CLPE Core Book List: Key Stage 1

In each of the age ranges of the core book lists there are three collections:

Learning to Read

These are books which are particularly supportive to children learning to read. Books are included here because they help children to behave like readers. They may be:

- memorable texts that feature repetition and encourage predictions
- texts within which rhythm and rhyme are important
- texts that allow children to practise and apply their phonic knowledge
- books with strong story shapes and structures
- texts which positively reflect children's interests and backgrounds
- books with supportive illustrations
- books that draw attention to written language and to the ways books work

Literature Collection

These are books which will form the basis of a literature curriculum and the collection has been designed to introduce children to a growing range of texts. Whilst some children in the class may not be able to read all the books independently, an important function of the collection is to give them access to a wider range of titles, authors and genres that they might otherwise meet. For more experienced readers, this collection offers an increasingly challenging range of material for individual or group reading. Books in this collection are likely to be:

- texts that are multi-layered capable of being read at different levels
- books that deal with important themes
- books in which language is used in lively, inventive ways
- books by skillful and experienced children's writers and illustrators
- traditional and contemporary 'classics' of children's literature
- stories with different cultural settings
- texts that promote discussion and reflection

Information Collection

Information books have their own collection as they often don't fit into either of the other collections. These are high quality information texts which are interesting and enjoyable. All the information books in the core collection show how the text and pictures can work together to provide comprehensive information and an enjoyable reading experience.

There is no attempt to place books according to 'levels of difficulty' within each collection. Categorising books in this way is an inexact and artificial process. This sort of grading would also be an unnecessary constraint on choice - one of the main purposes of the collections is to enable children to develop individual preferences as readers.

Learning to Read – KS1

A Dark, Dark Tale	Ruth Brown
Are You My Mother?	P D Eastman
Arthur's Dreamboat	Polly Dunbar
Bears in the Night	Stan and Jan Berenstain
Beegu	Alexis Deacon
Biscuit Bear	Mini Grey
Click, Clack, Moo. Cows That Type	Doreen Cronin
Come Away From the Water, Shirley	John Burningham
Don't Forget the Bacon	Pat Hutchins
Down by the Cool of the Pool	Tony Mitton
Duck in the Truck	Jez Alborough
Eat Your Peas	Kes Gray
Funny Bones	Allan Ahlberg
Goldilocks and the Three Bears	published by Child's Play
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy	Lynley Dodd
Halibut Jackson	David Lucas
Hop on Pop	Dr Seuss
How to Heal a Broken Wing	Bob Graham
Hug Me	Simona Ciraolo
I Am So Strong	Mario Ramos
I Want My Hat Back	Jon Klassen
I Want My Potty	Tony Ross
Jack and the Beanstalk	Stephen Tucker
Ketchup on Your Cornflakes	Nick Sharratt
Lima's Red Hot Chilli	David Mills
Little Answer	Tim Hopgood
Little Miss Muffet and Other Rhymes	Patrick George
Little Rabbit Foo Foo	Michael Rosen
Mr Underbed	Chris Riddell
My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes	Eve Sutton
No Dinner!	Jessica Souhami
Not Now, Bernard	David McKee
Oi! Get Off Our Train	John Burningham
Pass the Jam, Jim	Kaye Umanski
Peace At Last	Jill Murphy
Rabbityness	Jo Empson
Room on the Broom	Julia Donaldson
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins
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Rumble in the Jungle	Giles Andreae
Rumble in the Jungle Small	
	Giles Andreae

Suddenly!	Colin McNaughton
Susan Laughs	Jeanne Willis
Tadpole's Promise	Jeanne Willis
Tasty Poems	Jill Bennett
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson
The Hairy Toe	published by Walker
The Lonely Beast	Chris Judge
The Monster Bed	Jeanne Willis
The Pig in the Pond	Martin Waddell
The Ravenous Beast	Niamh Sharkey
The Shopping Basket	John Burningham
The Snowman	Raymond Briggs
The Story of the Little Mole Who Knew it was None of his Business	Werner Holzwarth
This is the Bear	Sarah Hayes
Tiny Little Fly	Michael Rosen
Whatever	William Bee
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
Where's my Teddy?	Jez Alborough
Wolf Won't Bite!	Emily Gravett
Would You Rather	John Burningham
You Choose	Pippa Goodhart
You're a Hero, Daley B!	Jon Blake

Literature Collection – KS1

A Place to Call Home	Alexis Deacon
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman
Anna Hibiscus	Atinuke
Azzi in Between	Sarah Garland
Bears Don't Read	Emma Chichester Clark
Burger Boy	Alan Durant
Burglar Bill	Allan Ahlberg
Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf	Catherine Storr
Dear Mother Goose	Michael Rosen
Down by the River	Grace Hallworth
Farmer Duck	Martin Waddell
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
Foxy and Egg	Alex T Smith
Frederick	Leo Lionni
Frog and the Stranger	Max Velthuijs
Fruits	Valerie Bloom
George Speaks	Dick King-Smith
Goldilocks and Just the One Bear	Leigh Hodgkinson

Gorilla	Anthony Browne
Grace & Family	Mary Hoffman
Happiness is a Watermelon on Your Head	Daniel Hahn
Hermelin	Mini Grey
Hue Boy	Rita Phillips Mitchell
I will Not Ever, Never Eat a Tomato	Lauren Child
Iggy & Me	Jenny Valentine
Jamela's Dress	Niki Daly
Just One More	Joy Cowley
Katie Morag, Of Course!	Mairi Hedderwick
Lila and the Secret of Rain	David Conway
Lion at School and Other Stories	Philippa Pearce
Little Evie in the Wild Wood	Jackie Morris
Little Old Mrs Pepperpot and Other Stories	Alf Proysen
Magic Beans	compilation including Anne Fine
Major Glad, Major Dizzy	Jan Oke
Man on the Moon (A Day in the Life of Bob)	Simon Bartram
Meerkat Mail	Emily Gravett
Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Jan Fearnley
Mrs Cockles' Cat	Philippa Pearce
My Hat and All That	Tony Mitton
Once Upon a Time	Niki Daly
One Smart Fish	Chris Wormell
Orion and the Dark	Emma Yarlett
Pumpkin Soup	Helen Cooper
Sausages	Jessica Souhami
Speckle the Spider	Emma Dodson
The Colour of Home	Mary Hoffman
The Dark	Lemony Snicket
The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine
The Giant Jam Sandwich	John Vernon Lord
The Great Piratical Rumbustification	Margaret Mahy
The Heart and the Bottle	Oliver Jeffers
The Incredible Book Eating Boy	Oliver Jeffers
The Jolly Postman	Allan Ahlberg
The Julian Stories	Ann Cameron
The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch	Ronda and David Armitage
The Magic Bojabi Tree	Dianne Hofmeyr
The Magic Finger	Roald Dahl
The Man Who Wore All His Clothes	Allan Ahlberg
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson
The Pirates Next Door	Jonny Duddle
The Pointless Leopard	Colas Gutman
The Princess and the White Bear King	Tanya Robyn Batt
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The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems	June Crebbin
The Shrimp	Emily Smith
The Sticky Doll Trap	Jessica Souhami
The Story Tree	Hugh Lupton
The Whisperer	Nick Butterworth
There Are Cats in This Book	Viviane Schwarz
Tilly Mint Tales	Berlie Doherty
Tom's Sausage Lion	Michael Morpurgo
Toys in Space	Mini Grey
Traction Man is Here!	Mini Grey
Two Frogs	Chris Wormell
Wild	Emily Hughes
William and the Missing Masterpiece	Helen Hancocks
Winnie-the-Pooh	A A Milne
Winter's Child	Angela McAllister
Zeraffa Giraffa	Dianne Hofmeyr

Information Collection – KS1

A First Book of Nature	Nicola Davies
A is for Africa	Ifeoma Onyefulu
Camille and the Sunflowers	Laurence Anholt
Caterpillar, Butterfly	Vivian French
Colours. A First Art Book	Lucy Micklethwait
Faces	David Goodman, Zoe Miller
Growing Frogs	Vivian French
J is for Jamaica	Benjamin Zephaniah
Just Ducks	Nicola Davies
Mia's Story	Michael Foreman
My First Book of Garden Bugs	Mike Unwin
Number Circus	Kveta Pacovska
One Night, Far from Here	Julia Wauters
Shadow	Robie H Harris
T. Rex	Vivian French
The Black Book of Colours	Menena Cottin
The Great Big Book of Families	Mary Hoffman
The Green Line	Polly Farquharson
The World Came to My Place Today	Jo Readman
Think of an Eel	Karen Wallace
What Are You Playing At?	Marie-Sabine Roger
What's Under the Bed? A Book About the Earth Beneath Us	Mick Manning
Yucky Worms	Vivian French
Yum Yum!	Mick Manning