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Summary

List of some materials suitable for confident Key Stage 1 readers ready to move on. The materials are listed in ascending order of difficulty. There is also a list of reading material for high learning potential early years readers available.

Introduction

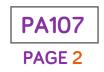
We are often asked for ideas of reading material for competent Key Stage 1 readers. This is difficult to advise on because all children are at different stages and have varying likes and dislikes. This list can be used as a general guide. However, in order for children to develop as readers, it is a 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

- First News is a newspaper for children, published weekly.
- National Geographic Kids is a monthly magazine available at newsagents or by subscription.
- 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.
- Cookery books are fun to explore together, following instructions and creating something.
- Horrible Histories by Terry Deary is a collection of factual books about history 'with the gory bits left in'. Includes titles such as Stormin' Normans, Awesome Egyptians and Groovy Greeks.
- Horrible Geography by Anita Ganeri, a similar collection of books full of fascinating facts. Includes titles such as Freaky Peaks, Desperate Deserts and Odious Oceans.





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• Horrible Science by Nick Arnold, another similar collection of books including titles such as Fearsome Fight for Flight, Microscopic Monsters and Nasty Nature.

Fiction

- 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.
- Anything by Jeremy Strong is suitable for this age group. His books are funny and exciting, with titles such as *The Hundred Mile An Hour Dog, There's a Viking In My Bed* and *My Mum's Going to Explode.*
- The Flat Stanley series by Jeff Brown is very entertaining. It is about a flattened boy making use of his altered state.
- Books by Helen Cresswell are also suitable for high potential readers in key stage 1. *The Bongleweed, The Piemakers* and *Dragon Ride* are some of her best-loved books.
- Mr Gum series by Andy Stanton is a set of very funny books about the antics of a strange man.
- Farm Boy, Toro!Toro!, Conker, Mr Skip and Billy The Kid by Michael Morpurgo are suitable for this age group and tackle issues from a young child's point of view.
- Astrosaurs series by Steve Cole is a collection of books about space dinosaur characters which would appeal especially to boys. Each book also has collectible cards inside the cover.
- Arabel and Mortimer series by Joan Aiken, about the adventures of a little girl and her pet raven.
- The Secret Seven series by Enid Blyton, about a secret society who hold regular meetings and organize things to do, whether it's helping the community in some way, solving mysteries that turn up, or just having fun playing Red Indians in the woods.
- Horrid Henry series by Francesca Simon, a series of hilarious stories featuring the antihero Horrid Henry who attracts troubles as surely as wasps attract jam.
- The Worst Witch series by Jill Murphy tells tales of the famously disaster-prone Mildred and have humourous, gently eerie drawings on each page to add to the fun.
- My Secret Unicorn series by Linda Chapman. A series of books about a girl called Lauren, her grey pony, Twilight, and a magical secret.
- Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald are funny, first chapter books for anyone who has felt out of sorts.
- The Happy Days series by Enid Blyton is a series of short, fun chapter books about various different characters.





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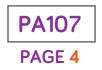
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- The Diamond Brothers Detective Agency Series by Anthony Horowitz, tells of the adventures of the world's worst private detective, Tim Diamond, and his little brother, Nick Diamond, who is considerably more intelligent.
- The Wishing Chair stories by Enid Blyton. Two children, Mollie and Peter, find a magic wishing chair with
 the power to grow wings and fly. On their first flight, they rescue a pixie called Chinky from a giant. The
 pixie comes to live in their playroom, and the remainder of the books concern the adventures of the
 children, as the chair takes them, and Chinky, to various magical places.
- Harry the Poisonous Centipede series by Lynne Reid Banks. Life underground is quite humdrum for Harry until his best friend George starts daring him to disobey his mother and venture Up the Up-Pipe into the perilous world of hoo-mins.
- Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey, part comic book, part novel about two school children who accidentally turn their headteacher into a super hero.
- Tintin books by Hergé, featuring the hero of the series, Tintin, a young Belgian reporter. He is aided in his adventures from the beginning by his faithful fox terrier dog Snowy. Later, popular additions to the cast included the brash, cynical and grumpy Captain Haddock; the bright but hearing-impaired Professor Calculus and other colourful supporting characters, such as the incompetent detectives Thomson and Thompson.
- Asterix and Obelix graphic novels by Goscinny and Uderzo. The series follows the exploits of a village of
 ancient Gauls as they resist Roman occupation. They do so by means of a magic potion, brewed by their
 druid, which gives the recipient superhuman strength. The central character, Asterix, along with his
 friend, Obelix, have various adventures. In many cases, this leads them to travel to various countries
 around the world, though other books are set in and around their village.
- Shakespeare Stories Collection by Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross is a great early introduction to Shakespeare.

Poetry

- I Like This Poem: A Collection of Best-loved Poems Chosen by Children for Other Children in Aid of the International Year of the Child by Kaye Webb
- One Hundred Years of Poetry for Children by Michael Harrison
- Please, Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg
- The Day I Fell Down the Toilet and Other Poems by Steve Turner
- Cars Stars Electric Guitars by James Carter
- You Wait Till I'm Older Than You! by Michael Rosen





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