

The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.

-- Dr. Seuss



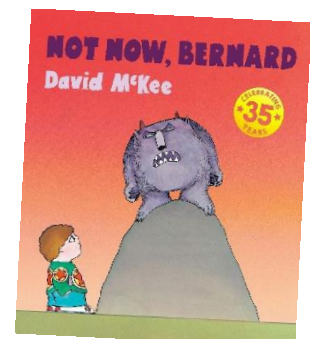
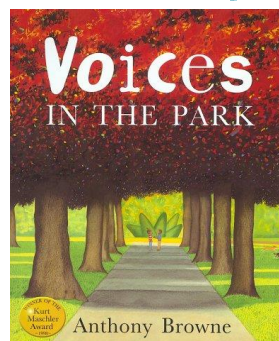
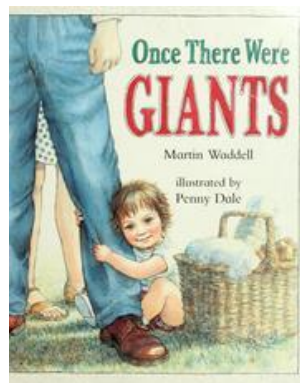
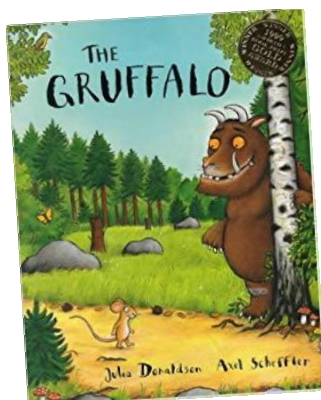
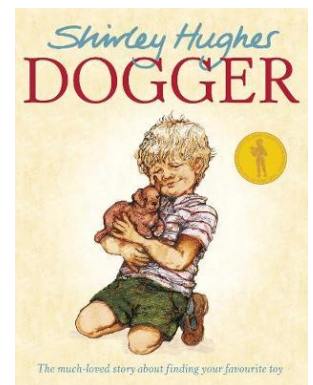
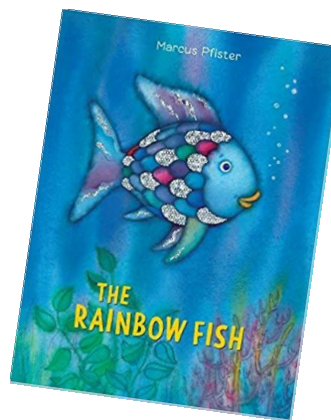
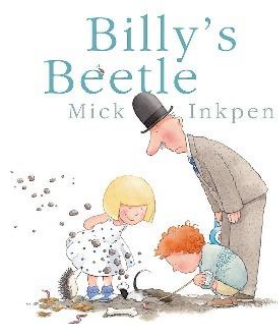
Research has shown that one of the most beneficial activities for children (and adults!) is reading.

“There is strong evidence that reading for pleasure can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and improve wellbeing throughout life.” (The Reading Agency, 2015.)

Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background. (OECD 2002)

We expect that your child will read at home at least three times every week as part of their homework and we ask that you sign in their reading record book to say they have done this. They will then be awarded an autonomy point in Class Charts.

Reading in Year 1 centres around continuing to develop an enjoyment of books. This is alongside teaching the skills of sounding out and blending unfamiliar words and learning to recognise ‘common exception words,’ such as ‘the’ or ‘school,’ which cannot be sounded out. At home, please read with your child as often as you can, and talk about what you read. Don't forget there is great value in continuing to read stories to your child even though they need to practise the skills for themselves. Here are some suggestions of great books to read and share at home during Year 1. Obviously, there are many more wonderful children's books available. If you or your child come across an amazing book we would love to know about it so we can read it too!



Most of these books are available on our class bookshelves. Dursley library also has a wide range of children's titles and don't forget that books make great presents!

For more ideas for books or activities visit the book trust website:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/> or the parent site of the National literacy trust

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/> or speak to your child's class teacher.