



# Kirkhill Primary School



## Recommended Reading for Primary 1 - 3

# *Take the Mystery Out of* **Choosing Good Books**

**Access to good books is the first step to discovering the joy of reading.** The more trips you make to the library together, the more likely your child will want to choose a book from the shelves. The more books you have in your home, the more likely your child will pick one up and read it. But how do you know which books are the right ones to bring into your home or to borrow from the library? This guide offers tips and strategies to help you and your child learn how to choose good books together.

## **WHAT IS A GOOD BOOK?**

A book doesn't have to win an award to be considered "good." It doesn't have to be a bestseller or on a recommended booklist, either. A good book is simply one a child enjoys reading.



## **HOW CAN YOU FIND GOOD BOOKS?**

Libraries, bookstores, charity shops and jumble sales are filled with books. But how do you know which ones are good? Trust your instincts. Keep your child's interests and reading level in mind and use the tips listed in this guide to help you in your search.

## **WHAT DO CHILDREN KNOW?**

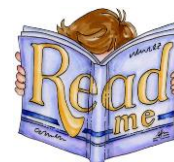
A lot. So ask them. Children can tell you what they like and don't like, what they want to learn, who they would like to meet, and what they want to do when they grow up. All of these are the subjects of great books. Your children's input will help you guide them to good books.

## **Quick Tips!**

- Knowing how to choose good books is a skill your children will keep for the rest of their lives. Take time to show them how. Encourage them to select books on their own as soon as they show preferences.
- You can even let them pick two kinds of books - one to read with you and one to read on their own.
- Get to know the children's section of your local library and ask the staff for recommendations.
- Check lists of recommended books, such as those in this guide.
- It's okay to look through a book and then decide not to read the whole thing. If you don't like a book after reading a chapter or a few pages, pick another one. Reading is supposed to be fun, not a chore.



**Kirkhill Pupils and our Librarian Pupil Group helped to compile this guide.**



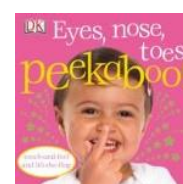
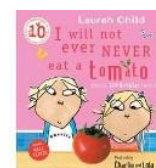
## Recommended Booklist for 5 to 7 year olds

There are many hundreds of books published for children aged 5 to 7. If you are feeling stuck for choice here are a few that the National Literacy Trust and Scottish Book Trust recommend.

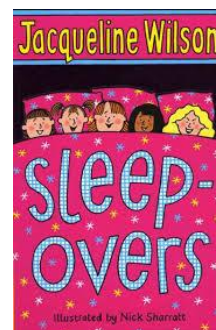
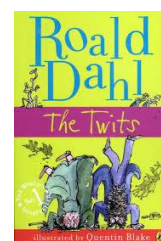
Many of the books can be borrowed from an East Renfrewshire Library. You can check the status of books online at <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2113>. Most books can also be bought in local bookstores or online (see links below) where a **Kindle download** or **audio book** may be available too.

*These books are designed to appeal to the interests of children aged 5 to 7, however, if you feel that your child would like a different level of book other lists are available from the school.*

Author	Title	ISBN
Jez Alborough	Where's My Teddy?	9781844284818
Lauren Child	I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato	9781846168864
Dorling Kindersley	Peekaboo! Eyes, Nose and Toes	9781405331487
Claire Freedman	Aliens in Underpants Save the World	9781847383020
Mick Inkpen	The Naughty Step	9780340959985
Ladybird	Gingerbread Man	9781409306306
Ladybird	Daddy Pig's Fun Run (Series)	9781409304869
Michael Rosen	Little Rabbit Foo Foo	9780744598001
Michael Rosen	We're Going on a Bear Hunt	9780744523232
S Turhan & S Hagin	Mini Picture Dictionary	9781840593679
Simon & Schuster	Octonauts & Whale Shark	9780857072375
Mo Willems	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!	9781844285136
Sharon Meyers	The Princess and the Pee	9781481965989
C Atkinson	30 Yummy Things to Cook	9780746098387
Jeannie Baker	Window	9780744594867
S Barlow & S Skidmore	Action Dogs The Howling Inferno(Series)	9781409520320
L Daniels	The Playful Puppy (Little Animal Ark Series)	9780340932506
Julia Donaldson	Tiddler (Early Reader)	9781407106212
Julia Donaldson	The Princess and the Wizard	9781405090766
Egmont Books	Ben 10 Pocket Library	9781405257022
Paul Fleischmann	The Dunderheads	9780763652395
Rebecca Gilpin	Animal Things to Make	9781409566441
Martin Handford	Fantastic Journey (Where's Wally Series?)	9781406305876
Mary Hoffman	Grace and Family	9781845078065
Alan Durant	Goal!	9780330441438
Martin Jenkins	Can We Save the Tiger?	9781406332087
Laurence Anholt	Cinderboy (Seriously Silly Series)	9781841214047
Helen Paiba	Adventure Stories for 5-year-olds	9780330391375
Helen Paiba	Funny Stories for 6-year-olds	9780330368575
Helen Paiba	Funny Stories for 7-year-olds	9780721419787
Julia Donaldson	Princess Mirror-Belle and the Magic Shoes	9781447224044
A Longstaff	LEGO City: False Tracks	9780723270812
Natasha May	Dancing on Air (Poppy Love Series)	9781406329117
Michael Powell	Big Book of Stupid Jokes	9781841197128
Francesca Simon	Horrid Henry's Birthday Party	9781842557228
Jim Smith	I Am (not) A Loser (Series)	9781405260312



Author	Title	ISBN
Mitchell Symons	I'm 8 and I've Burped	9780330517683
S Turnbull	Beginners: Egyptians	9780746074541
J Miller	50 Soccer Skills	9780746098288
F Watt	How to Draw Animals	9781844486649
J Wilson	Lizzie Zipmouth	9780552557849
Lauren Child	Clarice Bean, That's me (Series)	9781408300046
Gwyneth Rees	Fairy Treasure (Fairies Series)	9780330437301
Laurence Anholt	Babysitter Bear	9780140568738
Lindy Norton	Animals All Around	9780855031626
Tony Mitton	Big Bad Raps	9781843627517
Lauren Child	Utterly me, Clarice Bean	9781843623045
Dr Seuss	The Cat in the Hat	9780007158447
Cressida Cowell	How to Train Your Dragon	9781444914009
Cressida Cowell	How to be a Pirate	9780449813096
Lucy Daniels	Beagle in a Basket (Animal Ark Series)	9780340851111
G. McCaughrean	Doctor Quack	9780340866061
Lauren Child	I Will Never Ever Eat Another Tomato	9781846168864
Margaret Mayo	Rumpelstiltskin	9780721402185
Ursula Jones	The Witch's Children and the Queen	9781843620365
Thomas Rockwell	How to Eat Fried Worms	9781408324264
Francesca Simon	Horrid Henry's Crazy Ketchup (Audio)	9781409149927
Ross Collins	Alvie Eats Soup	9780439272605
J. & A. Ahlberg	The Ha Ha Bonk Book	9780140314120
Roald Dahl	The Magic Finger	9780141346519
Roald Dahl	George's Marvellous Medicine	9780141346403
Roald Dahl	The Twits	9780141346397
Roald Dahl	Fantastic Mr Fox	9780141348827
Jeremy Strong	The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog	9780141322346
Jeremy Strong	Return of the Hundred Mile an Hour Dog	9780141318430
Jacqueline Wilson	The Cat Mummy	9780440868576
Philip Pullman	Count Karlstein	9780552557306
E. B. White	Charlotte's Web	9780141317342
Lisa Bruce	Rama's Return	9780099439394
Steve Cole	Astrosaurus 1 (Series)	9781849411493
Jacqueline Wilson	Sleepovers	9780552557832
Helen Greathead	Diplodocus: The Dinosaur with the Loong Neck	9780439978224
Geronimo Stilton	Lost Treasure of the Emerald Isle (Series)	9781439587379
Dave Pilkey	Adventures of Captain Underpants (Series)	9780439014571
Roddy Doyle	Giggler Treatment	9781407139722
Patrick Burston	The Castle of Fear	9781406317732
Colin McNaughton	The Sun Is Laughing	9780744569988
Sarah McIntyre	There's a Shark in the Bath	9781407121918
Martin Handford	Where's Wally in Hollywood?	9781406305883

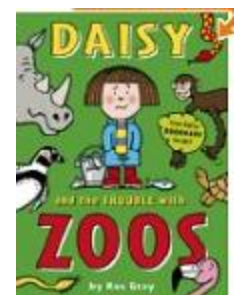
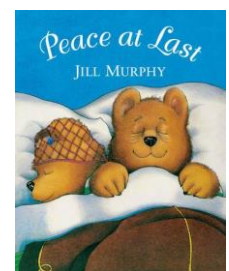
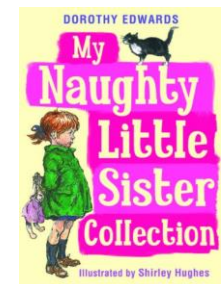
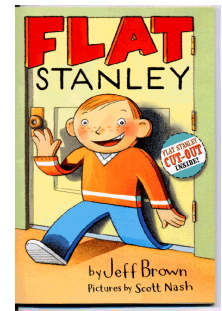




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Jeff Brown	Flat Stanley	9781405204170
Jeff Brown	Stanley, Flat Again	9781405202381
Michael Morpurgo	Dolphin Boy	9781842704486
Malachy Doyle	The Bold Boy	9780744589375
Anne Fine	The Angel of Nitshill Road	9781405233200
Anne Fine	How to Write Really Badly	9781405200618
Prodeepta Das	I is for India	9781845073206
Mary Hoffman	Starring Grace	9781845077495
Victoria Lloyd	Pants On Fire	9780007155255
Gwyneth Rees	Fairy Treasure	9780330437301
Kate Willis-Crowly	Queen Sardine	9781848774209

## PUPIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Francesca Simon	Horrid Henry	9781444013849
John Fardell	The Day Louis Got Eaten	9781849393874
Ross Collins	Dear Vampa	9781444900217
J Donaldson	The Paper Dolls	9781447220145
Mairi Hedderwick	The Katie Morag Storybook	9780099720317
Shirley Hughes	My Naughty Little Sister Series	9781405253345
Jill Murphy	Peace at last	9780230015487
Janey Louise Jones	The Princess Poppy Ballet Dreams	9780552557047
Adam Blade	Sea Quest 1 Series	9781408318485
David Walliams	Demon Dentist	9780007453566
Dave Pilkeys	Captain Underpants	9780713163742
Goodwin, MacDonald and Pielichaty	Football Mad	9780192735850
Kes Grey	Daisy and the Trouble with the Zoos	9781862304932
Holly Web	The Frightened Kitten	9781847152305
Judith Kerr	The Tiger who Came to Tea	9780007215997
Jill Murphy	The Worst Witch	9780141349596
Jean Reagan	How to Babysit a Grandad	9781444915884
Peter Brown	Mr Tiger Goes Wild	9781447253280
Russell Punter	Stories of Pirates	9780330451482
Jan Ormerod	Ms MacDonald has a Class	9780099516514
John Bush	The Fish who Could Wish	9780192727138
June Crebbin	Fantastic First Poems	9780141308982



### Recommended Online Sites 📖

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading/book-lists/themes/3-7>

<http://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/>

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