Recommended Reads Year R 2020-21



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Abey, Katie

We Catch the Bus Is that a cheeky monkey flying a plane? Join a whole host of animals as they move around on different forms of transport. Bright and fun, with plenty to spot and discuss.



Acton, Sara Dinosaur Day Out A father takes two children out for the day. While he is reading his book about dinosaurs, the children spot unusual creatures around the city. A great book for sharing as children can spot the dinosaurs on each page,



Bedtime for Albie Ambrose, Sophie All the animals know that it is time for bed, but Albie the warthog doesn't want to go to bed. Follow his adventures as he meets the other animals before bedtime.



Atinuke **Catch That Chicken!** Lami is the best in the village at catching the chickens - until the day she hurts herself. She realises that when she cannot catch the chickens, she must make them come to her!



Caston, Jane Will You Help Doug Find His Dog? Doug has lost his dog - can you help to find it? Plenty of interaction as you call, spot, tickle and more to try and help Doug to find his dog, amongst the many different dogs.



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Chatterton, Chris This Is Gus



Gus is a grumpy dog. He doesn't like going for walks, fetching a ball etc. In fact he doesn't like much of anything. However he has to change when a lively puppy arrives. Wonderfully expressive illustrations.

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Cladingbee, Jennie; Cladingbee, Chris Iguanas Love Υ **Bananas**

A rhyming story about a range of animals and the food they might like to eat. A great example of predictive text.



Cleveland-Peck, Patricia You Can't Call an Υ **Elephant in an Emergency**

Another book in this brilliant rhyming series. This time it warns of the dangers of calling animals in an emergency. Plenty of animal fun and emergency vehicles in this crazy story.



Υ Mine Mine Mine! Said the Porcupine A simple, recognisable story about the struggle to get children to share their toys. Simple text and endearing illustrations.



Υ Gallagher, Heather Scaredy Cat When Scaredy Cat goes missing, a little girl is forced to look high and low. A heart-warming tale about the bond between pets and their humans. Children will enjoy interacting with the story as they try to spot the cat on each double page spread.



Gormley, Greg The Best Kind of Bear

A little teddy bear searches the world to find out what kind of bear he is. Includes some interesting facts about bears so could be used to support a topic on bears or toys as well as being a great picture book.

English, Alex

Hendra, Sue Egg



The only text in the book is the word egg so children will need to use their visual literacy skills to interpret the illustrations. Great fun.



Ismail, Yasmeen Would You Like A Banana? A delightfully funny picture book featuring a very stubborn gorilla who refuses to eat a banana.



McLaughlin, Eoin While We Can't Hug A simple and beautiful story about social distancing and other ways to show someone you love them. Perfect to use with children who find social distancing hard.



Newson, Karl I Am NOT An Elephant Mouse is back and full of mischief. This is a great story for noises and has another surprising ending. A perfect sequel to "I am a Tiger."



O'Byrne, Nicola Bad Cat! This witty and perfectly-paced story revels in all the mayhem of living with a feline friend.



Poskitt, Kjartan The Runaway Pea An adventurous pea gets in trouble in the kitchen after running away from the dinner table. Lively rhyming text and bright bold illustrations. Shortlisted for the Children's Book Award 2020. Υ

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Ramsden, RobI Saw A BeeA simple story about a boy and a bee.The boy is initiallyscared of the bee, but realises that they can be friends.



Read, KateOne Fox : A Counting Book ThrillerYRich descriptive language and gorgeous illustrations vividly tell
the story of one famished fox as he approaches a hen house in
the dead of night. Really great use of the 'counting book'
format.Y



Roberton, Fiona Ready, Rabbit?

Rabbit wants to go to his friend's party and have fun but he is also worried that the party might be too loud etc. Will he be brave enough to go?



Simon, Francesca The Goat Café

A group of goats find increasingly adventurous ways to get into an allotment so they can eat the vegetables and other plants. Would read aloud well.



Sutton, Sally Dig, Dump, Roll Crash-a-rumble! Smash-a-grumble! What's at work? This book with rhyming text takes you through the machines that you need to construct a new building. Perfect for fans of big vehicles!



Weale, Andrew Newt in a Suit A counting book with bright vibrant illustrations and humorous text. The animals need to dress up for a party so there is one newt in a suit, two flies in ties, three cockatoos in shoes, four apes in capes etc.

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Wild, Jonnie The Yum Yum Tree

Naughty baby monkey has gone too far up the yum yum tree and can't get down. However the flamingos have a cunning plan. Plenty of repetition which makes this an excellent book to read aloud.

N = Developing Readers Y = Picture Book

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