



Year 2 Recommended Reading List

Traditional tales - fairy tales

- *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* - John Steptoe
- *Jamil's Clever Cat: a folktale from Bengal* - Fiona French
- *The Willow Pattern Story* - Alan Drummond
- *The Jolly Postman* - Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- *The Paper Bag Princess* - Robert Munsch
- *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* - Tony Ross
- *Into the Forest* - Anthony Browne
- *Guess who's coming for dinner?* - John Kelly
- *Little Red - A fizzingly good yarn* - Lynne Roberts
- *Little Chicken Chicken* - David Martin
- *Jasper's Beanstalk* - Nick Butterworth

Stories with recurring literary language

- *That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown* - Cressida Cowell
- *Meerkat Mail* - Emily Gravett
- *Scaredy Squirrel* - Melanie Watt
- *On the Way Home* - Jill Murphy
- *Once There Were Giants* - Martin Waddell
- *Stars of Mine* - Kevin Crossley-Holland
- *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* - Mo Willems
- *The smartest giant in town* - Julia Donaldson
- *Traction Man is here* - Mini Grey
- *A Dark, Dark Tale* - Ruth Brown
- *Où! Get Off Our Train* - John Burningham

Traditional tales - myths (creation stories)

- *Just So Stories: How the Leopard Got his Spots (and others in the series)* - Shoo Rayner

Further Suggestions

- *How the Whale Became* - Ted Hughes (Note: this is a challenging text for year 2)
- *Tiddalick the Frog* - Susan Nunes
- *Ahmed and the Feather Girl* - Jane Ray
- *How the zebra got its stripes* - Justine & Ron Fontes
- *How the camel got its hump* - Justine & Ron Fontes
- *How the turtle got its shell* - Justine & Ron Fontes
- *Tinga Tinga Tales: why giraffe has a long neck*
- *Tinga Tinga Tales: why lion ROARRRS!*
- *Tinga Tinga Tales: why monkeys swing in the trees*
- *Tinga Tinga Tales: why leopard has spots*
- *Tinga Tinga Tales: why chameleon changes colour*
- *Tinga Tinga Tales: why elephant has a trunk*
- *Aesop's Funky Fables* - Vivian French and Korky Paul

Real life reading

- *Newspapers* - First News
- *Menus*
- *Leaflets*
- *Advertisements*
- *Websites*