

Text We Like in Reception: recommended by Literacy Leaders of Kent

Reception	Book Title	Author if known	Good text for...
	Oliver's vegetables	Vivien French	Bought fruit and veg; healthy eating; sequence events; make up recipes
	Meg and Mog	Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski	Role Play Meg's house; make kitchen potions; write potion spells; creative paintings of characters; rhymes; count objects to put in the cauldron
	The Great Nursery Rhyme Disaster	David Conway and Melanie Williamson	Little Miss Muffet is bored with being in the same old nursery rhyme, so she goes to find other rhymes to be in – throwing them into chaos. Eye-catching and original. Funny.
	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	Sequence; number; repetition; simple past tense; days of week; oral retelling
	The Enormous Turnip	Ladybird HB version	Buy fruit and veg; healthy eating; sequence events; make up recipes.
	Commotion in the Ocean	Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz	Description; collection of poems; rhyming text; familiar animals
	Titch	Pat Hutchins	Understanding the world
	We're going on a bear hunt	Michael Rosen	Readiness for verbs and prepositions; repetition; confidence in spoken language
	Naughty Bus	Jan and Jerry Oke	Also suits nursery; very little, simple text which sounds like speech; super pictures
	The Very Ugly Bug	Liz Pichon	Retelling; story endings; creating own bug and then a story
	Night Song	Ari Berk	Rhyming strings; links with science
	The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson	Character description; suspense; imaginative story; rich language; rhyming verse
	Brown Bear, what do you see? Polar Bear, what do you hear?	Eric Carle Bill Martin Jr	Basic SPAG; nouns, verbs, adjectives
	The Dawn Chorus	Suzanne Barton	Message for young children – to be happy about who you really are; expansion of descriptive vocabulary.
	Slug needs a Hug	Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross	a great book to share together; rhyming words; supports phonic learning too; recitation.