

2018 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' [Premier's Reading Challenge booklists](#).

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Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Allen, Pamela	The big fish A family go fishing in this engaging tale. One by one they are dragged into the sea by a big fish, except for the dog. Working together they are all saved. Repetitive text and rhythmic language encourage reading along. (QDoE)	JF	32	Fishing; families	9780670078974
Bell, Johanna; Beasley, Dion (illus)	Go home, cheeky animals When the cheeky goats, donkeys, buffaloes and camels make mischief in the camp, the dogs just lay there - until those pesky animals really go too far. An amusing, beautifully written tale about family, home and place. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Dogs; animals	9781760291655
Blabey, Aaron	Piranhas don't eat bananas Who ever heard of a vegetarian piranha? Brian is determined to convince his friends to try some new foods. Will the other piranhas be persuaded? A cheeky story that is guaranteed to get a laugh. (QDoE)	JF	24	Piranhas; humour; rhyme	9781743625781
Bland, Nick	The fabulous friend machine A cautionary cyber safety tale. When Popcorn the chicken goes online, she discovers 'virtual friends' may not always be who they seem. When her 'real life friends' come to the rescue, she also discovers the true value of friendship. (QDoE)	JF	32	Chickens; wolves; friendship; internet	9781760277659



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Briggs, Sue; Harvey, Bev; Leslie, Donna (illus)	I listened and I looked Dad and all the old people say there is a bunyip in the river. Each month for a year, a young girl checks the bend in the river. The seasons change, but there is no sign of the bunyip. (adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Bunyips	9781760158750
Brooke, Cori; Poli, Guisepppe (illus)	Fearless with Dad This little boy can do anything and be anything with his dad. A celebration of all the things that make our dads great. (QDoE)	JF	24	Fathers	9781925059403
Browne, Anthony	Hide and seek A masterful exploration of a child's feelings through a simple game of hide and seek. Paired with subtle and unexpected discoveries in the artwork, this story will be read again and again. (QDoE)	JF	32	Siblings; dogs; forests	9780857534910
Burach, Ross	Pine & Boof: the lucky leaf The first instalment of a humorous new series about Boof the bear and Pine the porcupine, describes their unintentional adventures as they accidentally meet and become best friends. (QDoE)	JF	40	Friendship; bears	9780062418500
Butler, Steven; Jarvis (illus)	Odd bods What is normal anyway? Skip through the alphabet in this rhyming tale and meet a collection of characters, each with their own peculiarities. (QDoE)	JF	32	Children; alphabet; rhyme	9780141362427
Cheng, Christopher; Wu, Di (illus)	New Year surprise Little Brother is too small to help with preparations, but Father says he has a special job to do. Illustrated with traditional Chinese paints and brushes on rice paper, it captures the excitement of New Year celebrations in a Chinese village. (QDoE)	JF	40	China; festivals	9780642278838

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Child, Lauren	<p>A dog with nice ears [Charlie and Lola series]</p> <p>Lola would love a dog, if Mum and Dad didn't always say 'absolutely NO dogs'. When Lola and Charlie discuss Lola's requirements for her perfect dog, they seem suspiciously like – a rabbit. (QDoE)</p>	JF	36	Dogs; siblings	9781408346136
Clarke, Maxine Beneba; Rudd, Van T (illus)	<p>The patchwork bike</p> <p>When you live in a village at the edge of the No-Go Desert, you need to make your own fun. Evocative illustrations capture a child's joy in being creative and the freedom of your own bike. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	JF	32	Bicycles; design and construction	9780734416681
Coote, Maree	<p>Robyn Boid architect</p> <p>Robyn Boid studied architecture at the National University and dreamed of becoming a famous architect. She becomes an egg-exceptional designer and egg-xpert builder by studying the great buildings of the world in this egg-xciting story of one small bird. (QDoE)</p>	JF	24	Birds; architecture	9780992491741
Craig, Harrison; Finn, Ann-Marie (illus)	<p>Harrison's song</p> <p>Harrison Craig won <i>The Voice</i> in 2013, but for many years when he was younger, he battled a stutter. This is his story of how he overcame adversity and bullying and discovered his special voice. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	JF	32	Speech disorders; singing; bullying	9781925563115
Daddo, Andrew; Bentley, Jonathan (illus)	<p>When I grow up</p> <p>What do you want to be when you grow up? A hairdresser? An inventor? A secret agent? For children with big dreams and even bigger imaginations. (QDoE)</p>	JF	32	Imagination	9780733333415

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Do, Anh; Mellor, Simon (perform); Wood, Laura (illus)	What do they do with all the poo from the animals at the zoo? A tricky question that leads to some gross and wildly imaginative responses. Have you ever wondered? Includes CD by Simon Mellor. (QDoE)	JF	24	Animals; zoos; humour; imagination	9781760276324
Dreise, Gregg	Mad Magpie The story of an angry magpie who is being teased by a gang of butcher birds. Inspired by the wise teachings of his elders, Mad Magpie learns to stay calm, but strong like the water. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Magpies; bullying	9781925360066
Dunstan, Kylie	Nannie loves A delightful story about the joys of farm life, narrated in a child's voice. The love of family shines through the warm descriptions and colourful collage illustrations. (QDoE)	JF	32	Farm life; grandparents	9781921504839
Dyckman, Ame; Climo, Liz	You don't want a unicorn A funny, cautionary tale on the dangers of wishing for an exotic pet like a unicorn. Who could have known they would be so much trouble? (QDoE)	JF	36	Unicorns	9780316343473
Flowers, Tony	Hello! Meet twelve Australian children with different cultural backgrounds. Including indigenous groups and the nine most common second languages in Australia, each shares a little of their life including words in each language. Meticulously researched with pronunciation guides and cultural references. (QDoE)	NF	68	Multiculturalism; languages	9780642278876
Fox, Mem; Horacek, Judy (illus)	Ducks away! Mother Duck and her five little ducks walked out one day, over a bridge and 'ducks away'. A new take on the classic counting rhyme with predictable text and problems to solve. (QDoE)	JF	32	Ducks; rhyme	9781760158514

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French, Jackie; Shanks, Matt (illus)	Koala bare One cranky koala is sick of being called a bear and sets out to prove koalas are definitely, in no doubt, absolutely not bears. A hilariously funny rhyming picture book. (QDoE)	JF	32	Koalas; bears; rhyme	9781460751619
Funke, Cornelia	The book no one ever read Do books want to be read as much as we want to read them? A young book is tired of being on the shelf and yearns for the excitement of sharing his story with a child. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	36	Books; reading	9780989165693
Guest, Patrick; Bentley, Jonathan (illus)	The second sky The first thing Gilbert sees when he hatches is the sky. From that moment, Gilbert longs to fly like other birds. But penguins don't fly, so begins Gilbert's quest. Great things happen when you reach for the sky. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	34	Penguins	9781760127985
Jeffers, Oliver	Here we are: notes for living on Planet Earth Our world is a big place for a little person so use these notes as a guide to explore our planet and how we live on it. A thought provoking, complicated, but simple story. (QDoE)	NF	42	Earth; life	9780008266165
Lee, Andy; McKenzie, Heath (illus)	Do not open this book This guy will do anything for you not to open this book! Threats, bribes, reverse psychology - you name it! I dare you to keep turning the pages until the very end. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	28	Books; storytelling	9781760451486
Mantle, Ben	The best birthday present ever! It's Bear's birthday and Squirrel wants to give his friend the best birthday present ever! But what do you give the bear who has everything? A delightful story celebrating the true value of friendship. (QDoE)	JF	32	Birthdays; friendship	9781447266907

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Minchin, Tim; Antony, Steve (illus)	When I grow up Inspired by Tim's hit song from <i>Matilda the Musical</i> , a group of children imagines all the things that they will be able to do once they are big enough to do anything and everything. (QDoE)	JF	28	Children	9781742764955
Monaghan, Michelle C; Wood, Laura (illus)	Garlic, hankies and hugs A story that explores some confusing aspects of a child's ethnic heritage, while encouraging kids to be proud of their cultural background. Told in delightful rhyming verse and bold illustrations. (QDoE)	JF	32	Grandmothers; multiculturalism; rhyme	9780987588067
Morrison, Penny; Evans, Gabriel (illus)	Captain Sneer: the buccaneer Meet Captain Sneer - a most brave and bold buccaneer. Or is he? With his crew, they sail off to adventure in this unpredictable rhyming treasure hunt. (QDoE)	JF	32	Pirates; adventure; rhyme	9781922179609
Nicholson, Sue; Lalalimola (illus)	Can you tickle a tiger's tummy [Little know-it-all's series] Answers to all the burning questions that little minds are wanting to ask. Easy to read text and bright fun illustrations provide simple explanations to perplexing questions. Which end of a worm is which? Why are ladybirds spotty? And more. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	48	Animals	9781784938376
Novak, B.J.	The book with no pictures This book looks boring, but is actually quite ridiculously funny. Introducing children to the idea that the written word can be a source of fun and play. Perfect for reading aloud. (QDoE)	JF	48	Stories	9780141361796
O'Byrne, Nicola	Use your imagination Rabbit is bored. Wolf has the perfect solution. Wolf teaches Rabbit to use his imagination to create a story with exciting props and interesting characters. But he'll need to think up a better ending than the one Wolf has planned. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	32	Imagination; storytelling	9780857633927

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Oliver, Jo	The dreaming tree Free-verse poems reflect on the Australian landscape and reveal a deep connection and our rich experiences within it. (QDoE)	NF	28	Poetry	9781925059489
Oliver, Narelle	Rock pool secrets At first glance there's nothing much to see. But the rock pools are full of secrets. Featuring beautiful lino print artwork and big lift-a-flaps, discover the hidden creatures on each page. Includes a pictorial glossary at the back. (QDoE)	NF	24	Marine animals	9781922179357
Russell, Paul, Johnston, Nicky (illus)	Grandma forgets A gentle, reassuring exploration of a family supporting their grandmother as she loses her memories to dementia. It should be sad, but it's ok – it just means her family keeps the old memories and makes new memories for her. (QDoE)	JF	24	Grandmothers; memory	9781925335477
Warnes, Tim	Warning! Do not touch (sequel to 'Dangerous') Mole's best friend, the Lumpy-Bumpy Thing, finds a hat labelled 'Warning! Do Not Touch!' For Mole, this spells danger. A hilarious tale of what can happen when you ignore the label. Enjoy finding all Mole's labels on each page. (QDoE)	JF	32	Animals	9781742761824
Webber, Beryl; Martins, Fern (illus)	Big Fella rain Stunning artwork combined with poetic text, celebrate the summer rains and their magical transformation of Australia's country 'way up north'. (QDoE)	JF	32	Rain; Australian animals	9781925360639
Willis, Jeanne; Ross, Tony (illus)	Not just a book A book is never just a book. It can be so many things. The only limit is your imagination. And of course, there's that magical thing that all books can do too. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	24	Books	9781925584493

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Yarlett, Emma	Nibbles: the book monster Nibbles, the book-eating monster, has escaped from his own book. Chase Nibbles through lift-the-flaps and peep-holes as he causes mischief through a parade of fairy tales. Don't take your eyes off him for a second. (QDoE)	JF	28	Monsters	9781848691933