



PrePrep Reading Recommendations

Summer 2023

We hope the following reading list will contain stories to appeal to our Pre-Prep. These reading recommendations include a range of titles to cover all ability ranges.

Celebrating

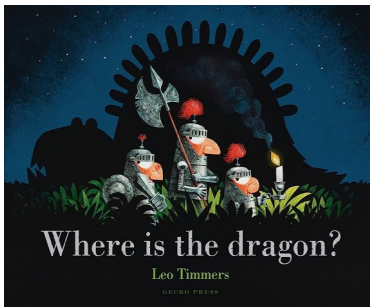
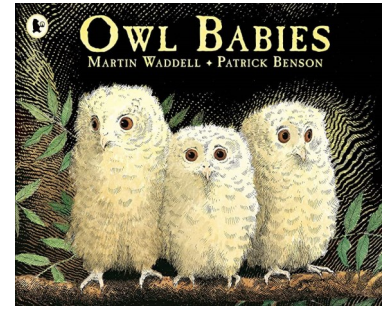
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Years of education



Reception

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

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.

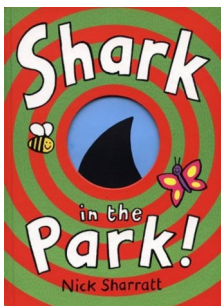
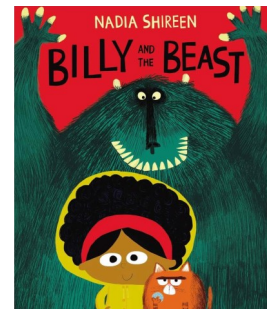


Where is the Dragon? by Leo Timmers

This cleverly illustrated game-inside-a-book will have young children shouting out loud in delight as they spot the dragon hidden on every page.

Billy and the Beast by Nadia Shireen

While out on a lovely walk in the woods, Billy and her trusty sidekick Fatcat hear a terrible rumble... a terrible rumble coming from a Terrible Beast! Young readers will adore this hilarious story, packed with playful, energetic and simple to read text.

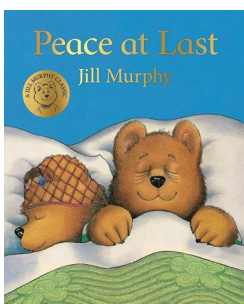
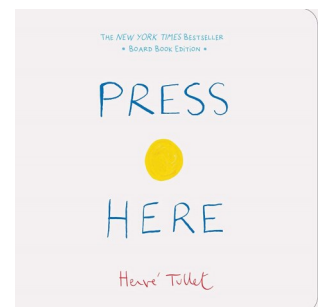


Shark In The Park by Nick Sharratt

Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Peep through the die-cut holes in this book to see if you can spy a shark. Is that *really a shark*? *Turn the page and find out . . .* A delightful, entertaining story - with its rhyming text and ingenious die-cut pages, it's a book children will want to read again and again.

Press Here by Herve Tullet

Press the yellow dot on the cover of this interactive children's book, follow the instructions within, and embark upon a magical journey! Each page of this surprising touch book instructs the reader to push the button, shake it up, tilt the book, and who knows what will happen next!



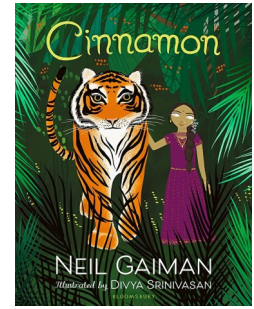
Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

Jill Murphy's bestselling classic *Peace at Last* has delighted young children for almost forty years, and is equally beloved by tired parents who are all too familiar with the plight of poor Mr Bear.

Year 1

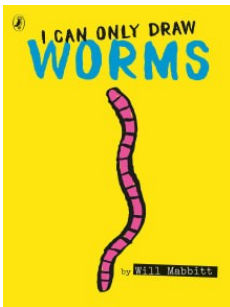
Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman

A beautiful picture-book fairytale from the global bestselling author. In a hot, hot country, lives a princess called Cinnamon who will not talk. That is until a tiger, prowls into their palace and announces that he is here to teach the girl-cub to talk ...



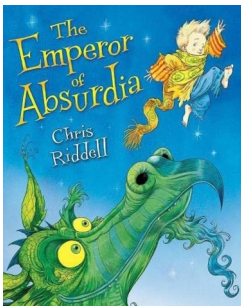
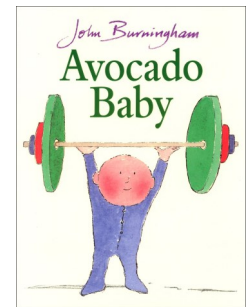
I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt

A riotously funny and ever-so-slightly bonkers book from genius storyteller Will Mabbitt



Avocado Baby by John Burningham

When the Hargreaves let their baby eat an avocado, very strange things start to happen! This is a great book to help children develop imaginative ideas

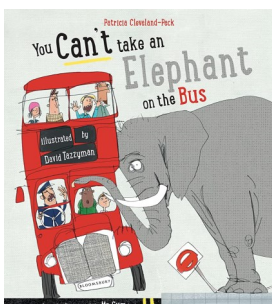
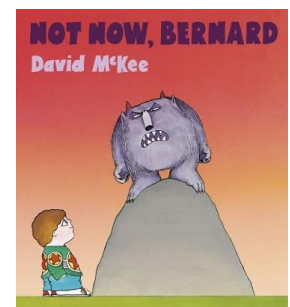


The Emperor of Absurdia by Chris Riddell

This is Absurdia: trees are birds, umbrellas are trees, and the sky is thick with snoring fish. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a crazy dreamland of wardrobe monsters, dragons and amazing adventures! The Emperor of Absurdia is a gloriously rich and beautiful picture book

Not Now, Bernard by David McKee

This book has been loved by children and adults for forty years. 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.



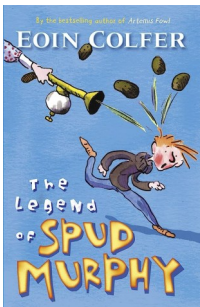
You Can't Take An Elephant On the Bus by Patricia Cleveland-Peck

This riotous picture book is filled with animals causing total disaster as they try to travel in the most unsuitable vehicles. With hilarious rhyming text and spectacular illustrations, this is a real romp of a book - perfect for reading aloud!

Year 2

Hattie and Olaf by Frida Nilsson

Hattie and best friend Linda navigate the social politics of their first school years in this funny illustrated chapter book for early readers. With all the humour, anarchy and energy of Pippi Longstocking, this is a perfect story of friendship and resilience for young independent readers.

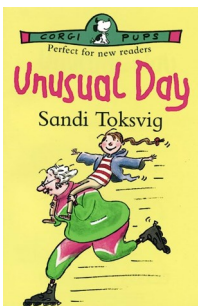
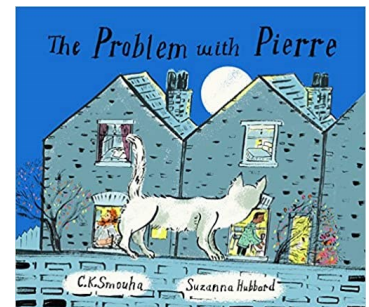


The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer

Will has four brothers and it's chaos in his house! If he's not being teased by his big brother Marty, he has to deal with the terrible, three-headed bundle of cuteness that is his three younger brothers. Even worse, his mother has the brilliant idea of packing Will and Marty off to the library during the holidays. Will Marty and Will discover a love of books and that Mrs Murphy isn't so bad after all?

The Problem With Pierre by C K Smouha

This book uses an interesting format, splitting each spread down the middle – the page on the left is Bertam's neat-as-a-pin living room, and the right hand page is Alan's homely chaos. When, at the end, Bertram knocks through the wall between the two houses, and puts the sofa in the middle, there is a coming together of content and format that is sure to delight readers young and old.

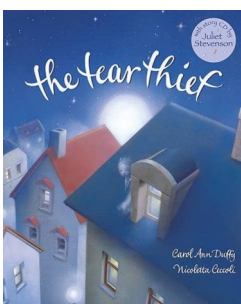


Unusual Day by Sandi Toksvig

When Jessica brings her granny into school for 'Unusual Day' Miss Johnson thinks she's got muddled up with 'Family Day'. Her granny may be wearing a tracksuit and trainers, but she still looks like a fairly ordinary granny. However, when 'Unusual Day' is disrupted by a fire next door, everybody discovers just how unusual Jessica's granny is...

Triangle by Mac Barnett

Meet Triangle. He is going to play a sneaky trick on his friend, Square. Or so Triangle thinks... Visually stunning and full of wry humour, here is a perfectly-paced treat that flips the traditional concept book, and approaches it from a whole new angle.



Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy

Why does the magical Tear Thief catch children's tears as they fall? Find out in this moving tale about how we express our feelings. Lyrical text by Carol Ann Duffy, one of the most prominent poets writing today, makes this a lovely read-aloud.