# Recommended Reads Year I 2018



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# Barroux - Where's the Elephant?

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A deceptively simple book in which the reader has to spot the elephant, the parrot and the snake. But this gets harder as their habitats disappear due to human intervention. Could be just a fun picture book but could also introduce environmental issues as well



# Bently, Peter - A Home Full of Friends

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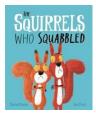
Badger worries how all his friends will fit into his house when they shelter during a storm. A sweet, rhyming story with an important message about compassion and friendship.



#### Braun, Seb - Raj and the Best Day Ever

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Raj and his Dad plan an exciting day out but when Dad forgets his wallet Raj fears it could all be ruined. A lovely story of the relationship between father and son and the power of imagination.



#### Bright, Rachel - The Squirrels Who Squabbled

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Cyril and Bruce both have their eyes on the last nut of the season. As the nut bounces through the forest the two greedy squirrels give chase. When things take a turn for the worst the squabbling pair learn a valuable lesson in sharing. A laugh out loud rhyming adventure.



#### Byrne, Richard - I Want To Go First

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The littlest always goes last – that is the elephant rule. On the way to the watering hole, Elphie is determined to move to the front of the line and enlists the reader to help. Another lovely, interactive story from Richard Byrne and great to read out loud.

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#### Carr, Matt - Spyder

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Super Special Secret Agent Syder is called upon the save the birthday cake from the evil villain; Bluebottle. The story has it all: peril, daring escapes, special gadgets, disguises, traps and a welcome gender role twist.



#### Carter, Lou - There Is No Dragon In This Story

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Dragon has left his own story and sets off on an adventure to find a story where he can be a hero for a change. But nobody wants him in their story. A humorous book with many characters children will recognise from fairy tales. Shortlisted for the SLS Hampshire Picture Book Award 2018.

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#### Donaldson, Julia - The Everywhere Bear

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Each weekend, Everywhere Bear goes home with someone from Class One until one day he falls out of a back pack and has his own big adventure. As he is washed down a drain, Everywhere Bear wonders if he will ever make it back to Class One. A warm and engaging story with witty rhyming text.



#### Fletcher, Tom - There's A Monster In Your Book

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This is the story of what happens when the reader discovers that a mischievous monster has broken into their book! Young readers are encouraged to help shake, shout, spin, tickle, tilt and blow to get the monster out. A fantastic celebration of all the fun that can be had with a book and guarantees giggles.



### Freedman, Claire - The Lost Penguin

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Oliver, Patch and Ruby visit the zoo but when Peep, a little rescue penguin goes missing the friends set off together to find Peep and bring him home, A cute story with gorgeous illustrations reinforcing the message of teamwork and cooperation.

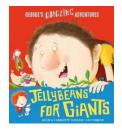


#### Grey, Mini - Bad Bunnies' Magic Show

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Shortlisted for the Hampshire Picture Book Award, this is the story of how Mr Abra and Mr Cadabra, the rabbit assistants save the show when the magician mysteriously disappears. But is there more to this magic show than the audience anticipated? Great fun not just in the text but also in what you see in the illustrations

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# Guillain, Adam & Charlotte – Jellybeans for Giants

George is determined to find a giant but for that he needs a beanstalk. What happens when he grows one and who does he meet at the top? A variation on Jack and the Beanstalk, this will read aloud well as George has some very sticky moments.

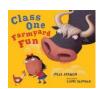
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# GARDEN

#### Hibbs, Gillian - Errol's Garden

Errol loves gardening but he doesn't have a garden until he discovers a neglected space on the roof of his flat. Errol invites the diverse community in his tower block to create a garden they can all enjoy. A heart warming story highlighting the benefits of collaboration and inclusivity.

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#### Jarman, Julia - Class One Farmyard Fun

A lovely rhyming story about Class One and their very adventurous trip to a farm. It takes a pair of red knickers to save the class from disaster! Lots of fun which reads aloud well. Teamwork and quick thinking are the order of the day.

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#### Knapman, Timothy - Superhero Mum

A super celebration of mums and everything they do. Reads aloud well and would work for family topics as well as superheroes.

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#### McIntyre, Sarah - The New Neighbours

The residents of Pickle Rye flats are outraged when a family of rats move into the building. The news spreads around the residents with embellishments added along the way. But are the rats really that bad? A story looking at tolerance and inclusivity but in a very gentle way without being overbearing.

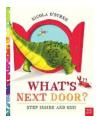
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#### Nicholls, Sally - The Great Telephone Mix-Up

When a storm takes out the telephone lines in a small village, the residents are connected all in the wrong order. Can they work together to make sure messages are received by the right people? A story book that could be read by confident readers or read aloud to the class. It emphasises team work and neighbourliness.

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# O'Byrne, Nicola - What's Next Door?

Carter the dragon is back and this time he is trying to find his way home by climbing through different pages in the book. Great fun with cut out holes and guessing elements, this book introduces children to different habitats as they try to imagine where Carter could end up next.

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#### Oswald, Helen - Cat & Dog

Cat and Dog like nothing more that to scrap but they can only do this when the sun goes down as Dog sleeps at night and cat sleeps during the day. That causes a big argument but can Cat and Dog resolve their differences to the benefit of both of them?

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#### Prasadam-Halls, Smriti - Ready, Steady, Rescue!

A little boy has a hoard of toy rescue vehicles which he imagines in all sorts of scenarios where he saves the day. Fire engines, tow trucks and ambulances are involved. Good for imagination and People who Help Us topics. Excellent read aloud story.

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#### Roberton, Fiona - Swapsies

Fang has a favourite thing called Sock who goes everywhere with him. They will never be parted until Fang catches sight of his friend's toy. Suddenly Sock isn't so exciting.

A story about sharing and appreciating what you have, this is also a good read aloud story.

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#### Sandall, Ellie - Everybunny Count!

In an unlikely scenario, a group of bunnies are playing hide and seek with Fox but where is Fox hiding? The bunnies encounter many other creatures in their hunt and learn how to count on the way. A lovely way to introduce not just counting but local animals as well.

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#### Sharratt, Nick - The Cat and the King

The King and his cat need rehousing when a dragon burns down their castle. They settle on a little house in an ordinary street and try to fit into everyday life. A quirky story for reading aloud or for some more confident readers, this is Nick Sharratt's first storybook.

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#### Stanton, Andy - Danny McGee Drinks The Sea

Winner of the 2018 Hampshire Picture Book Award, this tells the tale of Danny McGee who is dared by his sister to drink the sea. He dutifully does and more besides but then he realises that he may have swallowed more than is good for him. Enjoyable, bonkers and very good to read aloud.

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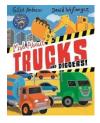
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Taylor, Sean - They Came From Planet Zabalooloo!

Three aliens arrive on earth with a mission to collect an animal to take back home. But their enthusiasm means they struggle to capture anything. Will their mission succeed? Very inventive, with a little ecological message thrown in.





Andreae, Giles - Mad About Trucks and Diggers! Simple poems about trucks and diggers with some very Lovely for reading aloud or for colourful illustrations. transport topics

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