



PrePrep Reading Recommendations

Autumn 2023

As Dr Seuss says “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

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

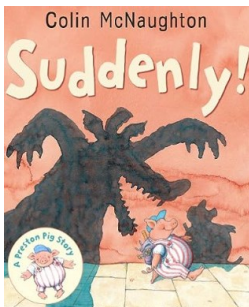
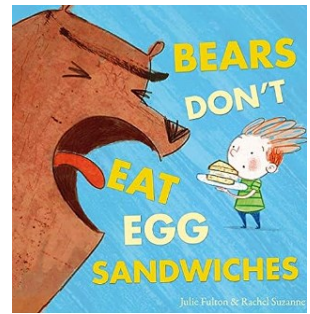


Reception

Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches

By Rachel Suzanne

Just as Jack sits down for lunch, there is a knock at the door and in comes a hungry bear! Jack tries to offer the bear his favorite food, egg sandwiches, but the bear has other ideas... Jack tries his best to figure out what bears eat and ends up sitting on the plate himself. How will Jack get out of this mess?



Suddenly!

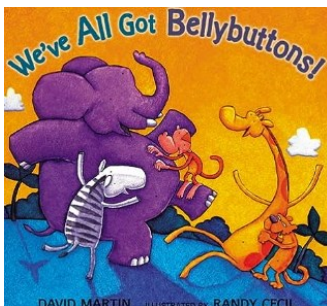
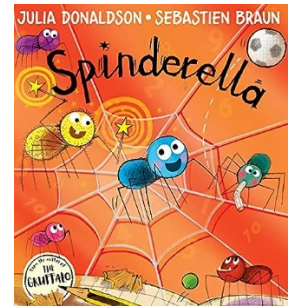
by Colin McNaughton

A little pig is walking down the street, unaware of the hungry wolf waiting around the corner, when SUDDENLY the pig remembers he has left something behind and turns away at the last second, leaving the wolf to fall flat on his face. The wolf pursues the little pig throughout the day, but each time, quite unaware, the pig evades him until in the end the wolf gets his come-uppance in an unexpected and hilarious way.

Spinderella

by Julia Donaldson

Spinderella the spider has a passion for football! She tries to play a match with her brothers and sisters but she doesn't know how many spiders should be on each team. Even worse, she can't count the goals! Luckily for Spinderella, her Hairy Godmother has a plan...



We've All Got Bellybuttons!

by David Martin

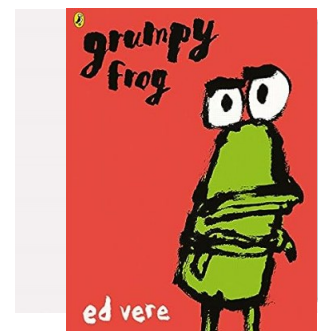
Young children will love following the actions of these little animals and their families to discover all the wonderful ways their bodies can move!

Grumpy Frog

by Ed Vere

Join Grumpy Frog as he learns about compromise and tolerance, friendship and the power of saying sorry.

A hilarious book with a twist in the tail about getting - and getting rid of - the grumps from New York Times best-selling author, Ed Vere.



All Join In

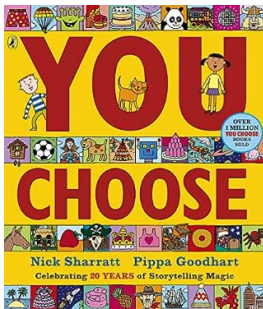
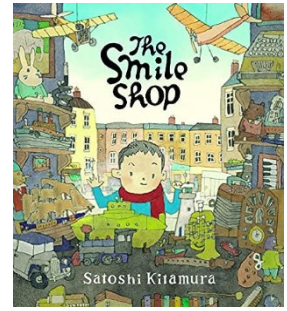
by Quentin Blake

This book is a collection of seven exuberant poems, perfect for chanting aloud, that are brilliantly illustrated by the incomparable Quentin Blake. The collection includes 'All Join In', 'The Hooter Song', 'Nice Weather for Ducks' and 'Sorting Out the Kitchen Pans'. Who could possibly resist?

Year 1

Smile Shop by Satoshi Kitamura

A small boy is planning how to spend his first ever pocket money when disaster strikes and he's left with only one coin. His day seems to be ruined until he sees a Smile Shop. In a surprise ending, the world is put to rights and suddenly the whole world is smiling again!



You Choose

by Pippa Goodhart

Imagine you could go anywhere, meet anyone and do anything.

Where would you live?

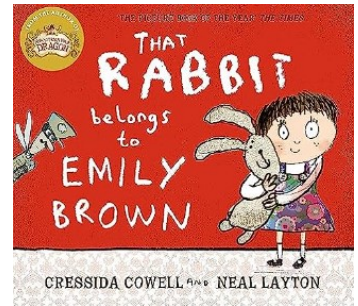
Where would you sleep?

Who would be your friends?

What games would you play? Go on... *you choose!*

That Rabbit Belongs To Emily Brown by Cressida Cowell

A classic picture book. When the Queen steals Emily Brown's favourite toy and erstwhile companion, a toy rabbit called Stanley, Emily sets out to get him back and teach that naughty queen a valuable lesson!



Goodnight Everyone

by Chris Haughton

It must be time for bed, but Little Bear is certainly not sleepy – he's wide awake! (For now...) With sublime, starry night time scenes and an infectious yawny "Good night" refrain, Chris Haughton creates a lulling bedtime read, perfect for parents and children to share together.

The Midnight Panther by Poonam Mistry

Panther is not like the other cats. Leopard has beautiful spots, Tiger has impressive stripes and Lion has a magnificent mane. Panther is small, shy and dark. One night he decides to go and find out where in the jungle he really belongs. Finally summoning the courage to scale the treetops, he answers the call of moonlight and ink-black night. Perhaps up among the stars he will find out something about his own strength and beauty.



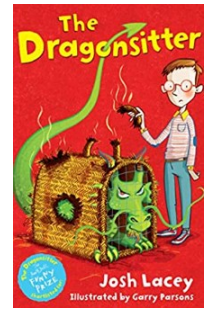
Teddy's Midnight Adventure by Yoko Mori

On a magical moonlit night, Akiko and her Teddy look for his missing button eye. The garden at midnight is a strange, mysterious place. Can Mee-Chan the cat help them? Or perhaps Mrs Crow? Don't worry! By morning Teddy will be as good as new.

Year 2

The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey

Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, and the postman is fleeing down the garden path.

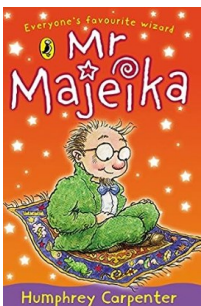
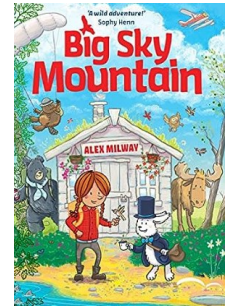


The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall

The Penderwicks: four sisters, as different as chalk from cheese, yet as close as can be. They head off for their summer holidays, and Chaotic adventures ensue, and it soon becomes a summer the sisters will never forget...

Big Sky Mountain by Alex Milway

Grandma Nan is not exactly an ordinary grandma, and Big Sky Mountain is like nowhere Rosa has dreamed about before. Grandma Nan lives in an old wooden cabin with Albert the moose and Little Pig the pygmy owl, and spends every day out on adventures. From canoeing down rapids to making friends with the local animals, life never stays still for long on Big Sky Mountain!

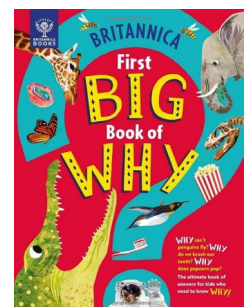


Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter

Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog. And to everyone's delight it looks as if Hamish will have to remain a frog because Mr Majeika can't remember the spell to turn him back again! With Mr Majeika in charge, suddenly life at school become much more exciting.

Britannica First Big Book of Why by Sally Symes

Britannica's huge, authoritative and lavishly illustrated question and answer book will satisfy even the most curious children, with over 100 questions verified by Britannica experts. Spanning a range of topics including animals, the body, machines, space and more, this book provides clear and accessible explanations – and even explores some of the mysteries that experts are still trying to solve!



Our Tower by Joseph Coelho

A deeply personal story written by multi-award winning poet and Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, drawn from his own experience growing up in a tower block and looking for adventure. This story is a celebration of, and a reclaiming of tower blocks as a place where magic and adventure can happen.