The Wolf Story: What Really Happened to Little Red Riding Hood</b>	Toby Forward	2005	32
<b>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</b>	John Scieszka	1989	32
<b>The Three Little Wolves and the Big</b>	Eugene Trivizas	1993	32

# Symbolic Text

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
<b>Grandad's Island</b>	Benji Davies	2015	32
<b>Wanted: The Perfect Pet</b>	Fiona Robertson	2009	32
<b>Owl Babies</b>	Martin Waddell	1992	32
<b>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</b>	Judith Kerr	1968	32
<b>Slug Needs a Hug</b>	Jeanne Willis	2015	32
<b>Where the Wild Things Are</b>	Maurice Sendak	1963	48
<b>The Heart and the Bottle</b>	Oliver Jeffers	2010	32
<b>Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish</b>	Michael Foreman	1993	32
<b>Scissors (poem)</b>	Allen Ahlberg	1983	N/A
<b>I Do Not Mind You Winter Wind (poem)</b>	Jack Prelutsky	1984	N/A
<b>The Red Tree</b>	Shaun Tan	2001	32
<b>The Chickens Build a Wall</b>	Jean-François Dumont	2013	32
<b>Red Kite, Blue Kite</b>	Ji-li Jiang	2013	32
<b>The Lotus Seed</b>	Sherry Garland	1997	32
<b>The Building Boy</b>	Ross Montgomery	2016	32

# Resistant Texts

Name of Book	Author	Year	Pages
<b>The Book With No Pictures</b>	B.J. Novak	2016	48
<b>Lost and Found</b>	Oliver Jeffers	2005	32
<b>Tadpole's Promise</b>	Jeanne Willis	2003	32
<b>Wolves</b>	Emily Gravett	2005	40
<b>The Colour Monster</b>	Anna Llenas	2012	48
<b>Not Now Bernard</b>	David McKee	1980	32
<b>Ning Nang Nong (poem)</b>	Spike Milligan	1959	N/A
<b>The Red Tree</b>	Shaun Tan	2001	32
<b>Mirror</b>	Jeanne Baker	2010	48

## Other Books to Consider

These books are recommended for Years 1 and 2. Each year group gradually increases in emotional or plot complexity and contains a mixture of modern books and classics.

### Year 1

Hairy Maclary	Lynley Dodd
The Large Family Collection	Jill Murphy
Charlie and Lola	Lauren Child
The Smartest Giant in Town	Julia Donaldson
The Gruffalo's Child	Julia Donaldson
The Gigantic Turnip	Aleksei Tolstoy
The Whisperer	Nick Butterworth
Mrs Armitage on Wheels	Quentin Blake
The Trouble with Jack	Shirley Hughes
My Friend Bear	Jez Alborough
Avocado Baby	John Burningham
A Bear Called Paddington	Michael Bond
Funnybones	Allan Ahlberg
The Hodgeheg	Dick King-Smith
The Jolly Postman	Allan Ahlberg
Mister Magnolia	Quentin Blake
Katie Morag Series	Mairi Hedderwick
Frog and Toad are Friends	Arnold Lobel
The Princess and the Pea	Minnie Grey
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman
Don't Forget the Bacon	Pat Hutchins
Emperor of Absurdia	Chris Riddell
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Jon Scieszka
The Elephany and the Bad Baby	Raymond Briggs
Cops and Robbers	Janet and Allan Ahlberg
Knuffle Bunny	Mo Williams
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers
Beegu	Alexis Deacon
Traditional Fairy Stories	

## Year 2

Cat Who Lost His Purr	Michelle Coxon
Frightened Fred	Peta Coplans
Friends	Kim Lewis
Mog Stories	Judith Kerr
Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Jan Fearnley
Frog is Frog	Max Velthuijjs
Cat and Mouse Story	Michael Rosen
The Snow Lady	Shirley Hughes
Grace and Family	Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
The Adventures of Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey
The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine
Little Wolf's Book of Badness	Ian Whybrow
The Magic Finger	Roald Dahl
Mrs Wobble the Waitress	Allan Alhberg
Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind	Jeremy Strong
George's Marvellous Medicine	Roald Dahl
The Giraffe, Pelly and Me	Roald Dahl
The Guard Dog	Dick King-Smith
Emily's Legs	Dick King-Smith
Pumpkin Soup	Helen Cooper
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book	Lauren Childs
Traction Man is Here	Mini Grey
Tuesday	David Wiesner
<b>Usborne Books:</b>	
The First Encyclopaedia of the Human Body	
The First Encyclopaedia of Animals	
The First Encyclopaedia of Seas and Oceans	
The Children's World Atlas (internet linked)	
Pocket Science Books	
The First Encyclopaedia of Science	
<b>Watt's Great Events Books:</b>	
The Great Fire of London	
Gun Powder Plot	
<b>Watt's Famous People Series:</b>	
Florence Nightingale	
Louis Braille	
George Stephenson	
Thomas Edison	