

ASPIRATIONAL READS

As a parent and a teacher, one of the hardest things is finding appropriate challenging reads for Key Stage 1 pupils.

Wanting to stretch capable readers usually ends up with them being given inappropriate books. This is why I wanted to create this new book list, to support parents and teachers to find appropriately challenging books for younger readers.

All 16 of the books on the main list have been enjoyed by my own children when they were in Year 2.

As well as being accessible as read alones for your most capable readers, the list is also a great list of read alouds for younger children who enjoy longer stories. The longer reads section does include some challenging reads than many KS1 children may find too tricky.

I hope you and your readers enjoy.
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LONGER READS

(OVER 250 PAGES)

FOR YOUNGER READERS



Guardians of Magic

Chris Riddell

Links:
Magic, fairy tales
Warnings
Mild peril



Peanut Jones

Rob Biddulph

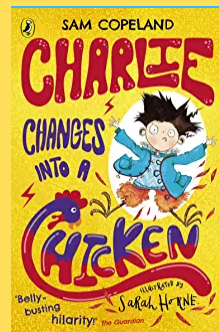
Links:
Draw with Rob, famous artists, London landmarks
Warnings
Mild peril, Missing father



Rainbow Grey

Laura Ellen Anderson

Links:
Weather, superpowers
Warnings
Mild peril



Charlie Changes into a Chicken

Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne

Links:
School show, transformation
Warnings
Mild peril, sibling in hospital

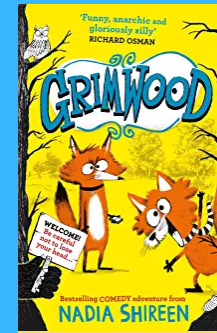
FUNNY READS



Rex: Dinosaur in Disguise

Elys Dolan

Links:
Dinosaurs, careers
Warnings
None



Grimwood

Nadia Shireen

Links:
Animals, comparing country and city
Warnings
Mild peril, missing parents



Legend of Kevin

Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre

Links:
Mythical creatures, extreme weather
Warnings
None




Panda at the Door

Sarah Horne

Links:
Mary Poppins, Edinburgh Zoo
Warnings
Parental split (resolved)

ADVENTURE READS NON-FICTION READS OTHER GREAT BOOKS

OBVIOUSLY FAR TOO MANY TO FIT ON A SMALL FLYER



The Wild Robot
Peter Brown
Links: Nature, robots, adoptive parents, animal instincts
Warnings: Animal death, mild peril (characters chased),



Interview with a Tiger
Andy Seed & Nick East
Links: Animals, interviews
Warnings: None




Dragon Storm
Alastair Chisholm
Links: Dragons
Warnings: Mild peril



Factopia
Kate Hale & Andy Smith
Links: Multiple!
Warnings: None



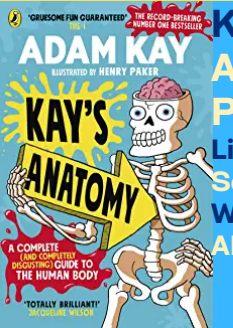

The Royal Rabbits of London
Santa & Simon Sebag Montefiore
Links: Animals, Royal family, London
Warnings: Mild peril, bullying



Earth is Big
Steve Tomecek & Marcos Farina
Links: Nature, Maths, science
Warnings: None




Space Detectives
Mark Powers & Dapo Adeola
Links: Space travel, aliens
Warnings: Mild peril



Kay's Anatomy
Adam Kay & Henry Parker
Links: Science, bodies
Warnings: All bodily functions included



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