



Readingmate

A habit of endless possibilities

Hannah's Recommended reads for EYFS

Children aged 3-5 have a wide variation in reading and inference abilities in this age group (which is normal). As a result, I've selected books with rich illustrations, repetitive language, and lots of use of rhyme. This should help children to predict, mimic and remember the words, and encourage them to join in with parents and teachers.

1. ***The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright** – excellent resource to accompany teaching phonics and comprehension.
2. ***All Join In* by Quentin Blake** – lovely read aloud and inspiration for song/poetry writing.
3. ***Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy** – lots of use of capitalisation which can be source of discussion, descriptive writing and entertaining read.
4. ***Dinosaurs Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort** – great resource for punctuation and adjectives.
5. ***Grumpy Frog* by Ed Vere** – funny story about compromising, saying sorry and making friends.
6. ***Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell** – lovely class read that all children can relate to and peek their curiosity about behaviours of owls and nocturnal animals.
7. ***Zog* by Julia Donaldson** – class read that disrupts stereotypes of fairy tales and gender roles.
8. ***Oi Frog!* By Kes Gray & Jim Field** – great for phonics teaching.
9. ***Spinderella* by Julia Donaldson** – good resource to accompany learning numbers.
10. ***The Squirrels Who Squabbled* by Rachel Bright** – lots of opportunity to discuss alliteration and friendship.
11. ***My Grandpa* by Marta Altes** – lovely class read that's moving and memorable. It's about the very special relationship between an elderly grandfather and his adoring grandson.



Readingmate

A habit of endless possibilities

12. ***Red Knit Cap Girl* by Naoko Stoop** – great to spark imagination and creativity.

13. ***The Three Robbers* by Tomi Ungerer** – simple illustrations with a powerful message that will delight children of all ages.

14. ***What the Ladybird Heard* by Julia Donaldson** – great for rhymes and phonics teaching.

15. ***Oh! The Places You'll Go* by Dr Seuss** – lovely introduction to poetry along with an inspiring story and message.

16. ***This is Not My Hat* by Jon Klassen** – humorous class read which is great to get students to anticipate next page and spark conversations.

17. ***Once Upon an Alphabet* by Oliver Jeffers** – helpful for teaching the alphabet in a fun and entertaining way.

18. ***The Jolly Postman* by Janet & Allan Ahlberg** – classic and loveable class read.

19. ***Meg and Mog* by Helen Nicoll & Jan Pienkowski** – simple story with a heart-warming message for early readers.

20. ***Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* By Bill Martin & Eric Carle** – great to encourage student participation.

21. ***Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson** – another classic with brilliant introduction to phonics and rhyme.

22. ***Avocado Baby* by John Burningham** – humorous text to discuss exaggeration and even healthy diets.

23. ***The Tiger Who Came To Tea* by Judith Kerr** – wonderful classic that's loved by all. Also, great for creative writing inspiration.

24. ***The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle** – helpful resource for colours and counting.

25. ***There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* by Rose Bonne** – lovely text for participation and whole class reading.

26. ***Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers** – introduction to figurative language and animal habitats.

27. ***Whatever Next!* By Jill Murphy** – always a class favourite and can be used to discuss onomatopoeic phrases and punctuation for effect.