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# Hannah's Recommended Reads for SEND Pupils

Books welcome any reader from any background. Ensure books are plentiful for students with SEND. They may not 'read' in the traditional sense but can get a huge amount from enjoying pages filled with engaging images. To support them further, ensure the stories are simple, there's a sensory element and (where possible) choose ones with rhyme and repetition.

Some of these stories make excellent sensory stories too where you can bring elements of them to life.

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

- **That's not my... by Fiona Watt** – lots of opportunities for sensory exploration and there's quite literally one for every occasion and taste.
- **Perfectly Norman by Tom Percival** - Norman had always been perfectly normal . . . until the day he grew a pair of wings!
- **Busy Day: Astronaut by Dan Green** - 3, 2, 1 . . . Lift off! Join in and use the flaps to help the busy astronaut put on her spacesuit, launch the rocket and drive the moon buggy.
- **Ladybird London: Search and Find by Klara Hawkins** – students can enjoy spotting all the different things you can find in London along with some astonishing facts.
- **Peppa Pig: First Phonics** – many of these board books are excellent as the characters are familiar and stories are simple.
- **Little World: Under the Sea** - curious minds can explore the ocean's depths with this push-and-pull book.



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- **Magic Windows: Weather by Libby Burns** - whatever the weather, children will love this interactive pull-the-tabs book.
- **Beautiful OOPS by Barney Salzberg** - every mistake can lead to a beautiful new adventure. An inspiring board book full of pop-ups and pull-the-flaps.
- **Stickyscapes at the Museum by Laura Junger** – interactive sticker book: One side of the scene shows a busy museum during the daytime, with enormous dinosaur skeletons, priceless vases and bored security guards. The other side shows the museum at night – when everything comes to life.
- **We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen** – one of my student's favourites and lots of opportunity to join in and use props/sensory materials for the 'Splish, Splash'
- **Don't Put Your Finger In The Jelly, Nelly by Nick Sharratt** – the combination of the humorous rhymes and bright illustrations are great for engagement.
- **Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell** – interactive flaps make for great exploration and practice of fine-motor skills.
- **The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson** – classic and much-loved story as well as a lovely opportunity to dress up and role play.
- **The Hospital Dog by Julia Donaldson** – lovely story that many SEND students can empathise with and enjoy.
- **What happened to you? By James Catchpole** – addresses how children with disabilities may be spoken to and how it may feel. Ground-breaking and funny story!
- **Me and My Sister by Rose Robbins** – important and sensitive story about sibling understanding of disability.
- **Shine by Sarah Asuquo** – celebration of diversity in this heart-warming story about Kai who appears 'normal' but wants to share the things that make him different.
- **The Gigantic Turnip by Aleksei Tolstoy** – great opportunity to get students active and exploring their senses with this classic tale.