

Text We Like in Year 1: recommended by Literacy Leaders of Kent

Year 1	Book Title	Author if known	Good text for...
	Trust me, Jack's beanstalk stinks	Eric Braun	An alternative fairy tale told from a different point of view
	The Kiss that Missed	David Melling	Creative writing; suffixes; adjectives; plurals; retelling
	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson	Descriptive writing; adjectives; setting and character
	The Snail and the Whale	Julia Donaldson	Geography/ travelling around the world; environment and weather; the sea; PSHE
	Little Beauty	Anthony Browne	Use pictures to describe emotions; encourages use of adjectives, prepositions and verbs in writing; Use of inference – why did Beauty say she broke the television?; write about friendship and relate to the characters, in order to make connections with a text. Years 1 and 2
	The Lonely Beast	Chris Judge	Simple tale; PSHE; conversations about loneliness and friendship
	Beegu	Alexis Deacon	Character description
	Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne	Comparisons; different fruits and animals; stories from another country; pantomime spirit
	Jasper's Beanstalk	Nick Butterworth	Sequencing
	The Frog Prince (and) The Frog Prince Continued	M Gordon; John Scieszka	Straight version and modern version of the well know fairy tale; character description
	Harry and the Dinosaurs	Ian Whybrow	Adjectives; boys like it
	Diary of a Worm	Doreen Cronin	Funny; visually very accessible
	Slinky Malinki	Lynley Dodd	1. As a spelling focus, suffixes, ing/est; rhyming poetry
	Lila and the Secret of Rain	David Conway and Jude Daly	Based in Kenya; traditional style story in past tense; other cultures
	Panda Bear What do you See?	Eric Carle	Basic SPAG, nouns, adjectives, verbs
	The House that Jack Built	Jenny Stow	Spellings, repetitive language
	Little Answer	Tim Hopgood	Clever idea; the answers are provided but what are the questions?
	The Jasmine Sneeze	Nadine Kaadan	Brand new picture book: playful story about playful story about Haroun, a cheeky and lovable cat, who causes mischief in the ancient and beautiful city of Damascus.