



Books to enjoy



Ireland Reads is encourage everyone to squeeze in a read on 25th February, now a national day to celebrate reading. Ireland Reads is all about promoting the power of reading for enjoyment and well-being. We know that children who read a lot when they are young are more likely to become lifelong readers and gain significant knowledge along the way. Books can provide many opportunities to experience new vocabulary not used in normal day-to-day life but you can also do this through talking to your child, playing one to one with your child and saying or singing nursery rhymes with your child.



Supporting your child to become a book lover:

The experience of reading is as important as the amount of time reading. Let your child choose the book, reading the book together, involve your child in turning the pages, read face to face with your child and act out sounds/ actions to support the story.

Some recommended reads for children by age group below:

Babies and Toddlers

- My First book of words, 100 first words – Little Tiger Press
- Hippo has a hat – Julia Donaldson & Nick Sharratt
- Black and White – Jane Foster
- Noisy Farm - Usborne
- How Kind! - Mary Murphy
- The Doghouse – Jan Thomas
- Not a box – Antoinette Portis
- Lift the flap Numbers – Usborne
- Nursery Rhymes - Ladybird
- Puppy makes mischief - Amelia Gatacre



Pre-schoolers

- Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers
- Oh No, George! – Chris Naughton
- Ten Little Robots – Michael Brownlow
- The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
- Ada Twist, Scientist - Andrea Beaty
- The little book of garden bird songs - Andrea Pinnington
- A Little Bit Brave – Nicola Kinnear
- No Matter What – Debi Glori
- Owl Babies – Martin Waddell
- The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr



School-age Children

- Rosie Revere Engineer - Andrea Beaty
- Zog and The Flying Doctors - Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
- This Is How We Do It – Matt Lamothe
- What Do Grown-ups Do All Day - Virginie Morgand
- Take Five – Niall Breslin
- The Hug – Eoin Mc Laughlin
- Paddington Bear – Michael Bond
- Adam's Amazing Space Adventure – Benji Bennett
- Aliens Love Underpants – Claire Freedman
- How to Catch a Star – Oliver Jeffers

Also, consider homemade books – photo books, DIY lift the flap or touch and feel books, a book about a special event.

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