

READING LIST FOR EARLY YEARS HIGH LEARNING POTENTIAL CHILDREN



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Summary

This advice sheet comprises a list of some materials suitable for high learning potential Early Years advanced reader. It includes a variety of different kinds of reading material, as well as general advice on supporting early readers with high learning potential.

Introduction

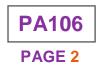
We are often asked for ideas of reading material for competent Early Years readers. This is difficult to advise on because all children are at different stages and have varying likes and dislikes. However, we have put together this list which can be used as a general guide. However, in order for children to develop as readers, it is a good idea for them to broaden their horizons by varying the subject, format and media.

Supporting a High Learning Potential Early Years Reader

High learning potential children's emotional development is sometimes out of line with their reading ability and anyone supporting them needs to consider the appropriateness of the subject of the book, along with the level of difficulty. It is important that high learning potential children are given support in understanding what they are reading. This can be done through discussing characters' feelings, asking what they think will happen next, discussing what they would do in a certain situation or looking up unknown words in a dictionary.

Non-Fiction

- Wonderwise series by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom a non-fiction series, related to a young child's world, with lovely artwork. Titles include 'What's Under My Bed?', 'What's Up?' and 'Is A Blue Whale The Biggest Thing There Is?'
- Animal Families by Dorling Kindersley, a book showing how young animals do just what children do.
- Earth Matters edited by David Rothschild, CEO of Adventure Ecology, is part of Dorling Kindersley's 'Made with Care' series and informs readers about our incredible planet and how to look after it.
- DK First Reference series of seven books with titles such as Nature Encyclopedia,
 Dinosaur Encyclopedia and Science Encyclopedia. Great visual appeal for younger readers.
- Usborne See Inside series, including Ancient Rome, Your Body and Space has added appeal as there are lots of flaps to explore.
- A Life Like Mine and Children Just Like Me, published by Dorling Kindersley in association with UNICEF, show how children around the world live.
- I Wonder Why series published by Kingfisher is full of information presented in a young child friendly format.



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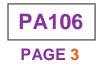


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Fiction

- The Hairy Maclary books written by Lynley Dodd have a wonderful rhyming text and give a sense of right and wrong to the reader.
- Billy's Bucket by Kes Grey Billy wants only one thing for his birthday: a bucket. Inside it, he can see all kinds of magnificent sea creatures. But Mum and Dad are sceptical and, when Dad unwittingly uses the bucket to clean his car, he's in for a big surprise!
- The Gaskitts series by Allan Ahlberg a great format with chapters and pictures:
 - The Man Who Wore All His Clothes
 - The Woman Who Won Things
 - The Cat Who Got Carried Away
 - The Children Who Smelled A Rat
- The Green Ship by Quentin Blake gives a positive message about the value of play for developing the imagination and a vehicle for learning.
- Meet Charlie books by Hilary McKay thinner novel-style books about a boy who gets into Trouble.
- The Rumblewick Diaries collection lively adventures about a witch's cat.
- Anything by Dr Zeuss is suitable for this age group and young children will love the sounds
 of the words and tongue-twisters.
- Clarice Bean books by Lauren Child are available as picture books or paperbacks, depending on the child's preference. The language and humour is unusual and the format is captivating. The same author has some other complicated picture books, such as That Pesky Rat and Beware of the Storybook Wolves.
- Hubert Horatio Bartle Bobton-Trent also by Lauren Child is a complex picture book about a child-genius.
- The Gentle Giant by Michael Morpurgo is a picture book format with complex language.
- It Was a Dark and Stormy Night by Janet Ahlberg is another picture book with an interesting story.
- The Tall Story, Rent a Friend and The Thing in the Sink by Frieda Hughes are a series of books with chapters and colourful illustrations.
- The Legend of Spud Murphy, The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth and The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World by Eoin Colfer.
- The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me and The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl are both suitable for younger readers.
- Barefoot Books produces a variety of storybooks, many with stories from different cultures.



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Poetry

- Who's Been Sleeping in My Porridge?: A Book of Wacky Poems and Pictures by Colin McNaughton.
- Noisy Poems by Debi Gliori.
- The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry by Brian Patten.
- The Silly Slimy Smelly Hairy Book by Babette Cole.

Further Information

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PA107 Reading List for Key Stage 1	This advice sheet comprises a list of some materials suitable
High Learning Potential Children	for confident Key Stage 1 readers who are ready to move on.
	The materials are listed in ascending order of difficulty.
PA108 Reading List for Key Stage 2	This advice sheet offers a list of some materials suitable for
High Learning Potential Children	Key Stage 2 readers who are significantly advanced. Materials
	are listed according to maturity of theme and/or language.
PA109 Comic Books Suitable for	Early readers often progress through different types of books
Younger Readers	quickly, and they appreciate the mixture of visual information
	and text that comic books offer. However, popular comic books
	sometimes deal with mature subjects so can be unsuitable for
	younger readers. This advice sheet contains a list of comic
	books that are suitable for younger readers.
PA401 Supporting High Learning	This advice sheet is aimed at parents and carers. It covers how
Potential in English (Primary)	to recognise high learning potential in English at the Primary
	level, as well as how parents and carers can support a child
	with high learning potential and/or a strong interest in this.
	There are also links to further resources in this subject area.
http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx	Accelerated Reader Book Finder recommends books
	according to author, title, subject and keywords.
http://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/	The School Reading List suggests reading books for primary
	and secondary aged children in the UK.
http://www.thebookbag.co.uk/reviews/ind	Bookbag includes reviews and many top ten lists. Books are
ex.php/Category:For Sharing	not sorted by age, rather by subject and type of book.
Some of My Best Friends Are Books:	Books can be wonderful bridges for communications on
Guiding Gifted Readers from Preschool	feelings, values and decision-making. The extensive indexing
to High School by Judith Wynn Halsted	makes it easy to select appropriate books that are interesting
	to a particular child.

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