

### Reading at home

This is a great time to read some of the best children's books so we have made up a list of suggestions of classic children's books that your children might enjoy. The chart shows recommendations by year group as a guide - these are books that should be accessible to children of that age. If your children might find these too challenging, feel free to look at other year groups too.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Where the Wild Things Are - Maurice Sendak	The Velveteen Rabbit - Margery Williams	Winnie the Pooh - AA Milne	Flour Babies - Anne Fine	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - L Frank Baum	The Borrowers - Mary Norton	Swallows and Amazons- Arthur Ransome
Paddington - Michael Bond	Rainbow Fish - Marcus Pfister	The Worst Witch - Jill Murphy	The Iron Man - Ted Hughes	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll	The Indian in the Cupboard - Lynne Reid Banks	Clockwork - Philip Pullman
Winnie the Witch - Valerie Thomas	Funnybones - Allan Ahlberg	Peter Pan - JM Barrie	Mary Poppins - PL Travers	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - CS Lewis	Tom's Midnight Garden - Phillipa Pearce	What Katy Did - Susan Coolidge
Peter Rabbit - Beatrix Potter	The Owl and the Pussycat - Edward Lear	George's Marvellous Medicine - Roald Dahl	Charlotte's Web - EB White	Bedknob and Broomstick - Mary Norton	Stig of the Dump - Clive King	The Railway Children - Edith Nesbit
The Tiger that Came to Tea - Judith Kerr	Whatever Next! - Jill Murphy	Mr Majeika - Humphrey Carpenter	Pippi Longstocking - Astrid Lindgren	The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett	Skellig - David Almond	The Hobbit - JRR Tolkien
We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen	Dogger - Shirley Hughes	Flat Stanley - Jeff Brown	101 Dalmatians - Dodie Smith	Heidi - Johanna Spyri	Goodnight Mister Tom - Michelle Magorian	Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo

\*see links below

*Ideas to get your children reading:*

- Read as a family
- Parents/carers read to children
- Facetime a relative and read to them (older relatives might really appreciate this)
- Put on character voices
- Set up a book club with a friend and discuss your book
- Choose a book from the chart that you enjoyed when you were a child
- Choose a book from the chart that you haven't read
- If you read a book from the chart and enjoy it, read another one by the same author
- Listen to an audio book

*Ideas to develop comprehension (understanding) of what they've read:*

- Write a book review
- Act out scenes from the book
- Discuss each chapter -  
What have we learnt about each character?  
What do think will happen next?  
How would you describe the main character?  
What would you have done in that situation?  
Summarise the chapter.
- Look up words you don't know together
- Keep a journal of what you've read - give books star ratings, explain what you enjoyed about it, who would you recommend it to?