



Readingmate

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Hannah's Recommended reads for KS1

Key Stage One (KS1) is a very important year for children. It's quite possibly the period of a child's education where they make the most visible leaps in progress. At this stage they're still learning to segment words with phonics, recognise words by sight, and differentiate homonyms. Many will start this period reading picture books.

This is by no means an exclusive list but it's a good starter pack.

1. **Oof Makes an Ouch! By Duncan Beedle** – brilliant for reluctant readers, mixed groups and performing to a class as there's lots of ideas for story writing and PSHE.
2. **The Pocket Chaotic by Ziggy Hanaor and Daniel Gray-Barnett** – charming book about a joey who lives in his mother's pocket. Nice to share to KS1 classes (especially at the start of the new school year).
3. **The Bad-tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle** – helpful resource for telling the time on analogue clock.
4. **A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond** – classic tale for children that are starting to read independently.
5. **Inside The Villains by Clotilde Perrin** – great story as inspiration for writing and creating monstrous characters.
6. **Hattie and Olaf by Frida Nilssen** – lovely and fun story to introduce to chapter books.
7. **Salty Dogs by Matty Long** – for all things 'shiver-me-timbers' this is an enthralling pirate story.
8. **Don't Look In This Book by Samuel Langley Swain** – lovely whole class story and great to encourage reading aloud.
9. **Gorilla by Anthony Browne** – a classic tale that sparks imaginative ideas for creative writing.



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1. **Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets by Jeanne Willis**- this story will have you all in fits of giggles when hearing an alien's point of view on humans.
2. **I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt** – a genuinely hilarious tale that makes children believe they can create anything without being an expert.
3. **Life is Magic by Meg McLaren** - delightful tale about working together.
4. **Nibbles the Book Monster by Emma Yarlett** - sure hit with all aged readers that's been fantastically produced and makes for exciting reading experience.
5. **Rhinos Don't Eat Pancakes by Anna Kemp** – lovely, shared read with charming pictures and hilarious story of a very hungry (and friendly) rhinoceros.
6. **Supertato by Sue Hendra and Paul Innes** – delightfully imaginative book that is brilliant at sparking curiosity.
7. **The Bumble Bear by Nadia Sireen** – Norman is a bear that loves honey. Amusing and colourful illustrations supported with gentle humour is great to teach about loyalty and friendship.
8. **The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water by Gemma Mirano** – unique and uplifting story about family, acceptance, and unconditional love.
9. **The Last Wolf by Mini Grey** – powerful reimagination of the class Little Red Riding Hood.