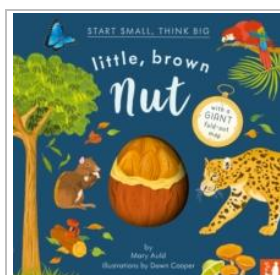


Recommended books for Year 1



Giving children a wide variety of exciting and engaging new books to choose from, is vital to their development as a reader and forms a key part of our Young Readers Programme. Here, we've put together a list of books for ages 5-6 that is sure to appeal to a broad range of interests!

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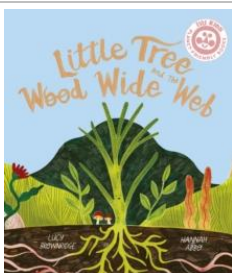


Little, Brown Nut by Mary Auld

Start Small, Think Big is a series that sets young readers on a journey of discovery, beginning from the small and familiar, to new areas of knowledge where they really have to think big!

Reading age: 5+

Interest age: 3-6

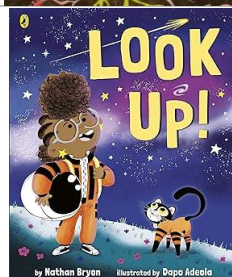


Little Tree and the Wood Wide Web by Lucy Brownridge

Have you ever wondered if trees can communicate with each other? Well they can. In this picture book for young children, we meet a little fir tree sapling who is stretching her first leaves into an ancient forest full of trees.

Reading age: 4+

Interest age: 4-5



Look Up! by Nathan Bryon

Meet science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars?

Reading age: 6+

Interest age: 4-7



Walter The Wonder Snail by Neil Clark

Walter is a snail who is really, really bored of leaves. Surely there's more to life than leaves? His fellow snails are happy just slowly munching away... but not Walter! He wants to try something new.

Reading age: 3+

Interest age: 3-6

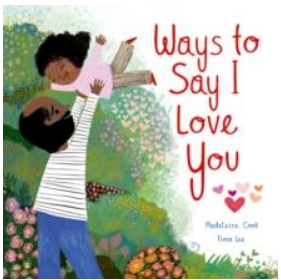
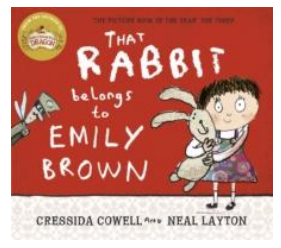
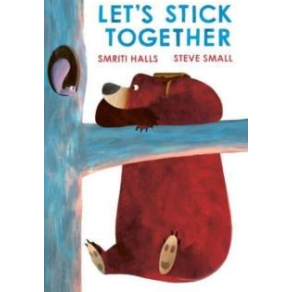
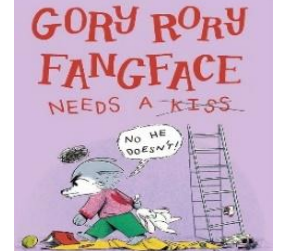


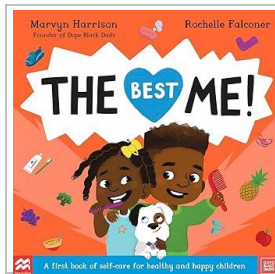
Our Tower by Joseph Coelho

Three children living in a tower block travel to a strange, magical world inside a tree and meet an old man with supernatural powers... only to realise that magic had been in the tower block all that time.

Reading age: 4+

Interest age: 4-5

	Ways to Say I Love You by Madeleine Cook In this warm and cosy book, children grow and families have busy lives, but there is always time to say, 'I love you'. Love can be a word or a hug. It can be a shared experience or activity, a helping hand or a simple wave goodbye. Reading age: 3+ Interest age: 4-5
	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! Reading age: 6+ Interest age: 5-6
	Into the Wild by Thomas Docherty One night Joe leaves his window open and with a swirl of leaves and a flap of feathers, the Wild invites him outside to explore the night-time city. Joe learns that animals and plants can thrive, even in the most built-up environment and that with a bit of imagination, a city can be full of surprises. Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 4-5
	Marv and the Mega Robot by Alex Falase-Koya Marvin is an ordinary boy who loves spending time with Grandpa, reading comics and making science experiments with his best friend Joe. But everything changes when he discovers a mysterious superhero suit hidden in the attic... Reading age: 6+ Interest age: 6-8
	Let's Stick Together by Smriti Halls Bear and Squirrel are back and it's time to party! Squirrel is the expert at throwing parties and knows exactly what to do to make this the biggest and best EVER, but Bear isn't so sure and is feeling a bit shy. Can the two friends find a way to work through their worries and wobbles and stick together? Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 4-5
	Gory Rory Fangface Needs A Kiss by Ziggy Hanaor Gory Rory is having a TERRIBLE day, and the LAST thing he needs is a KISS. A heartwarming story about the power of affection, to lighten up even the darkest of days. Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 3-7

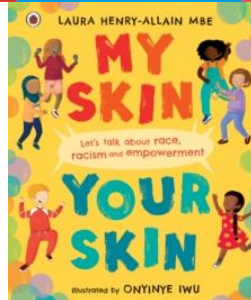


The Best Me! by Marvyn Harrison

Every morning, when we wake up, we try to be our very best selves. Brimming with positivity, The Best Me! is a fun and empowering book to help little ones stand tall.

Reading age: 4+

Interest age: 6+



My Skin, Your Skin by Laura Henry-Allain

My Skin Your Skin is a powerful book to help children and adults have meaningful discussions about race and anti-racism. Most importantly, the book empowers children to be the best versions of themselves, to have self-love, self-esteem and self-worth, irrespective of their skin colour.

Reading age: 6+

Interest age: 4-8



Gretel the Wonder Mammoth by Kim Hilyard

One peaceful Tuesday morning, a loud CRACK could be heard as the last mammoth on earth broke free from her icy shell - here comes Gretel the Wonder Mammoth! Everyone is so excited to meet her but, as she settles into her new life, Gretel starts to feel a little overwhelmed and even a bit lonely...

Reading age: 4+

Interest age: 4-5

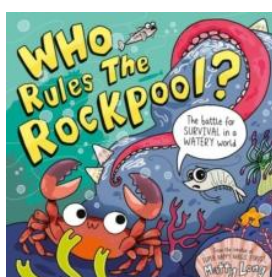


Lost by Mariajo Ilustrajo

Lost is the story of a polar bear who finds himself lost, in a big concrete city. He politely asks the city folk for help, but everyone is much too busy and impatient to help the newcomer. He finds himself travelling on the subway only to be noticed, finally, by a little girl.

Reading age: 3+

Interest age: 3-6

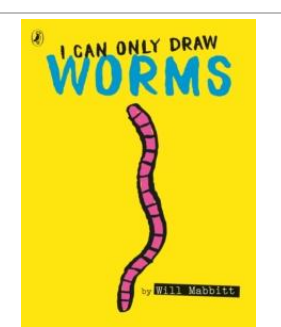
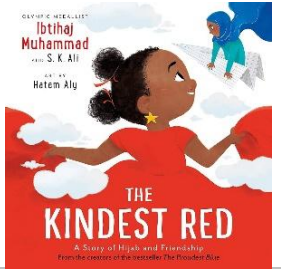
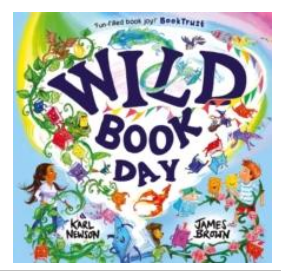
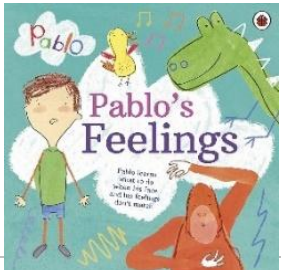
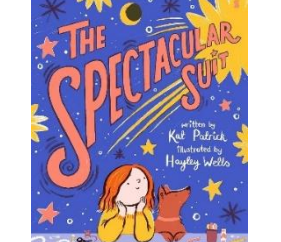


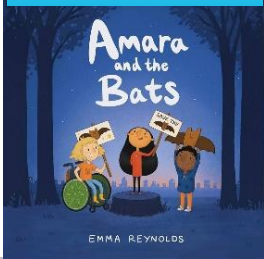
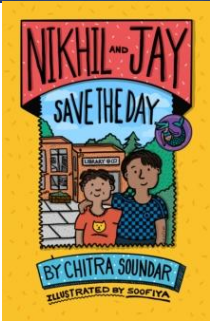
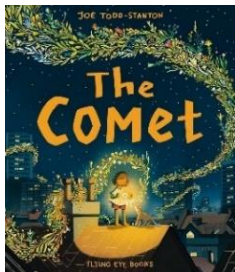
Who Rules The Rockpool? by Matty Long

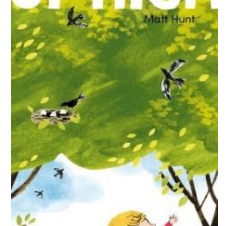
Crab is a big crab in a small rockpool and he RULES THE ROCKPOOL...or so he thinks. When a big wave sweeps him and Prawn into an even larger pool, he has to reevaluate his place in the hierarchy. If Crab doesn't RULE THE ROCKPOOL, who does?

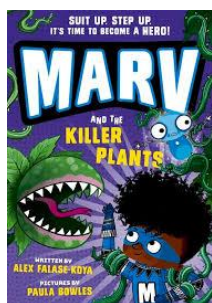
Reading age: 7+

Interest age: 6-8

	Julian at the Wedding by Jessica Love Julian and his nana are attending a wedding. Better yet, Julian is in the wedding along with his cousin Marisol. When wedding duties are fulfilled, the pair take off to roam the venue. After all, it wouldn't be a wedding without fun, laughter and a little magical mischief. Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 3-8
	I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt This book is about worms. I can only draw worms. You might think worms are boring - but you'd be wrong. These worms have INCREDIBLE adventures! I can't draw those bits though, so you'll have to imagine them. A hilarious and superbly silly book that will have children in stitches and begging for more. Reading age: 3+ Interest age: 3-6
	The Kindest Red by S.K. Ali and Ibtihaj Muhammad Faizah imagines a world where everyone is kind to one another and tries to create that world in the school playground. An important and uplifting story about celebrating each other's differences and similarities. Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 4-7
	Wild Book Day by Karl Newson Characters from different stories collide and with every turn of the page, it's a celebration of the limitless worlds within books, encouraging young minds to become active participants in their everyday reading adventures. Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 4-5
	Pablo's Feelings by Pablo Pablo wants to go to Lorna's house, but his mum sees the expression on his face and thinks that he doesn't want to go! Pablo is autistic and he sees the world in a different way. With his friends, he comes up with a way to let people know what he is thinking! Reading age: 4+ Interest age: 6+
	The Spectacular Suit by Kat Patrick

	It's almost Frankie's birthday and everything is ready, except for something to wear. What Frankie longs for is a suit. A spectacular suit! Can Frankie find the outfit of her dreams? Reading age: 6+ Interest age: 4-8
	Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival Meesha loves making things...but there's one thing she finds difficult to make, friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say or when to say it. But one day, she discovers that she has a special talent that might just help her navigate social situations - and maybe even make new friends. Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 4-5
	Amara and the Bats by Emma Reynolds Amara loves bats but when she moves to a new town, she learns that bats no longer roost nearby, because they are losing their habitat. Amara gathers her new friends to help, together, she knows they can make a difference! Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 4-7
	Nikhil and Jay Save the Day by Chitra Soundar In these four interlinked stories, there's always fun and mischief. Jay wants to do things by himself on his birthday, they all go to visit Grandad and Nana; then it's Pancake Day, and, last but not least, Nikhil and Jay help to lead a campaign to save their local library from closing. Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 5-8
	The Comet by Joe Todd-Stanton When Nyla moves away from home, all she can think about is everything she misses from before. So, when a comet crashes through the city streets, Nyla can't resist heading somewhere that feels closer to what she had before. Reading age: 4+ Interest age: 6+

	Out of the Blue by Robert Tregonyi ONLY BLUE ALLOWED, by Blue government demand. Anything that isn't blue is banned. In a very blue house on a very blue street, sits a little boy who feels as blue as the world around him. For this little boy has a BIG secret: he loves the colour yellow. Reading age: 3+ Interest age: 4-5
	Luna Loves Gardening by Joseph Coelho Celebrate community gardening and learn the power of plants to bring people together in this picture book story from award-winning Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho. Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 4-7
	After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty got back up again by Dan Santat This poignant tale follows Humpty Dumpty, an avid bird watcher whose favourite place to be is high up on the city wall—that is, until <i>after</i> his famous fall. Now terrified of heights, Humpty can no longer do many of the things he loves most. Will he summon the courage to face his fear? Reading age: 6+ Interest age: 6-8
	Up High by Matt Hunt A tender and funny celebration of the bond between father and son. Going up high on Dad's shoulders is the <i>best</i> way to feel BIG when everything makes you feel small. But maybe, just maybe, being down low is just as good as being up high . . . Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 3-6
	Flower Block by Lanisha Butterfield When Jeremiah plants a packet of sunflower seeds, the very last thing he expects is for the vines and leaves to grow overnight and burst through the ceiling of his apartment! A glorious celebration of the power of nature to bring communities together, Reading age: 5+ Interest age: 4-7

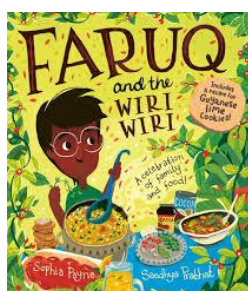


Marv and the Killer Plants by Alex Falase-Koya

In this story, Marvin and his school friends are tending to the school garden when supervillain Violet Vine appears and uses her powers to make the plants grow out of control. Before long, the garden and school are covered in snaking vines, and kid-eating Venus flytraps!

Reading age: 6+

Interest age: 5-7



Faruq and the Wiri Wiri by Sophia Payne

There is not a better smell in the world than Ajee's Cook-up rice. The kitchen fills with the smell of coconut, garlic and spices. Faruq loves his grandmother Ajee, and he loves her cooking. In fact, Faruq would like to cook too – he wants to be a chef, but Ajee says he has to be a doctor like his father. Can his love of cooking set a different course for his future?

Reading age: 6+

Reading age: 4-7