

# Recommended books for reception

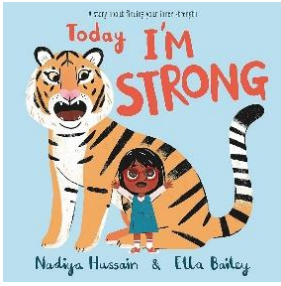
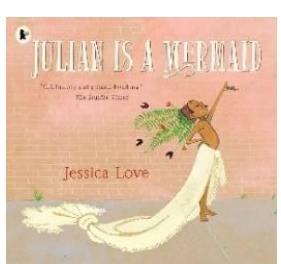
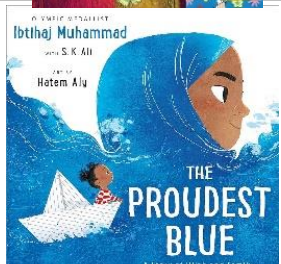


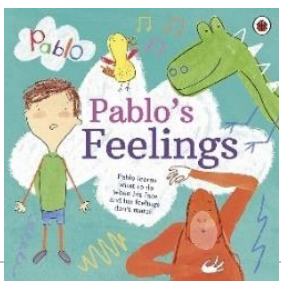
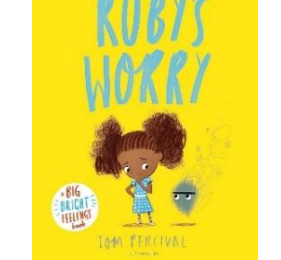
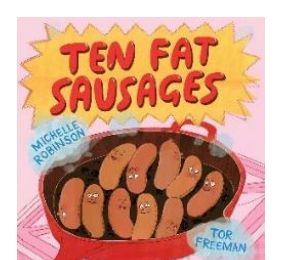
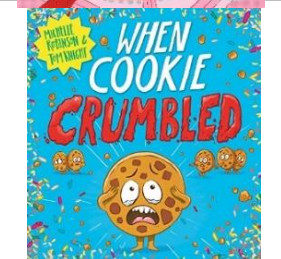
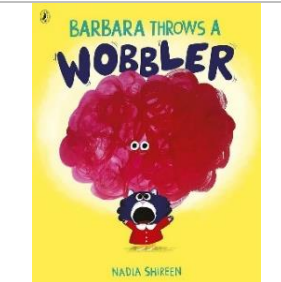
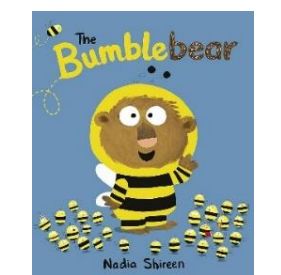
Giving children a wide variety of exciting and engaging new books to choose from is vital to their development as a reader and forms a key part of our Young Readers Programme. Here, we've put together a list of books for ages 4-5 that is sure to appeal to a broad range of interests!

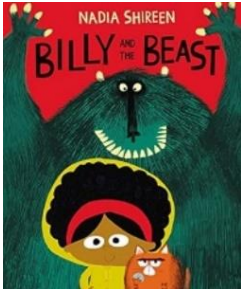
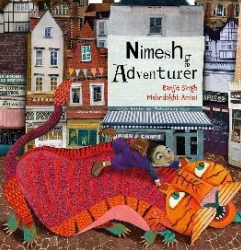
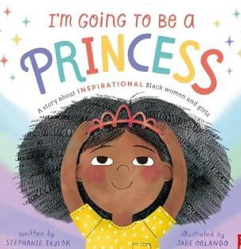
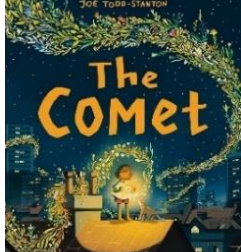

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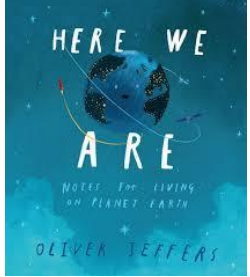
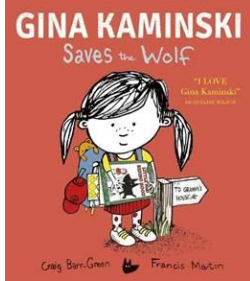
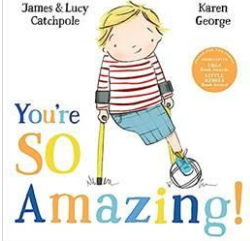
	<p><b>Hey You by Dapo Adeola</b></p> <p>Remember to dream your own dreams and love your beautiful skin. This book addresses - honestly, yet hopefully - the experiences Black children face growing up with systemic racism, as well as providing hope for the future.</p> <p>Interest age: 3+      Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>We're Going to Find the Monster by Malorie Blackman</b></p> <p>Join two intrepid adventurers, as their imaginations transform their house into a wild wonderland - and their big brother becomes a mighty monster.</p> <p>Interest age: 3+      Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Look Up! by Nathan Bryon</b></p> <p>Meet science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars?</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>This Book Just Ate My Dog! by Richard Byrne</b></p> <p>In this wonderfully inventive book, Bella is taking her dog for a stroll across the page but halfway across, he disappears!</p> <p>Interest age: 3+      Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt</b></p> <p>Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit! The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?</p> <p>Interest age: 3+      Reading age: 7+</p>

	<p><b>The New Libearian</b> by Alison Donald</p> <p>Chaos ensues when a bear takes over the library!</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Monstersaurus</b> by Claire Freedman</p> <p>Monty LOVES inventing but things don't always work - His walking toaster ran away and the robot went BERSERK! But then, one day Monty found a book with instructions on how to create inventions very rare... read it if you dare!</p> <p>Interest age: 3+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>Oi Frog!</b> by Kes Gray</p> <p>Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs and mules sit on stools. But Frog does not want to sit on a log.</p> <p>Interest age: 3+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>The Pocket Chaotic</b> by Ziggy Hanaor</p> <p>Alexander loves his mum, but there's one thing she does that really drives him nuts. She is always putting stuff in her pocket. Alexander tries to keep things neat, but the more he tidies, the more stuff she shoves in there. A tale about connection between a son and mother and a journey towards independence.</p> <p>Interest age: 2+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>The Best Me!</b> by Marvyn Harrison</p> <p>Every morning, when we wake up, we try to be our very best selves. Brimming with positivity, <i>The Best Me!</i> is a fun and empowering book, to help little ones stand tall.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Deep</b> by Stephen Hogtun</p> <p>When a tiny whale calf is born, his mother raises him to the surface, to take his first breath. She guides him as he grows, until he is strong enough to swim at her side, and they set off together on a great journey across the oceans.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>

	<p><b>Today I'm Strong by Nadiya Hussain</b></p> <p>I love to go to school. Well, most days I do. There are some days when what I really want is to stay at home with you. A touching story about building the courage to overcome bullying, with a powerful reminder to always be kind.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love</b></p> <p>While riding the subway with his Nana, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. When Julian gets home, all he can think about is dressing up like those ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Ten Delicious Teachers by Ross Montgomery</b></p> <p>Ten silly teachers have missed the last bus home. But LOOK – a shortcut through the forest! An irreverent and zany counting book that is gently thrilling, with witty and whimsical illustrations.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad</b></p> <p>It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab - made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?</p> <p>Interest age: 5+      Reading age: 6+</p>
<p><b>The Book With No Pictures</b> B.J. Novak</p>	<p><b>The Book With No Pictures by B.J. Novak</b></p> <p>Here's how this book works: Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say BLORK. Or BLUURF. That's the rule. That's the deal.</p> <p>Interest age: 5+      Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Daddy Do My Hair: Beth's Twists by Tola Okogwu</b></p> <p>It's Sunday evening and dinner is over. Beth is excited and heads to the sofa. Daddy is there with a smile and a chair. "Daddy," she asks, "will you please do my hair?" It's the evening before School Picture Day and Beth would like a brand new hairdo!</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 5+</p>

	<p><b>Pablo's Feelings by Pablo</b></p> <p>Pablo wants to go to Lorna's house, but his mum sees the expression on his face and thinks that he doesn't want to go! Pablo is autistic and he sees the world in a different way. With his friends, he comes up with a way to let people know what he is thinking!</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival</b></p> <p>Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day; how can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again?</p> <p>Interest age: 3+</p> <p>Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Ten Fat Sausages by Michelle Robinson</b></p> <p>Ten fat sausages sizzling in the pan... decide to escape, if they can! Come on a great escape through the kitchen, as we follow each sausage that decides to make a run for it.</p> <p>Interest age: 3+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>When Cookie Crumbled by Michelle Robinson</b></p> <p>Michael's one cool cookie - and he LOVES to stand out from the batch. But when Michael starts to feel like he can't be himself, he feels all alone and the poor cookie CRUMBLES.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>Barbara Throws a Wobbler by Nadia Shireen</b></p> <p>Barbara is in a very bad mood. She won't admit it, but she is. Suddenly Barbara's WOBBLER is out of control! But what if Barbara and her Wobbler can work together, so she can be cheerful again?</p> <p>Interest age: 3+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>The Bumblebear by Nadia Shireen</b></p> <p>Norman is a bear. A bear who LOVES honey. So, dressed up in his very best bee onesie, he thinks he looks quite convincing as he infiltrates Bee School, with his eye on their huge honey supply. But how long will his disguise last?</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>

	<p><b>Billy and the Beast by Nadia Shireen</b></p> <p>While out on a lovely walk in the woods, Billy and Fatcat hear a terrible rumble coming from a Terrible Beast! He's making a Terrible Soup out of all of Billy and Fatcat's friends! Luckily, Billy has a trick or two up her sleeve.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>Nimesh the Adventurer by Ranjit Singh</b></p> <p>Nimesh is walking home from school. Except...there happens to be a shark in the corridor. And a dragon in the library! A fun-filled story about a little boy with a BIG imagination.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>I'm Going to be a Princess by Stephanie Taylor</b></p> <p>What will Maya be when she grows up? In this heart-warming and funny story, Maya discovers the achievements of some incredible Black women.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 8+</p>
	<p><b>The Comet by Joe Todd-Stanton</b></p> <p>When Nyla moves away from home, all she can think about is everything she misses from before. So, when a comet crashes through the city streets, Nyla can't resist heading somewhere that feels closer to what she had before.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+      Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>All the Ways to be Smart by Davina Bell</b></p> <p>Being smart is not just ticks and crosses and spelling things right. Being smart is building boats from boxes, painting pirates, wheeling wagons, being mermaids and riding dragons. You can be smart at rhyme and telling the time, but also making gooey green slime.</p> <p>Interest age: 5+      Reading age: 6+</p>

	<p><b>Dadaji's Paintbrush by Rashmi Sirdeshpande</b></p> <p>Dadaji loves to teach others to paint, especially his grandson. But after Dadaji passes away, the boy can't bear to use the favourite paintbrush his grandfather left for him. When a little girl knocks on the door, the boy discovers how many lives Dadaji touched with his art, and finds a way to continue his legacy.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth</b></p> <p>Our world can be a bewildering place, especially if you've only just got here. Your head will be filled with questions, so let's explore what makes our planet and how we live on it. From land and sky, to people and time, these notes can be your guide and start you on your journey.</p> <p>Interest age: 3+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>
	<p><b>Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf by Craig Barr-Green</b></p> <p>An empowering retelling of Little Red Riding Hood about challenging the traditional narratives we are told, with a confident, autistic character at its heart. Gina Kaminski is here to tell you three facts. 1 - Little Red Riding Hood is full of BIG mistakes. 2 - She is off to fairy tale land to fix them. 3 - She WILL save the wolf. Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? Certainly not Gina as she takes the narrative lead and tells the story in her own distinctive way.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 6+</p>
	<p><b>You're so amazing by Lucy and James Catchpole</b></p> <p>When people meet Joe, they often treat him as Amazing Joe or Poor Joe. But can't he just be . . . Joe? A groundbreaking picture book which explores how we respond to disability.</p> <p>Interest age: 4+</p> <p>Reading age: 5+</p>