

25 Books to Read Before You're 5

At Hamstel we want to ensure that all children develop a love of reading and this starts even before they start school. A regular storytime is vital in developing children's language, listening skills and imagination. During the reception year each week will have a key text to inspire and engage the children. Below is a list of 25 high quality books identified by the Book Trust as books to read before you turn 5. This is not a list of books we expect every child to be familiar with before they start school but an idea of the kind of texts you could share during story time at home.

- The Tiger Who came to Tea by Judith Kerr
- Where's Spot by Eric Hill
- Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- The Elephant and the Bad Baby by Elfrida Vipont
- Dogger by Shirley Hughes
- Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
- Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears by Emily Gravett
- I will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child
- Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson
- The Snowman by Raymond Briggs
- Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox
- Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
- Gorilla by Anthony Browne
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
- Hairy Maclary from Donalson Dairy by Lynley Dodd
- Not Now Bernard by David McKee
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen
- The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss
- Meg and Mog by Helen Nicholl
- Would You Rather by John Burningham
- Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole
- I Want My Potty! By Tony Ross

