



## Books We Know Well in Reception

**“One of the best ways you can help you children learn and learn to read is to share books with them. Here’s why:**

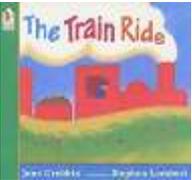
- They get to know the **sounds, rhythms** and **words** used in the way we write. This is different from how we talk, so hearing stories helps children learn how to read.
- They think about the **feelings** of the characters in the book. This helps them as they go about their own lives with other people.
- They think about the **ideas** in the book. This helps them to understand the world and develop “knowledge schema”.
- Sharing books and listening to what your children say about them **shows** your children **that you care** about them, you care about what they think and who they are.”

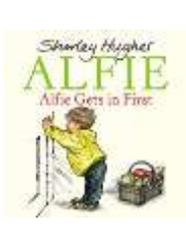
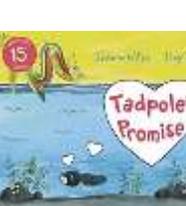
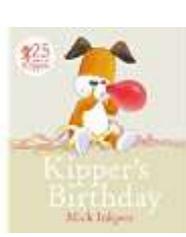


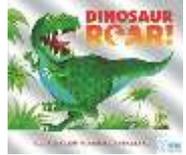
**Michael Rosen** - Writer and Poet and Children’s Laureate (2007-2009)

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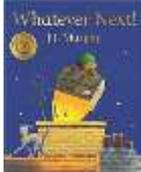
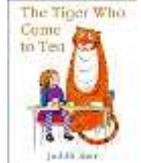
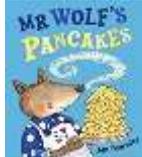
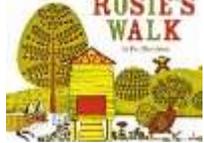
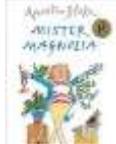
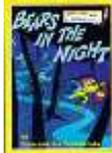
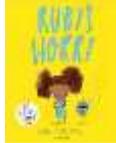
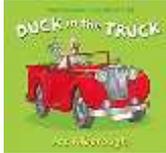
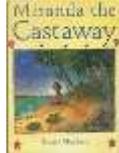
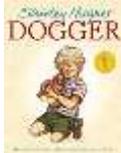
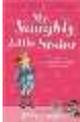
Book Cover	Title / Author / Illustrator	Synopsis	Language Development & Vocabulary Acquisition
	<p><b>Let's go home Little Bear</b></p> <p>Martin Waddell &amp; Barbara Firth</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlf5o57EJ0g&amp;t=13s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlf5o57EJ0g&amp;t=13s</a></p>	<p>Big Bear and Little Bear go for a walk in the snow through woods. Little Bear hears noises, which scare him. Big Bear reassures Little Bear and eventually carries him home where they snuggle up by the fire.</p>	<p>Bear, Walk, Snow, Woods, Path, Footprints, Plod, Plodder, Jump, Slide, Listen, Glimpse, Drip, Dripper, Melt, Icicle, Drift, Stream, Twig, Fir Tree, Evergreen, Pine Cone, Plop, Plopper, Branch, Woo Woo, Creak, Wind, Carry, Shoulders, Cave, Lantern, Electricity, Blanket, Snuggle, Cosy, Fire, Embers, Stirred, Curled.</p>
	<p><b>The Little Mouse, the Red, Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear</b></p> <p>Don &amp; Audrey Wood</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cELSeYq2aul">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cELSeYq2aul</a></p>	<p>A mouse picks a huge strawberry, but then has to find a way of keeping it away from the bear. He tries several different ideas, before deciding on the only guaranteed way. There are several animated versions online e.g.:</p>	<p>Strawberry, Mouse, Whiskers, Paws, Squeak, Bear, Forest, Ladder, Punnett, Stalk, Plant, Tug, Juice, Mile, Boom!, Hammock, Taste, Smell/Sniff (Senses), Ripe, Tromp, Footprints, Shadow, Hunger, Scared, Frightened, Worried (Feelings), Hidden/Hide, Teaspoon, Bury, Guard, Key, Padlock, Chain, Drawing pins, Sharpe, Barricade, Disguise, Dressing up, Moustache, Eyebrows, Glasses, Hide, Dig, Tablecloth, Knife, Divide, Share, Equal, Candlestick, Delicious, Snooze.</p>

	<p><b>Little Beaver and The Echo</b></p> <p>Amy MacDonald &amp; Sarah Fox-Davies</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9Zueh5uSKA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9Zueh5uSKA</a></p>	<p>A lonely beaver hasn't any friends. One day, he hears someone crying on the other side of the pond, so off he sets, hoping to find them. Read by the author here:</p>	<p>Beaver, (mammal, rodent, long teeth, fur, webbed back feet, flat, scaly tails, Northern Hemisphere, Canada, globe), Echo, Pond, Trees, Gnarled, Twisted, Tall, Reflection, Calm, Island, Mountain, Lily-pads, Lilies, Reeds, Dam, Lodge, Edge, Voice, Lonely, Moment, Sad, Friend, Paddle/Paddled, Oar, Boat, Canoe, Duck, Swimming, Circle, Sliding, Otter, Bank, Turtle, Sunning, Rock, Wise, Mud, Happy, Surprised, Hooray!</p>
	<p><b>The Train Ride</b></p> <p>June Crebbin &amp; Stephen Lambert</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiqFOZcZVdg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiqFOZcZVdg</a></p>	<p>Climb aboard for a rhythmic train ride through the country. There's lots to see and someone very special waiting at the end! A little girl and her mother board the train in town and set off on a journey through the countryside. As they travel, the girl looks out of the window...</p>	<p>Journey, Train, Platform, Steam, Aboard, Tracks, Passengers, Poppies, Washing Line, Fluttering, Rhythm, View, Window, Sheep, Cows, Meadow, Hill, Mare, Foal, Bumpety, Shiny, Tractor, Load, Trailer, Ticket Collector, Tunnel, Scary, Mirror, Reflection, Staring, Gaggle, Geese, Strutting, Treetops (Canopy), Sky, Giant, Hot Air Balloon, Sailing, Engine, Market Square, Seaside, Town, Lighthouse, Sand, Sea, Fishing Boat, Viaduct, Seagulls, Awning, Station, Signal, Grandma, Welcoming, Hug.</p>
	<p><b>George and the Dragon</b></p> <p>Chris Wormell</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSI3wpySr5Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSI3wpySr5Q</a></p>	<p>Far, far away in the high, high mountains in a deep, deep valley in a dark, dark cave - there lived a mighty dragon. He was an awesome and frightening creature, terrorising whole armies, destroying castles, demolishing forests and kidnapping princesses. But, this mighty dragon had a deep, dark secret...</p>	<p>Dragon, far far away, high mountains, deep valley, dark cave, mighty, nostrils, wing span, scales, talons, clouds, forest, fiery breath, smash, castle, flick, mighty, tail, brush away, army, sweep, monstrous, fierce, terrible, secret, terrified, pity, skull, skeleton, draughty, previous, fixtures and furnishings, inconvenient, miles away, miserable, matters worse, sugar, pop, borrow, loan, couple, screamed, groaned, spread, cushion, princess, cosy, beware.</p>
	<p><b>The Great Green Forest</b></p> <p>Paul Geraghty</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNXsFTXONhE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNXsFTXONhE</a></p>	<p>Set in the Amazon rainforests of South America, a little treemouse wants a nice, quiet sleep, but all the animals are making too much noise. Suddenly, another noise get louder and louder – and the treemouse takes action to save the forest. A story with an environmental theme.</p>	<p>Rainforest, South America, treemouse, sunrise, frogs, screechy, cicada, humming bird, forest crown, toucans, macaw, parrot, squawked, pierced, curtain of green, forest was alive, voice was drowned, bickered, monkeys, echo, clung, cowered, leopard, panther, shudder, ugly, the earth thundered, bulldozer, stood firm, sensed, shadows, peace.</p>

	<p><b>This is our house</b></p> <p>Michael Rosen &amp; Bob Graham</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf_n6yjr9T0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf_n6yjr9T0</a></p>	<p>George says the cardboard house is his and no one else can play in it. But Lindy, Marlene, Luther, Sophie and Rasheda have other ideas! A story about sharing and friendship.</p>	<p>Belongs to, share, mean, friends, kind, (communal) playground, swings, flats, tower block, cardboard, imagination, headed, mend, picking-on, jumbo jet, flight, radioed, crowds, make-way, plan, tunnel, paddy, tantrum, belonging, together.</p>
	<p><b>Alfie gets in first</b></p> <p>Shirley Hughes</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFlvvcDPyxk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFlvvcDPyxk</a></p>	<p>Alfie is so excited to be the first one home from shopping that by mistake he slams the front door shut, locking his mum and baby sister out on the doorstep. The whole neighbourhood comes to help...</p>	<p>Ahead, corner, raced, push-chair (buggy), brake, key, front door, lifted, basket, won, slam, bang, catch, letterbox, reach, hungry, tired, cry, hurrying, neighbour, street, encouraging, sitting room (lounge), right away, drain-pipe, milkman, milk-float, trouble, worry, lock, window-cleaner, ladder, hurrying, climb, half-way up, managed to, grandly,</p>
	<p><b>Tadpole's promise</b></p> <p>Tony Ross &amp; Jeanne Willis</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFlvvcDPyxk">Tadpole's Promise - YouTube</a></p>	<p>Where the willow meets the water, a tadpole meets a caterpillar. They gaze into each other's tiny eyes and fall in love. But then the tadpole breaks his promise... A story about frog and butterfly, science, nature and lifecycles</p>	<p>Willow, tadpole, caterpillar, promise, gaze, fell in love, beautiful, rainbow, shiny, pearl, broken promise, change, forgive, seasons, twice, begged, last chance, world, broken my heart, cocoon, moonlit, fluttered, butterfly, frog, leapt, lily-pad, swallowed, gulp, fondly, wondering.</p>
	<p><b>Kipper's birthday</b></p> <p>Mick Inkpen</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mm1BXicbFeU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mm1BXicbFeU</a></p>	<p>Kipper's birthday is tomorrow. He bakes a yummy cake to share with his friends and writes some invitations. But when he writes 'come tomorrow' and hands them out on his birthday morning, things all get a bit confusing ... Luckily it all turns out well in the end when his friends arrive with the best present ever!</p>	<p>Birthday, day before/after, yesterday, tomorrow, invitations, late, ingredients, currants, eggs, flour, sugar, (glace) cherries, bowl, stir, ached, rolling pin, flat, squeezed, cake-tin, heap, decoration, deliver, yawn, balloons, o'clock, sleepy, stretched, mountain, dodging, boulders, noon, streamed in, blinked, puzzled, brain, presents, napkin, candles, disappointed, cake.</p>
	<p><b>One tiny turtle</b></p> <p>Nicola Davies &amp; Jane Chapman</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5hwlHo-0xl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5hwlHo-0xl</a></p>	<p>Watch one tiny loggerhead turtle grow bigger and bigger and then follow her back to the beach where she was born. A natural history, non-fiction book</p>	<p>Memory, loggerhead, empty, surface, tangle, sea/weed, jungle, driftwood, tiny, creatures, cling, nursery, sea turtle, shadows, shell, leather, beak, shrimps, crabs, flapping, flippers, pick-pin, swift, breath, blink, secret, reptiles, rides-out, storms, floats, steadily, vanished, armour, helmet, tough, millions, feast, disappears, wanders, far and wide, juicy, shoals, turquoise, munch, corals, travel, trace, glimpse, compass, current, surf, barrow, stream, scooping, hind, steep, squidgy, ping-pong, wriggle, hatchlings, horizon, skeeter towards, claws, beach.</p>

	<p><b>Dinosaur Roar!</b></p> <p>Paul &amp; Henrietta Strickland</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MMiiXIFNZA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MMiiXIFNZA</a></p>	<p>A rhyming text about dinosaurs, all of whom are hungry! Can be learnt off my heart as a poem and performed to an audience.</p>	<p>Roar, squeak, fierce, meek, fast, slow, above, below, weak, strong, short, long, fat, tiny, clean, slimy, sweet, grumpy, spiky, lumpy, gobble, nibble, munch, scrunch.</p>
	<p><b>One snowy night</b></p> <p>Nick Butterworth</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHWTK9u6RxY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHWTK9u6RxY</a></p>	<p>Percy the park keeper always feeds the animals in the park where he lives. But one cold winter's night Percy discovers that his little friends need more than food and he must find a way to help them.</p>	<p>Park, hibernate, winter, seasons, park keeper, scarf, woolly, wellington boots, hut, roundabout, cosy, share, snowflakes, blanket, cocoa, tapping, squirrel, miserable, snuggled down, shivering, frozen, squeezed, tickling, fox, tickling, scratched, promise, good gracious!, badger, ducks, hedgehog, mice, shoved, pricked up ears, whispered, monster, claws, floorboards, chuckle, mole, hot water bottle, stirred, slippers, to spare.</p>
	<p><b>Fidgety Fish</b></p> <p>Ruth Galloway</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLW_jwXgbRg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLW_jwXgbRg</a></p>	<p>Tiddler was always fidgeting. He wriggled and squiggled, until his mum told him to go out and swim till he was tired. So Tiddler swam out into the deep sea, where he met limpets and jellyfish, he went further till he reached a big, dark cave.</p>	<p>Fidget, wriggles, squiggled, darted, giggled, fed up, cave, dived, flipped, leapt, dipped, rocket, glided, swan, currents, fins, limpets, clung, jellyfish, stung, starfish, butted, clickety-clackety, crab, scuttled, seaweed, exciting, snap!, trapped, trembled, shivered, shook, quivered, rumbled, grumbled, tumbled, fluttered, groaned, mumbled, moaned, enormous, manners, shot, weeds, energy, adventures,</p>
	<p><b>Pumpkin soup</b></p> <p>Helen Cooper</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht9rauWCKkE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht9rauWCKkE</a></p>	<p>Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin, with a pumpkin patch in the garden. Every day Cat slices up some pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in some water and Duck tips in some salt to make perfect pumpkin soup... until the day Duck wants to do the stirring... A story about friendship and sharing.</p>	<p>Deep, woods, cabin, pumpkins, bagpipes, banjo, cat, squirrel, duck, soup, slices, stirs, scoops, pipkin, slurp, quilt, stitched, feathers, peaceful, tiptoed, murmured, stretched, Ker-plonk!, trotted, squeaked, snapped, tugged, squabble, row, racket, rumpus, wailed, barrow, waddled, stormed, scoffed, (veg) patch, paced, muttered, tasty, sobbed, scared, wandered, feared, cliff, scrambled, searched, whispered, plodded, burst, slopped, burnt, measure.</p>
	<p><b>My cat likes to hide in boxes</b></p> <p>Eve Sutton &amp; Lynley Dodd</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EXEBqSd8Gg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EXEBqSd8Gg</a></p>	<p>Lots of cats from all around the world do exciting things like fly aeroplanes or play the violin - but this cat, an ordinary round-the-house cat, likes to hide in boxes. A rhyming book with lots of opportunities to join in.</p>	<p>France, dance, Spain, aeroplane, Norway, doorway, Greece, police, Brazil, chill, Berlin, violin, Japan, fan,</p>

## Other books we love – in Reception and Year 1

<b>Whatever Next</b> 	<b>Room on the Broom</b> 	<b>The Tiger who came to Tea</b> 	<b>Five minutes peace</b> 	<b>Have you seen the Crocodile?</b> 	
<b>We're going on a Bear Hunt</b> 	<b>The Three Little Wolves &amp; the Big Bad Pig</b> 	<b>Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy</b> 	<b>Mr Wolf's Pancakes</b> 	<b>Rosie's Walk</b> 	
<b>The very hungry caterpillar</b> 	<b>Sharing a Shell</b> 	<b>The dog that dug</b> 	<b>Mr Magnolia</b> 	<b>Witch, Witch come to my Party</b> 	
<b>Peace at Last</b> 	<b>Bears in the night</b> 	<b>The Gruffalo</b> 	<b>Ruby's worry</b> 	<b>The Rainbow fish</b> 	
<b>Owl Babies</b> 	<b>Duck in the Truck</b> 	<b>Miranda the Castaway</b> 	<b>A Squash and a Squeeze</b> 	<b>Dogger</b> 	
<b>Year 1 "Chapter Books"</b>					
<b>The Worst Witch</b> 	<b>The Owl who was afraid of the dark</b> 	<b>My naughty Little Sister</b> 	<b>Jake the good bad dog.</b> 	<b>Fantastic Mr Fox</b> 	<b>Sophie's Snail</b> 