**A selection of recommended authors and texts**

**Year 1 and Year 2**



As part of our drive to develop a love of reading at Longton Primary School, we have compiled a list of suggested books and authors that can be used to guide parents and carers towards suitable and exciting books, appropriate for children of their age.

Tips to follow when reading with your child at home:

* Encourage lots of discussion about different books and authors, e.g. – “What do you like about the book?” “Which story did you like the most and why?”
* Find a quiet and calm place to spend some time sharing and enjoying books.
* Takes lots of trips to the library!
* Has your child understood what they’ve read? Ask them to re-tell the story and explain what’s happened during and after reading?
* Encourage independence – give lots of praise and rewards when your child chooses their own books and is keen to share and read them to/with you.

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| The Gigantic Turnip | Aleksei Tolstoy |
| Funnybones  The Jolly Postman  Mrs Wobble The Waitress | Allan Ahlberg |
| The Diary of a Killer Cat | Anne Fine |
| Willy the Wizard  Willy the Wimo | Anthony Browne |
| Frog and Toad are Friends | Arnold Lobel |
| The Adventures of Captain Underpants | Dav Pilkey |
| The Hodgeheg  The Guard dog  Emily’s Legs | Dick King-Smith |
| The Cat in the Hat | Dr Seuss |
| Horrid Henry | Francesca Simon |
| Little Wolf’s Book of Badness | Ian Whybrow |
| Six Dinner Sid | Inga Moore |
| Mr Wolf’s Pancakes | Jan Fearnley |
| Flat Stanley | Jeff Brown |
| Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind | Jeremy Strong |
| My Friend Bear | Jez Alborough |
| The Large Family Collection  The Worst Witch | Jill Murphy |
| Avocado Baby | John Burningham |
| The True Story of the Three Little Pigs | Jon Scieszka |
| The Tiger Who Came to Tea  Mog Stories | Judith Kerr |
| The Smartest Giant in Town  The Gruffalo’s Child | Julia Donaldson |
| Friends | Kim Lewis |
| Charlie and Lola | Lauren Child |
| Hairy Maclary | Lynley Dodd |
| Katie Morag Series | Mairi Hedderwick |
| Amazing Grace | Mary Hoffman |
| Grace and Family | Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch |
| Frog is Frog | Max Velthuijis |
| A Bear Called Paddington | Michael Bond |
| The Cat Who Lost His Purr | Michelle Coxon |
| Cat and Mouse Story | Michael Rosen |
| The Adventures of The Dish and The Spoon | Mini Grey |
| The Whisperer | Nick Butterworth |
| Lost and Found  How to Catch A Star  The Way Back Home | Oliver Jeffers |
| Don’t Forget the Bacon | Pat Hutchins |
| Frightened Fred | Peta Coplans |
| Mrs Armitage on Wheels  Mister Magnolia | Quentin Blake |
| The Magic Finger  George’s Marvellous Medicine  The Giraffe, Pelly and Me | Roald Dahl |
| The Trouble with Jack  The Snow Lady | Shirley Hughes |
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| Collins Primary Dictionary |  |
| Children’s First Encyclopaedia |  |
| Children’s Atlas |  |
| Topic Books, eg Old Toys, Homes in the Past |  |
| Traditional Nursery Rhymes |  |

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