

Suggested Reading Material for Primary School Children

- ❖ Here is a list of suggestions of suitable books for Primary School children. It is not a prescriptive list - these are only suggestions! The list is merely a starting point. We would welcome your suggestions too!

The list begins with picture books for younger readers and gradually get more challenging in terms of reading level and subject matter.

Picture Books

- ❖ Picture books by any of the following authors can provide a good starting point for shared/ independent reading: Martin Waddell, Julia Donaldson, Nick Sharratt, Anthony Browne, Shirley Hughes, Lauren Child, Janet and Allan Ahlberg, Oliver Jeffers, Eric Carle, John Burningham, Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick.
- ❖ Charlie and Lola series- Lauren Child
- ❖ Mr. Men and Little Miss series- Roger Hargreaves
- ❖ Elmer the Elephant series- David McKee
- ❖ Underpants series- Claire Freedman
- ❖ Winnie the Witch series- Valerie Thomas and Paul Korky
- ❖ Meg and Mog series- Helen Nicoll
- ❖ Dr. Seuss Series
- ❖ Guess How Much I Love You- Sam Mc Bratney
- ❖ Author-Julia Donaldson e.g.
 - The Gruffalo
 - Monkey Puzzle
 - A Squash and a squeeze
 - The Troll
 - Tiddler
 - Night Monkey Day Monkey etc
- ❖ The Very Hungry Caterpillar- Eric Carle
- ❖ Where The Wild Things Are- Maurice Sendack
- ❖ Author-Anthony Browne- e.g.
 - Gorilla
 - My Dad
 - My Mom etc
- ❖ Mr. Wolf's Pancakes- Jan Fearnley
- ❖ Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy- Lynley Dodd
- ❖ Author-Martin Waddell e.g.
 - Owl Babies
 - Can't you sleep little bear
 - Snow Bear etc

- ❖ Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs- Ian Whybrow
- ❖ Jill Murphy- Five Minute's Peace
- ❖ Ten in the bed- Penny Dale
- ❖ We're Going On A Bear Hunt- Michael Rosen
- ❖ Duck In The Truck- Jez Alborough
- ❖ Author-Giles Andreae e.g.
 - Giraffes Can't Dance
 - Commotion in the Ocean
 - Rumble in the Jungle
 - Pants etc
- ❖ The Bear's picnic- Stan and Jan Berenstain
- ❖ The tiger who came to tea- Judith Kerr
- ❖ Fairy tales e.g. The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks, The Gingerbread Man, Cinderella etc
- ❖ Izzy and Skunk by Marie Louise Fitzpatrick
- ❖ Aldo - John Burningham
- ❖ Don't put your Finger in the Jelly Nelly! - Nick Sharratt
- ❖ The Tiny Seed - Eric Carle
- ❖ Dogger - Shirley Hughes
- ❖ Lost and Found - Oliver Jeffers
- ❖ Burglar Bill - Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- ❖ Usbourne Farmyard Tales Series
- ❖ Rainbow Magic Fairy books
- ❖ Holly Webb Animal Stories eg. The Kitten Nobody Wanted
- ❖ Animal Ark Series - Lucy Daniels
- ❖ O'Brien Solos series
- ❖ Usbourne Beginners Non Fiction Books eg. Bugs or tadpoles and Frogs
- ❖ Non fiction/ Information books published by Dorling Kindersley
(These usually have a suggested reading age printed on the back cover. Many reluctant readers may be enticed to read these books as they have many diagrams and stunning pictures with labels on wide ranging topics such as Insects and Ancient Egypt.)

Books for emerging and developing Readers

- ❖ Author- Joe O'Brien
 - Alfie Green series
- ❖ Author- Michael Morpurgo
 - Cool!
 - Born to Run
 - The Butterfly Lion

- Billy the Kid
- Kasper etc
- ❖ The Owl who was afraid of the dark- Jill Tomlinson
- ❖ The Diary of a killer cat- Anne Fine
- ❖ The Case of the Stolen Sixpence - Massie Hitchins
- ❖ The Great Galloon - Tom Banks
- ❖ The Lemur's Tale - Ophelia Redpath
- ❖ Moon Forrest - Patricia MacCarthy
- ❖ The Journey Home - Fran Preston Gannon
- ❖ Wolf Won't Bite - Emily Gravett
- ❖ The Snack Attack Mystery - Elizabeth Levy
- ❖ Ramona Quimby Age 8 - Beverly Cleary
- ❖ Ivy and Bean Doomed to Dance Book 6 - Annie Barrows
- ❖ Lester's Dreadful Sweaters - KJ Campbell
- ❖ Author- Philip Pullman
 - Count Karlstein
 - Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp
 - I was a Rat
 - The Firework-makers Daughter
- ❖ Horrid Henry Series - Francesca Simon
- ❖ Barry's New Bed- Úna Leavy
- ❖ The Lighthouse Keeper's Cat -Ronda Armitage
- ❖ O'Brien Panda Series
- ❖ Corgi Pups Series
- ❖ Fantastic Mr. Fox /The Twits -Roald Dahl
- ❖ Bill's New Frock -Anne Fine
- ❖ The Finger Eater- Dick King Smith
- ❖ Tilly Mint and the Dodo- B. Doherty
- ❖ Flat Stanley -Jeff Brown
- ❖ Fair's Fair-Leon Garfield
- ❖ Thomas and the Thinner -Jill Paton Walsh
- ❖ Amazing Grace -Mary Hoffman
- ❖ Granny Learns to Fly -Tony Hickey
- ❖ Cinderella's Fella -Aisling O'Loughlin
- ❖ The Jumblies- Edward Lear
- ❖ The It-Doesn't Matter Suit -Sylvia Path
- ❖ Taking the Cats Way Home -Jan Mark
- ❖ Mr Cool- Jacqueline Wilson
- ❖ Nag Club -Anne Fine
- ❖ The Magic Finger- Roald Dahl
- ❖ The Twits – Roald Dahl

- ❖ How to Train your Dragon – Cressida Cowell
- ❖ Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Jeff Kinney
- ❖ The Jelly That Wouldn't Wobble – Angela Mitchell
- ❖ Monster And Chips – David O'Connell
- ❖ The Children Who Smelled A Rat – Allan Ahlberg
- ❖ The Cat Who Got Carried Away – Allan Ahlberg
- ❖ Quack, Quack Moo, We See You! – Mij Kelly
- ❖ Dog's Dinner (Jack Splat) – Lou Keunzler
- ❖ Ninja Meerkats (series) – Gareth P. Jones
- ❖ Dog called GRK – Joshua Doder
- ❖ A witch in a fix - Marian Broderick
- ❖ Care of Henry - Anne Fine
- ❖ The Hedgehog – Dick King Smith
- ❖ George Speaks – Dick King-Smith
- ❖ George's Marvellous Medicine- Roald Dahl
- ❖ The BFG - Roald Dahl
- ❖ Pippi Longstocking - Astrid Lindgrin
- ❖ The Killer Underpants- Michael Lawrence
- ❖ Velveteen Rabbit -Margery Williams
- ❖ Sideways Stories from the Wayside School - Louis Sachar
- ❖ Five on a Treasure Island- Enid Blyton
- ❖ Charlotte's Web- E.B White
- ❖ My Father's Dragon- Ruth Stiles Gannet
- ❖ Bright Lights- Linda Chapman
- ❖ James and the Giant Peach- Roald Dahl
- ❖ The World According to Humphrey- Betty G.Birney

- ❖ Snakes Elbows - Deirdre Madden
- ❖ Goosebumps- R.L Stine
- ❖ The Worst Witch- Jill Murphy
- ❖ The Secret Garden- Frances Hodgson Burnett
- ❖ Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll
- ❖ Judy Moody- Megan Mac Donald
- ❖ Giggler Treatment- Roddy Doyle
- ❖ The Quigleys -Simon Mason
- ❖ Wild Rescue 7 Avalanche Alert – Sara Vogler
- ❖ Chasing the Sun: Stories from Africa -Veronique Tadjo
- ❖ Author- Barbara Catchpole
- ❖ PIG and the Talking Poo 1
- ❖ Pig and the Fancy Pants
- ❖ PIG and the long Fart
- ❖ PIG plays cupid
- ❖ PIG gets the Black Death
- ❖ PIG saves the day
- ❖ The legend of the worst boy in the world - Eoin Colfer
- ❖ Walter Speazlebud - David Donohue
- ❖ You're a bad man Mr Gum! (Series) - Andy Stanton
- ❖ Beware! Killer tomatoes - Jeremy Strong
- ❖ Chicken school - Jeremy Strong
- ❖ The Wild Rescue Series - Jan Burchett
- ❖ One Dog and His Boy – Eva Ibbotson
- ❖ The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo
- ❖ The Adventures of the Wishing Chair – Enid Blyton

- ❖ The Lion and the Unicorn - Shirley Hughes
- ❖ Woof! - Allan Ahlberg
- ❖ Because of Winn Dixie – Kate DiCamillo
- ❖ Anna’s Six Wishes – Margarit Cruickshank
- ❖ Bill’s New Frock – Anne Fine
- ❖ Stone Fox – John Reynolds Gardiner
- ❖ Skating School (Series)- Linda Chapman
- ❖ Topaz (Series)- Helen Bailey
- ❖ Ballerina Dreams (Series) -Ann Bryant
- ❖ Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Series)- Jeff Kinney
- ❖ Indie Kidd (Series)- Karen McCombie
- ❖ The Worst Witch (Series) -Jill Murphy
- ❖ Best Friends- Jacqueline Wilson
- ❖ The Cat Mummy -Jacqueline Wilson
- ❖ Judy Moody (Series)- Megan MacDonald
- ❖ Little Wolf’s Book of Badness -Ian Whybrow
- ❖ The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog (and other titles)- Jeremy Strong
- ❖ Captain Underpants (Series) -Dav Pilkey
- ❖ Rotten School (Series)- R.L. Stine
- ❖ Rainbow Fairies (Series)- Daisy Meadows
- ❖ Fairy Dust (Series) -Gwyneth Rees
- ❖ Witch-in-Training (Series)- Maeve Friel
- ❖ Cliffhanger - Jacqueline Wilson
- ❖ Buried Alive - Jacqueline Wilson
- ❖ Candle in the Dark - Adele Geras
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- ❖ One Small Suitcase - Barry Turner
- ❖ Something Beginning with P - O'Brien Press (Publisher)
- ❖ Runny Babbit (and other titles) - Shel Silverstein
- ❖ The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry - Brian Patten (Editor)
- ❖ Revolting Rhymes - Roald Dahl
- ❖ Love that Dog - Sharon Creech
- ❖ Hate that Cat - Sharon Creech
- ❖ Read Me and Laugh - Gaby Morgan (Editor)
- ❖ The Owl who was afraid of the dark -Jill Tomlinson
- ❖ Fantastic Mr. Fox -Roald Dahl
- ❖ Bill's New Frock- Anne Fine
- ❖ The Finger Eater- Dick King Smith
- ❖ Tilly Mint and the Dodo- B. Doherty
- ❖ Flat Stanley- Jeff Brown
- ❖ Fair's Fair- Leon Garfield
- ❖ Thomas and the Thinner - Jill Paton Walsh
- ❖ Amazing Grace -Mary Hoffman
- ❖ The Suitcase Kid -Jacqueline Wilson
- ❖ The Big Fight -Frank Murphy
- ❖ The Legend of Spud Murphy- Eoin Colfer
- ❖ The Worst Witch -Jill Murphy
- ❖ George Speaks- Dick King Smith
- ❖ Funny Frank- Dick King Smith
- ❖ The Guard Dog- Dick King Smith
- ❖ Mr Majeika- Humphrey Carpenter
- ❖ The Ice Man -Michael Smith
- ❖ James and the Giant Peach- Roald Dahl
- ❖ The Iron Man -Ted Hughes
- ❖ The Sheep Pig- Dick King Smith
- ❖ The Story of the Dancing Frog- Quentin Blake
- ❖ Lady Daisy- Dick King Smith
- ❖ The War Horse- Michael Morpurgo
- ❖ The Secret Garden Frances -Hodgson Burnett
- ❖ Kensuke's Kingdom- Michael Morpurgo
- ❖ Her Mother's Face- Roddy Doyle
- ❖ The Mozart Question- Michael Murpurgo

- ❖ Matilda- Roald Dahl
- ❖ The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C. S. Lewis
- ❖ The Box of Delights-John Masefield
- ❖ Peter Pan in Scarlet- Geraldine McCaughrean
- ❖ Watership Down- Richard Adams
- ❖ Tom's Midnight Garden- Phillipa Pearce
- ❖ The Granny Project- Anne Fine
- ❖ Goodnight Mister Tom- Michelle Magorian
- ❖ Follyfoot- Monica Dickens
- ❖ Adam's Starling- Gillian Perdue
- ❖ Charlotte's Web- E. B. White
- ❖ Tuck Everlasting- Natalie Babbitt
- ❖ Bill Peet: An Autobiography- Bill Peet
- ❖ Bridge to Terabitha- Katherine Paterson
- ❖ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- Roald Dahl
- ❖ Little House on the Prairie- Laura Ingalls Wilder
- ❖ James and the Giant Peach- Roald Dahl
- ❖ Mr. Popper's Penguins- Richard Atwater and Florence Atwater
- ❖ Harriet the Spy- Louise Fitzhugh
- ❖ Stuart Little- E. B. White
- ❖ A Face Like Glass- Frances Hardinge
- ❖ The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Rickett- John Boyne
- ❖ Bridget in Werewolf Rehab- Maura Byrne
- ❖ Artemis Fowl and the Last Guardian- Eoin Colfer
- ❖ Love, Lucie- Marita Conlon-McKenna
- ❖ Black Tide- Caroline Clough
- ❖ Butterfly Summer- Anne-Marie Conway
- ❖ The Great Unexpected- Sharon Creech
- ❖ Colm and the Ghost's Revenge- Kieran Mark Crowley
- ❖ Friends Forever: Double Trouble- Judi Curtin
- ❖ The Father of Lies Chronicles: Arthur Quinn and the Fenris Wolf- Alan Early
- ❖ My Apollo Summer- Pierce Feirtear
- ❖ The Cryptid Files: Pacific Giants- Jean Flitcroft
- ❖ The Feral Child- Che Golden
- ❖ To Be A Cat- Matt Haig
- ❖ Will Gallows and the Thunder Dragon's Roar- Derek Keilty
- ❖ Cave of Secrets- Morgan Llywelyn
- ❖ The World's Worst Mothers- Sabine Ludwig
- ❖ Jasper and the Green Marvel- Deirdre Madden
- ❖ Ghost Detectives: The Lost Bride- Emily Mason
- ❖ The Apothecary- Maile Meloy

- ❖ Wonder- RJ Palacio
- ❖ Gods and Warriors- Michelle Paver
- ❖ Goblins- Philip Reeve
- ❖ The Kane Chronicles: The Serpent's Shadow- Rick Riordan
- ❖ Pendragon Legacy: Sword of Light- Katherine Roberts
- ❖ Chop-Chop, Mad Cap!- Juliette Saumande
- ❖ Rugby Spirit- Gerard Siggins
- ❖ The Flask- Nicky Singer
- ❖ Ask Amy Green: Dancing Daze- Sarah Webb
- ❖ Bartolomé: The Infanta's Pet- Rachel Van Kooij (translated by Siobhán Parkinson)
- ❖ 18th Emergency- Betsy Byars
- ❖ Strongbow- Morgan Llewellyn
- ❖ Wargames- Michael Freeman
- ❖ Jimeen- Pdraig O Siochfhradha
- ❖ The Cinnamon Tree -Aubrey Flegg
- ❖ Duck And Swan- J. Quinn
- ❖ The Sherwood Hero -Alison Prince
- ❖ Its Pin Bin Dim Dominilli- Cormac Mac Raois
- ❖ The 12th July -Joan Lingard
- ❖ Faraway Home- Marilyn Taylor
- ❖ Goodnight Mr. Tom- Michelle Magorian
- ❖ Stig of the Dump -Clive King
- ❖ I am David -Anne Holm
- ❖ The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas -John Boyne
- ❖ The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe- CS Lewis
- ❖ The Silver Sword- Ian Serrailler
- ❖ The Guns of Easter- Gerard Whelan
- ❖ Benny and Omar- Eoin Colfer
- ❖ Author- Michael Morpurgo
 - Private Peaceful
 - War Horse
 - Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea
 - The amazing Story of Adolphus Tips
- ❖ Author - Louis Saachar
 - Holes
 - Small Steps
 - There's a boy in the Girls Bathroom
- ❖ Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry- Taylor
- ❖ The Hunger Games Trilogy- Suzanne Collins
- ❖ My Dad is Ten Years Old- Mark O'Sullivan
- ❖ David- Mary Hoffman

- ❖ Boy Kills Man- Matt Whyman
- ❖ Chalkline- Jane Mitchell
- ❖ Author- Malorie Blackman
 - Pig Heart Boy
 - Cloud Busting
 - Hacker
- ❖ Dancing in the Dark- P. R. Prendergast
- ❖ Author- Morris Gleitzman
 - Once
 - Then
 - Now
- ❖ The Runner- Keith Grey
- ❖ The Magic Faraway Tree- Enid Blyton
- ❖ Author- John Lacey
 - Three Diamonds and a Donkey
 - The One That Got Away
 - Two Tigers on a String
- ❖ Author- David Almond
 - Clay
 - Skellig
- ❖ Author- Marita Conlon-McKenna
 - Under the Hawthorn Tree
 - Wildflower Girl
 - The Blue Horse
- ❖ Dolphin Boy- Julie Bertagna
- ❖ Author- Michael Smith
- Tom Crean- Ice Man
- Shackleton- The Boss
- ❖ Mockingbird- Kathryn Erskine
- ❖ Harry Potter Series- J.K. Rowling
- ❖ Bruised- Siobhán Parkins
- ❖ The Silver Donkey- Sonya Hartnett