

The list below was created from a survey run on Lovereading4schools where we asked Teachers and Parents to recommend books that they have found helpful in encouraging reluctant readers.

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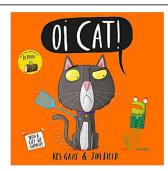


#### The Perfect Sofa

Author: Fifi Kuo Format: Hardback Release Date: 11/04/2019 Year

**Groups:** Early Years

The search for a perfect sofa told very simply with few words but huge, colourful illustrations, full of gentle humour.



#### Oi Cat!

Author: Kes Gray Format: Paperback Release Date: 12/07/2018 Year Groups: Early Years

From the team behind the hugely popular Oi Frog! and Oi Dog! comes another daft and utterly wonderful new rhyming spectacular. Frog is in charge and has decided that cats must sit on gnats, much to Cat's irritation. Dog tries to help, running through various rhyming combinations, but Frog's rules are rules and Cat is stuck on the gnats, until Dog has a brainwave: what if Cat was a kitty, or a mog? Children (and adults) will love the increasingly silly seating arrangements, and the ending will have everyone laughing. Utterly brilliant!



## Hello, Horse

Author: Vivian French Format: Hardback Release Date: 07/06/2018 **Year Groups:** Early Years

Cleverly blending story and information and beautifully illustrated, Hello, Horse captures the best qualities of a horse called Shannon and describes how a very special bond between and animal and a child can be made. Vivian French brief text provides the perfect introduction to the different features of a horse and to details about how a horse should be approached by a child. She explains how to touch and feed a horse and also how to ride one! Catherine Rayner's illustrations capture the gloss of Shannon's coat, the sinews of her body and, above all, her characterful expressions which bring her to life perfectly.





## Not Just a Book...

Author: Jeanne Willis Format: Hardback Release Date: 08/03/2018 **Year Groups:** Early Years

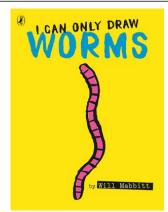
How many uses can there be for a book? Humour and wit in every page make this a fun read with an important message.



# The New Neighbours

**Author:** Sarah McIntyre **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2018 **Year Groups:** Early Years, Key Stage 1

UKLA Longlist Book Awards - 2019 Told with her characteristic verve and lively illustrations this makes a brilliantly powerful case for understanding difference and developing empathy for others.



# I Can Only Draw Worms

Author: Will Mabbitt Format: Paperback Release Date: 26/01/2017 **Year Groups:** Early Years

February 2017 Book of the Month Will Mabbitt has created a counting book and picture book like no other. Though his subject is worms, generally regarded as rather boring, this book dazzles, and not just because of the day-glo brightness of the pages. Mabbitt subverts our conceptions of what a picture book is - his is about worms, because that's all he can draw; he asks readers to do the storytelling for themselves; he even overturns the simple counting element (I won't tell you what happens to worm number 8, but readers have two halves to count in the final line up of 10). Like recent hits such as The Book With No Pictures and This is a Serious Book, I Can Only Draw Worms will make adult readers laugh as much as child readers, and both audiences will revel in its wit and pizzazz. ~ Andrea Reece