
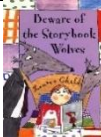


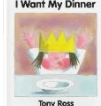



## 50 Recommended Reading Books for Year 2



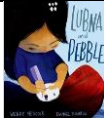
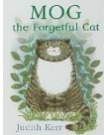
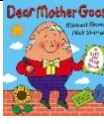

We have carefully selected books that will hopefully capture your child's imagination. This list contains a description of the book so that you and your child are able to choose your favourites. While your child is still learning to decode (link letters and sounds) these books should be read to your child, these are 'read together' books.

Once your child has moved onto blue and grey phonics books in class, they will be able to start to read some of the books listed below by themselves. Some books have a 'Lexile rating' and 'book band' included, this measures the difficulty level of the text; a higher lexile rating indicates a more difficult text. Where the Lexile rating has AD included this means 'adult directed' and are books you should share together.

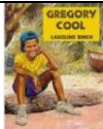
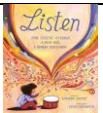
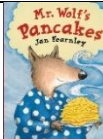



Certificates will be awarded as your child reads and shares books from this list; your child will need to record a brief response to a reading task in their reading record (such as a description of a character). A bronze certificate will be awarded once they have read 5 books from the list, a silver award will be awarded after 10, a gold award will be awarded once they have read 15 and a platinum award after 25.

Title	Image	Author	ISBN	Overview	Lexile rating	Book Band	Date Read
My mum is fantastic		Nick Butterworth	9780808525257	The mum in this book is truly fantastic. She's a brilliant artist, she can balance on a tightrope, she can swim like a fish, do amazing stunts on a bike and she can tame wild animals ... in fact, there's very little this astounding mum can't do		Read together	
Beware of the Storybook Wolves		Lauren Child	9780439205009	Herb loves to be scared by the wolves in his storybooks as long as his mom takes the books out of his room at night. But one night Herb gets some unwanted company when two wolves want to eat him for dinner.		Read together	
That pesky rat		Lauren Child	9780763672980	A glamorous life in the lap of luxury like Pierre the chinchilla would be very nice. But really, our hero's not that fussy - he just wants to belong to somebody. With his cute, pointy brown face and beady eyes, why can't he get someone to take him home?		Read together	
I love Guinea Pigs		Dick King-Smith	9781564023896	Dick King-Smith loves guinea-pigs - the way they look, their cuddliness, the noises they make ... he's kept hundreds, so he knows all about them and how best to care for them.		Read together	
I want my dinner		Tony Ross	9780152009724	After a little princess learns to say "please" and "thank you," she teaches the same etiquette ...	240L	Read together	
Little People Big Dreams Frida Khalo		Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara	9781847807700	When Frida was a teenager, a terrible road accident changed her life forever. Unable to walk, she began painting from her bed. Her self-portraits, which show her pain and grief, but also her passion for life and instinct for	240L	Read together	



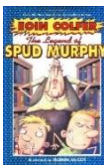
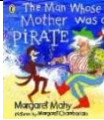


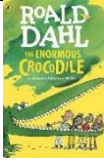
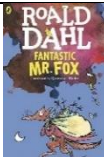
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				survival, have made her one of the most famous artists of the twentieth century.			
My beautiful voice		Joseph Coelho	9780711248311	Follow a child who is so shy she doesn't speak. With the encouragement of an enchanting and magical teacher, she writes a poem. But a poem is meant to be read aloud. She musters all her courage, stands at the front of the class and shows her classmates that she does have a voice. And her voice is beautiful.	240L	Read together	
The Day the Crayons Quit		Drew Daywalt	9780399255373	Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit!	370L	Read together	
Not now Bernard!		David McKee	9780099240501	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.	370L	Read together	
Lubna and Pebble		Wendy Meddour	9780192767257	Lubna's best friend is a pebble. She found it on the beach when they arrived in the night, then she fell asleep in Daddy's salty arms. Lubna tells Pebble everything. About home. About her brothers. About the war. Pebble always listens to her stories and smiles when she feels afraid. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna understands that he needs Pe	460L	Read together	
Mog the forgetful cat		Judith Kerr	9780007171347	'Bother that cat!' Mog always seems to be in trouble. She forgets that she has a cat flap and she forgets that she has already eaten her supper. But, one night, Mog's forgetfulness comes in very handy...	470L	Read together	
Dear Mother Goose		Michael Rosen	9781406318326	Agony aunt Mother Goose helps Humpty Dumpty conquer his fear of falling and Little Miss Muffet deal with an over-friendly spider as well as helping a whole host of other much-loved characters.	520L	Read together	
Leo and the Octopus		Isabelle Marinov	9781787416550	Leo struggles to make sense of the world. He doesn't understand the other children in his class, and they don't seem to understand him. But then one day, Leo meets Maya.  Maya is an octopus, and the more Leo learns about her, the more he thinks that perhaps he isn't alone in this world, after all.	520L	Read together	

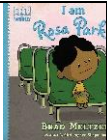



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Gregory Cool		Caroline Binch	9781847802583	When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length, and there are none of the televisions, video games and other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted. How Gregory adjusts to the strange culture, and learns to enjoy the lifestyle of the Caribbean is enchantingly told and illustrated by award-winning author Caroline Binch.	540L	Read together	
Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion		Shannon Stocker	9780241547687	As a child, Evelyn Glennie's ears began to hurt. Voices became distant whispers. Ringing phones sounded like muffled crunches in her ears. But when she was told that she would need to wear hearing aids for the rest of her life, Evelyn was determined that this this would never stop her from playing music. Instead of giving up on her dreams, Evelyn found new ways to listen...	550L	Read together	
Mr Wolf's Pancakes		Jan Fearnley	9781589250048	Mr. Wolf wants to make some pancakes for breakfast, but isn't quite sure how to go about it.	550L	Read together	
The Invisible		Tom Percival	9781471191305	The Invisible is the story of a young girl called Isabel and her family. They don't have much, but they have what they need to get by. Until one day, there isn't enough money to pay their rent and bills and they have to leave their home full of happy memories and move to the other side of the city. It is the story of a girl who goes on to make one of the hardest things anyone can ever make...a difference.	560L	Gold	
The Magic Finger		Roald Dahl	9780141302294	The Gregg family loves hunting, but their eight-year-old neighbor can't stand it. After countless please for them to stop are ignored, she has no other choice- -she has to put her magic finger on them.	560L	Gold	
The Smeds and The Smoos		Julia Donaldson	9781407188898	The Smeds (who are red) never mix with the Smoos (who are blue). So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love, their families strongly disapprove. But peace is restored and love conquers all in this happiest of love stories. There's even a gorgeous purple baby to celebrate!	570L	Gold	

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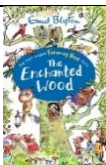
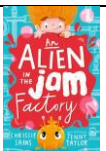

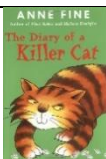
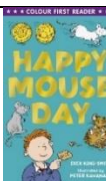
The Proudest Blue		Ibtihaj Muhammad	9781783449729	It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab - made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?	570L	Gold	
Cartoon kid Supercharged!		Jeremy Strong	9780141334752	That's right - Casper is a SUPERHERO - but shhhhhh, keep it quiet because it's a SECRET! Casper, Big Feet Pete and Sarah Sitterbout are in for a shock when a MONSTROUS new teacher arrives. She says her name is Mrs Cloddle - ha! - CLODZILLA more like. Cartoon Kid to the rescue!	570L	Gold	
The Legend of Spud Murphy		Eoin Colfer	9780786855018	Acclaimed cartoonist McCoy lends his wickedly funny illustrations to take readers on an unforgettable trip through the world of a "kindly" librarian with a secret.	580L	Gold	
The man whose mother was a pirate		Margaret Mahy	9780140506242	The story of straitlaced Sam and his journey with his ex-pirate mother to the sea.	580L	Gold	
Sulwe		Lupita Nyong'o	9780241394335	Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family, and everyone at school. All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.	580L	Gold	
The Killer Cat runs away		Anne Fine	9780440870111	Tuffy doesn't feel wanted at home any more. His owners just don't appreciate him. So what if he broke the new TV? Got fur on all Dad's clean clothes? Ate Tinkerbelle the kitten's special kitten-food? All accidents! But they're making such a fuss!	590L	Gold	
The Enormous Crocodile		Roald Dahl	9780142414538	The Enormous Crocodile is planning what to have for his lunch. This foul fiend - the greediest croc in the whole river - wants to eat something juicy and delicious. His teeth sparkle like knives in the sun and he's getting hungrier and hungrier. But what can the greedy grumpious brute guzzle up?	600L	Gold	
Fantastic Mr Fox		Roald Dahl	9780140328721	Mr. Fox is surrounded, and he's going to have to come up with a truly fantastic plan to dig himself out of trouble this time.	600L	Gold	

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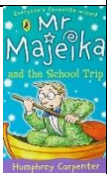

I am Rosa Parks		Brad Meltzer	9780803740853	This is the true story of Rosa Parks, who dared to stand up for herself and other African Americans by staying seated, and as a result she helped end public bus segregation and launch the country's civil rights movement.	600L	Gold	
Fluff the farting fish		Michael Rosen	9781849395274	Elvie is desperate for a puppy that she can train up to do amazing tricks. But it's not a puppy Mum returns from the pet shop with, it's a fish.	610L	Gold	
Eyes that kiss in the corners		Joanna Ho	9780062915627	A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future.	610L	Gold	
The tear thief		Carol Ann Duffy	9781846866227	Each night, in the hours between supper and bedtime, the Tear Thief carries her waterproof, silvery sack as she steals the tears of every child who cries. But what does she do with all those tears?	620L	Gold	
Marv and the Pool of Peril		Alex Falase-Koya	9780192780461	Marvin's life is perfectly ordinary until one day he discovers a superhero suit with infinite powers . . . In this story, supervillain Shadow takes over the water park with her army of robot sharks. Armed with his super-suit and robot sidekick, Pixel, Marvin dives into action to become the invincible, unstoppable MARV!	620L	Gold	
Kasia's Surprise		Stella Gurney	9781406323313	Kasia wishes that she and her mum hadn't moved to the UK – she misses Poland and all her old friends, and most of all she misses her grandparents. As the long school holidays stretch out in front of her, Kasia wonders how she'll fill them: her mum has promised to take her out for some day trips, but the rest of the time she'll be at work. Then Babcia and Dzadek arrive for a surprise visit, and Kasia is delighted!	620L	Gold	
Milo Imagines The World		Matt de la Pena	9781529066326	Milo is on a train journey through the city with his older sister, looking at the faces of the other passengers and drawing pictures of their lives. The whiskered man with a crossword puzzle he imagines playing solitaire in a cluttered flat full of pets. The little boy in bright white trainers he imagines living in a castle with a moat and a butler. But when the	620L	Gold	



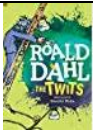

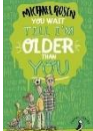

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				little boy gets off at the same stop and joins the same queue as him, Milo realises that you can't judge by appearances and that we are all more alike than we are different.			
The Dunderheads		Paul Fleischman	9780763624989	Dunderheads, unite! A tyrannical teacher gets her just due in a delightfully subversive, outrageously funny tale ...	630L	Silver	
Cartoon Kid		Jeremy Strong	9780141334769	'This is your first day with me and I can see that there is something amazing about you . . . all of you are hiding a BIG SECRET.' And do you know what it is? We are all SUPERHEROES. I nearly fell off my chair!	640L	Silver	
The Enchanted Wood		Enid Blyton	9781405272193	When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures!	640L	Silver	
An Alien in the Jam Factory		Chrissie Sains	9781406396126	Scooter McLay's cerebral palsy affects how quickly he can move his body, but his hyper-creative brain is a constant fizz of brilliant ideas. He spends every day inventing top secret recipes and machines for his family's jam factory. There's just one thing missing ... a pet, to share it all with. Or better still, a friend.	640L	Silver	
Billionaire Boy		David Walliams	9780007371082	Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact. You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land.	640L	Silver	
The Diary of a Killer Cat		Anne Fine	9780374317799	The hilarious confessions of a ferocious feline Poor Ellie is horrified when her cat, Tuffy, drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. Before long, another apparent victim arrives through the cat-door. Can soft-hearted Ellie get her beloved pet to change his wild, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?	650L	Silver	
Happy Mouse day		Dick King Smith	9780552528207	Pete wants a pet mouse more than anything else in the world. Every Saturday - his mouseday - he asks his parents for one, and each time the answer is No. But who's going to know if he secretly keeps a mouse in his tree-house?	650L	Silver	

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Pirate School Just a bit of wind		Jeremy Strong	97801 41312 699	It's the first day at PIRATE SCHOOL for Ziggy, Smudge, Carkella and Flo and they have lots of new things to contend with. Their head teacher is the scary Patagonia Clasterbotton and they have to take lessons include walking the plank and hand-to-hand fighting.	660L	Silver	
The Accidental Prime Minister		Tom McLaughlin	97801 92737 748	Pet pigs for all. Banana-shaped buses. Reckon you could run the country better than Joe? Everyone's talking about the General Election. Time to get thinking: what if you had the keys to No. 10? When Joe tells a local news reporter what he'd do if he were Prime Minister, the video goes viral. Now Joe's speech is famous all over the world. Soon people call for the current leader to resign and give this clued-up kid a go. That's now a normal boy ends up in power, with a swanky new Downing Street address. Hats for cats! Swimming pools on trains! Think it sounds awesome? Vote for Joe.	680L	Silver	
Counting on Catherine		Helaine Becker	97815 29005 615	Katherine Johnson is the mathematical genius who helped make the historic Apollo 11 moon landings possible and made sure that Apollo 13 returned home safely when the mission was in critical danger. From Katherine's early beginnings as a gifted student to her heroic accomplishments as a prominent mathematician at NASA, this is the true story of an African-American woman who went above and beyond what was expected of her in the 1960s, saving lives and making enormous contributions to History.	710L	Silver	
Mr Majeika and the school trip		Humphrey Carpenter	97801 41303 352	Amazing adventures with Mr Majeika, the ex-wizard, turned teacher, and his class at St Barty's School. This time there's a trip down a magic river, a battle to save St Barty's from the wrecking ball, and work experience for Class Three.	730L	Emerald	
Beaver Towers		Nigel Hinton	97801 40370 607	The first adventure in the BEAVOR TOWERS series. A magic spell whisks Philip away on his new kite to a far-off island where he meets the beavers - Mr Edgar and his grandson, Baby B	730L	Emerald	

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The Twits		Roald Dahl	97814 17786 183	Mr Twit is a foul and smelly man with bits of cornflake and sardine in his beard. Mrs Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye. Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope <b>not</b> to meet. Down in their garden, the Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer, because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits, once and for all . .	750L	Emerald	
My Granny's Great Escape		Jeremy Strong	97801 41322 414	Nicholas's granny has fallen in love – with the elderly Hell's Angel next door! Yurrrgghhh. Nicholas's dad isn't happy about it – but Granny won't let him get in the way. She has a few tricks up her sleeve . . . and Granny on a motorbike could be a very dangerous thing . . .	760L	Emerald	
You Wait Til I'm Older Than You – Poetry Book		Michael Rosen	97801 40380 149	GET OFF, GET OFF, GET OFF! Well what would you say if your brother kept whacking you with a spoon, or the spider made it all the way up the toilet bowl or your mum made you wear that horrible shirt? Find out in this fantastically funny collection of poems all about growing up from the brilliant Michael Rosen.	760L	Emerald	
Hello World Animals: An amazing Atlas of Wildlife		Nicola Edwards	97818 48577 121	Discover some of the most incredible creatures on Earth in this interactive atlas of world wildlife! Featuring more than 180 animals from a variety of habitats, with flaps to lift on every spread, this stunning book offers exploration many wonders of the natural world.	950L	Ruby	

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