

2019 Premier's reading challenge



Prep – Year 1 booklist

This booklist is a guide only to help students, parents, guardians and teachers select age appropriate reading material. Students may select any suitable books, and may also wish to consider books from previous years' booklists.

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Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Bell, Davina, Colpoys Alison (illus)	Under the Love Umbrella (2017) Illustrating situations every child will relate to, a delightful reminder that no matter what happens, or where they might be, the comfort and security of a family's 'love umbrella' will always be near. (QDoE)	JF	32	Love	9781925321265
Ben-Barak, Idan	Do not lick this book (2017) Min is a microbe. She's so small you'd need to look through a microscope to see her. Readers are invited to take Min on an adventure and learn some interesting facts, while taking a close-up look at their world. (QDoE)	NF	32	Science	9781760293055
Blabey, Aaron	Pig the grub (2018) [Pig the Pug series] What a stinker! Pig isn't just the world's greediest Pug, he's the grubbiest too. It's high time he had a bath! But try telling Pig that . . . (adapted from Publisher)	JF	24	Rhyme, dogs	9781742769691
Bland, Nick	The Unscary Book (2018) Nicholas Ickle is back and this time he is presenting a very scary book. However, as much as he tries, he can't seem to stop the riot of nice things that keep interrupting on each page. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Humour	9781742994147



Chambers, Catherine	<p>The Loch Ness monster (2016) [Autobiographies you never thought you'd read series]</p> <p>In a conversational format, this well-known mythical character tells its own story and how it avoids being seen. Interspersed with facts, including a glossary and links to further reading, this will satisfy young curious minds. (QDoE)</p>	NF	32	Mythical animals	9781406296273
Cosgrove, Matt	<p>Alpacas with Maracas (2018)</p> <p>Macca is back! With his best friend AI, they are full of enthusiasm. When they decide to enter a talent contest, we see it's not the winning that's important, but having a go and being yourself. (QDoE)</p>	JF	24	Alpaca, Friendship	9781743816349
Crumble, Paul , Gifford, Lucinda (illus)	<p>The Cat wants Kittens (2018)</p> <p>Cantankerous Kevin is back, and he's bored. But what happens when some new playmates arrive and start to take over his life. Will Kevin clear out, or finally be contented. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Cats, Humour	9781742769097
Donaldson, Julia, Scheffler, Axel (illus)	<p>Zog and the Flying Doctors (2016) [Zog series]</p> <p>Zog joins his friends, the Flying Doctors, as they care for those in need. But should princesses really be doctors? Is bumbling Zog up to the job of 'air ambulance'? Witty illustrations help reinforce the value of being yourself. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Doctors, Princesses, Mythical animals	9781407164953
Fienberg, Anna, Gamble, Kim (illus), Axelsen, Stephen (illus)	<p>Monsters (2018)</p> <p>Like many children, Tildy knows there are monsters when it gets dark. When she dares to go for a sleepover at her new friend's house, he shows her a way to deal with those scary monsters. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Monsters, Fear, Friendship	9781760293369

Fox, Mem, Horacek, Judy (illus)	<p>Bonnie and Ben rhyme again (2018)</p> <p>How important are nursery rhymes in helping children to learn to read? Essential, according to Mem Fox. With simple, satisfying rhythms, join Bonnie and Ben as they rhyme their way through the day. A companion to <i>Good Night, Sleep Tight!</i> (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Rhyme, Brothers and sisters	9781742996240
Fraillon, Zana, Baker Smith, Graham (illus)	<p>Wisp: a story of hope (2018)</p> <p>A refugee story of extraordinary power and beauty. Through pages of magical illustrations, the Wisp reveals the songs, stories, dreams and wonder of the people forgotten in refugee camps worldwide. A brilliant story of uplifting hope. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Refugees	9781408350102
French, Jackie, deGennaro, Sue (illus)	<p>Millie Loves Ants (2017)</p> <p>Just why does Millie the echidna adore ants? Follow Millie as she rambles through pages of rhyming text paired with charming illustrations, back to her delightful puggle. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Rhyme, Ants	9781460751787
Germein, Katrina, Tom Jellett (illus)	<p>My dad STILL thinks he's funny (2015) [Sequel to <i>My dad thinks he's funny</i>]</p> <p>Dad is back by popular demand with more silly sayings. And yes, dad STILL thinks he's funny. His witty retorts to simple questions, will have children giggling while they roll their eyes. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Humour, Fathers	9781406360554
Griffiths, Andy, Denton, Terry (illus)	<p>Andy & Terry's Funny Picture Book starring 'Big fat cows' and 'The cat, the rat and the baseball bat' (2017)</p> <p>Two hilarious stories from the Andy and Terry team are perfect for beginning readers. Rhyming text, coupled with comical illustrations will captivate and support little readers, while they laugh all the way. (QDoE)</p>	JF	58	Humour, Cows, Cats, Rats	9781760556815

Hilton, H�el�ene (editor)	Look I'm a Scientist (2017) Little scientists can touch, smell, see, hear and taste their way to scientific amazement! Bursting with simple and exciting science fun to do at home, children will have their curiosity stimulated and never be bored again. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	48	Science	9780241231074
Hunter, Kate, Masciullo, Lucia (illus)	A Curry for Murray (2015) After making a curry to help out her neighbour Murray, Molly soon finds herself making delicious meals for everyone from near and far. Celebrating the joy of cooking and the kindness found in community. (QDoE)	JF	32	Cooking, Neighbours, Kindness	9780702253546
Jinks, Catherine, King, Stephen Michael (illus)	Barney (2018) Barney loves cat food. Barney loves greens. Barney loves bacon and biscuits and beans. A colourful rhyming romp, through all the things that the adorable character, Barney the dog, loves. (QDoE)	JF	32	Dogs, Food, Rhyme	9781742996226
Kwaymullina, Ezekiel, Court, Moira (illus)	Colour me (2018) Using the rainbow as a metaphor for our diversity and uniqueness, the simple text is complemented by vibrant shapes and colours. See the wonder of different elements coming together to create something amazing. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Diversity	9781925164664
Lawrence, Nina, Bancroft, Bronwyn (illus)	Clever Crow (2018) A story of how hungry Crow outsmarts everyone to steal a turtle egg. Includes Djambarrpuynu language translation – Yolngu language from North East Arnhem Land – woven into the distinctive illustrations and accompanying glossary and pronunciation guide. (QDoE)	JF	36	Crows, Indigenous story	9781922142610

Lee, Andy, McKenzie, Heath (illus)	Seriously, Do Not Open This Book (2018) He's back AGAIN! This cheeky blue character is willing to forgive you for reading his other books, but only if you stop now. Will you ignore his instructions and find out what happens this time? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Humour	9781760458850
Lessac, Frané	Under the Southern Cross (2018) Night-time in Australia, animals are waking, people are exploring, discoveries are being made – under the Southern Cross. This picture book tour of Australia has short lyrical verses and facts about each site. Also includes facts about the constellation. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	32	Australia	9781925381016
Lester, Alison	The Very Noisy Baby (2017) This baby sure makes a lot of noise. When some animals go missing, can the baby help? An engaging story that encourages young readers to participate and predict what will come next. (QDoE)	JF	32	Babies, Animals	9781925475616
Lester, Alison, Children of Milikapati School	No way Yirrikipayi! Yirrikipayi the crocodile lives on the Tiwi Islands. He's hungry. He goes hunting, chasing animals in the sea and on land. What's for dinner? Meet the animals and learn their Tiwi names. (Publisher)	JF	23	Australian animals, Indigenous language	9780992478070
Louise, Zanni, Bunting, Philip (illus)	Errol! (2018) Parents and children will enjoy relating to this story. 'Errol! Come this very minute!' calls Errol's mum. 'I'm going to count to three.' But does Errol listen? No, Errol is otherwise occupied. (QDoE)	JF	32	Penguins	9781742766300

Manning Bancroft Jack, Bancroft, Bronwyn (illus)	The Eagle Inside (2015) Jimmy finds himself being bullied for being the smallest bird in school. But with Eagle's encouragement, he learns that being small isn't necessarily a weakness. He finds his confidence and discovers that being different can also be a strength. (QDoE)	JF	32	Birds, Bullying, Resilience	9781760125271
Martin, Helen, Simpson, Judith, Bowman, Anne (illus)	The ABC book of Animals (2018) Beautiful illustrations and the rich language used in the simple, engaging text will captivate children's interest in a range of animals from around the world. A panoramic view of the curiosities of the animal kingdom. (QDoE)	NF	32	Animals	9780733339295
McCartney, Tania, Racklyeft, Jess (illus)	Smile / Cry (2016) In a 'flip book' format, each separate story reads from front to back, meeting in the middle for a cuddle. Children will empathise with a variety of easily recognised situations and experiences from their everyday life. (QDoE)	NF	32	Emotions	9781921966989
McKenzie, Heath	The Amazing Never-Ending Book (2018) Accompany the quirky character through bold, bright illustrations as it worries about being trapped in the never-ending story. Can you read your way to the end of this story, or is it truly the never-ending book? (QDoE)	JF	32	Reading, Storytelling	9781760459413
Moore, Lynda, Haddon, George (illus)	My book about Brains, Change and Dementia (2018) Explains the complex concepts of dementia in age appropriate language, as well as exploring children's feelings about these issues. It includes a diverse audience of characters, emphasising that anyone can be impacted by dementia in their loved ones. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	48	Brain, Dementia	9781785925115

Morgan, Sally, Kwaymullina, Ambellin (illus)	Benny Bungarra's big bush clean up Benny Bungarra comes to the rescue when his friends are in danger from rubbish left by humans. (Publisher)	JF	28	Environmental protection, Rubbish disposal, Recycling, Animals	9781925360882
Morgan, Sally, Kwaymullina, Ezekiel, Matt Ottley (illus)	Me and my dad A gentle story about the bond between a father and a son and some of the brave things they do together. (Publisher)	JF	23	Fathers and sons, Family Being brave, Relationships	9781921541810
Nixon, Livinia, McKenzie, Heath (illus)	Henry's Pirate Adventure (2017) Henry is just a normal boy with a marvelous imagination. Children will be intrigued as he sets off on a thrilling adventure with the practical help of Dad and loving support of Mum. (QDoE)	JF	24	Pirates, Imagination	9781760454425
Palacio, R.J.	We're All Wonders (2017) A companion to 'Wonder', the inspiring story of an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. In this picture book, younger readers can empathise with Auggie, just like every child, longing to belong, and be accepted as they truly are. (QDoE)	JF	32	Diversity, Self-acceptance	9780141386416
Pfister, Marcus	You can't win them all, Rainbow Fish (2017) [Rainbow fish series] You can't always win every game. But being a good sport when you lose isn't always easy. Join Rainbow Fish as he learns to manage those unfair feelings and is given another chance to play the game. (QDoE)	JF	32	Fish, Friendship	9780735843059
Rawa Community School, The children of, author (illus), Lester, Alison, Godwin, Jane	Monster Party (2018) There is nothing scary about these monsters. In a variety of shapes and sizes, the illustrations by the students, capture the rambunctious antics of those wild desert monsters, who dance and galumph all over the place, all through the night. (QDoE)	JF	32	Monsters, Imagination	9781925360554

Rex, Alice, Perrini, Angela (illus)	Ava's Spectacular Spectacles (2017) Ava hates wearing her glasses. Large scale illustrations bring to life, the characters in some well-known stories and rhymes. As her teacher asks Ava to imagine, "What if they had been wearing their glasses?", she develops a different view. (QDoE)	JF	24	Eye-glasses, Self-esteem	9781912076796
Ross, Tony	Our Kid (2018) Our Kid is not only late for school, he doesn't have his homework either. His extraordinary explanation challenges belief and is worth a gold star. Cartoon style illustrations and the sprinkling of onomatopoeic words add to the absurdity. (QDoE)	JF	32	Goats, Imagination	9781783445882
Saxby, Claire, Brecon, Connah (illus)	Wild Pa (2016) Explore what makes us all special and unique. A rhyming rollick detailing the wonderful relationship between Pa and his boy. All the normal things Pa doesn't do and all the wild things he does, are celebrated in their marvellous adventures. (QDoE)	JF	32	Fathers, Grandfathers	9780857988003
Smallman, Steve, Blanco, Migy (illus)	Bad Bunny! (2018) He may look cute and cuddly, but this naughty Bunny is bad with a capital 'B'! Children will find this boisterous bunny and his antics hilarious, but will Bad Bunny eventually end up in hot water? (QDoE)	JF	32	Humour	9781407181684
Sperring, Mark, Powell, Claire (illus)	Princess Scallywag and the no-good pirates (2019) [sequel to Princess Scallywag and the brave brave knight] The Queen and Princess Scallywag take on some villainous pirates in this new adventure. Using their wits, they save themselves from being made galley slaves, scrubbing the decks and walking the plank! The princesses are clever and feisty. (QDoE)	JF	32	Princesse, Pirates	9780008212995

Stein, David Ezra	<p>Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise (2018) [sequel to Interrupting Chicken]</p> <p>Little red chicken is sure ‘an elephant of surprise’ is in every story. Or could it be an element of surprise (as her bemused papa suggests)? Elephant or element, something unexpected emerges in every story. (QDoE)</p>	JF	40	Chickens, Storytelling	9780763688424
Stewart, Lolla, Russell, Elaine (illus)	<p>Savannah dreams</p> <p>Every day Savannah and her family go looking for bush tucker. While the family finds food, Savannah finds only junk. But Savannah views the world differently, and her imagination helps her to make the greatest catch of all. (Adapted from Publisher)</p>	JF	30	Bush tucker , Days of the week , Counting, Imagination	9781921714030
Stott, Ann, Graham, Bob (illus)	<p>Want to play trucks? (2018)</p> <p>Jack likes trucks. Alex likes dolls. With a bit of compromise and easy acceptance, they devise a way to play together? Perfect for supporting non-traditional play and challenging gender stereotypes, this story celebrates diversity in a gentle and kid-friendly way. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	JF	32	Friendship, Gender stereotypes	9780763681739
Teece, Lorraine, Seden, Paul (illus)	<p>Molly the pirate</p> <p>Molly lives a long way from the sea, but imagines she is a pirate. When a pirate ship appears with Captain Chicken and his crew of buccaneers, Molly is swept up in an imaginative adventure. (Adapted from Publisher)</p>	JF	23	Imaginative play	9781925360660
Watts, Frances, Legge, David (illus)	<p>It’s a story, Rory! (2018)</p> <p>How does a story work? Rory and Milly are guided by the helpful narrator on an adventure as they encounter an exciting PLOT, spectacular SETTINGS and some very funny CHARACTERS. Supported by expressive, informative illustrations, delightfully nourishing creativity. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	JF	40	Animals, Adventure story	9780733335938