

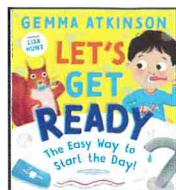
Ready for school

Stories to prepare your child

GEMMA ATKINSON

Let's get ready

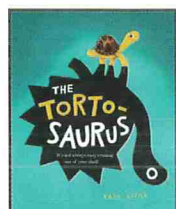
Join Freddie the squirrel as he and a little boy get ready for school together. This sweet story covers every step of the busy morning routine in a fun and relatable way.



KATIE COTTLE

The tortosaurus

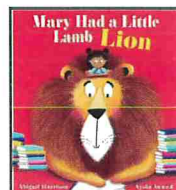
When Dot panics about needing an amazing pet to impress her new classmates, Monty the tortoise adopts a dinosaur disguise to help. Will Dot and Monty discover their true selves after all?



ABIGAIL HARRISON

Mary had a little lion

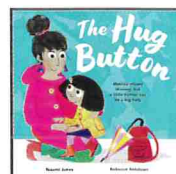
Mary and her lion go everywhere together but not everyone is happy, especially Mary's teacher. But when trouble starts maybe a big, fluffy, roaring hero is just what's needed?



NAOMI JONES

The hug button

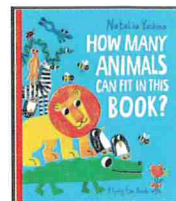
Matilda misses her mum when she starts at The Meadows, despite being excited to go. Mum comes up with an ingenious solution to ensure hugs are never more than a button away.



NATALIA YASKINA

How many animals can fit in this book?

Ant will tell you loud and clear that only one ant will fit. But surely there is room for everyone? Two lions? Four zebras? What about eight penguins? How much space does Ant need?



Sharing books with your child is fun and the best start for school you could give them.

Getting used to sitting and concentrating, handling books and experiencing written and spoken words will all help them come September.

The books recommended on this list are available from Hampshire Public Libraries and are just a few of the countless picture books available for you to enjoy together.

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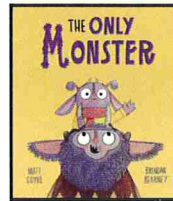
Rhythm and rhyme

Fun with words and verses

MATT COYNE

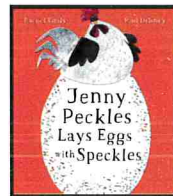
The only monster

It's photo day at monster school and everyone's getting ready for sibling pictures. But one little monster realises she's the only one without a brother or sister to share the moment.



RACHEL EMILY

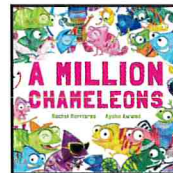
Jenny Peckles lays eggs with speckles
Join Jenny Peckles and her chicken friends on a rhyming adventure as they fake laying eggs with spots, stripes, sparkles and speckles to prove how special they are.



RACHEL MORRISROE

A million chameleons

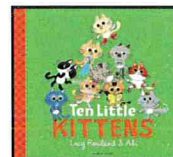
This brilliant tongue-twisting tale keeps readers on their toes as they follow a million chameleons on their many adventures. Its vibrant, colourful pages are sure to captivate and delight.



LUCY ROWLAND

Ten little kittens

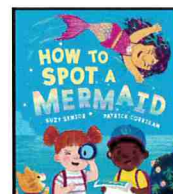
A fun counting story with beautiful and bold illustrations. Join ten mischievous kittens on their day of adventures and spot them throughout the book.



SUZY SENIOR

How to spot a mermaid

Head to the seaside with two little explorers on a mission. Will they find a mermaid on the beach or out at sea? Where could those mermaids be? And what else will they find along the way?



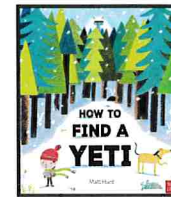
Fabulous tales

Stories to stir the imagination

MATT HUNT

How to find a yeti

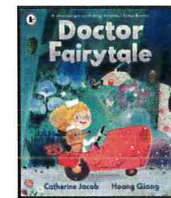
Certain that a yeti lives in the forest, a boy and his dog set off to find it. They look high and low, until they are sure there's no such thing as a yeti... or is there?



CATHERINE JACOB

Doctor Fairytale

Cinderella's hurt her toes, Goldilocks has burnt her tongue and Rapunzel has a sore head. But Doctor Fairytale is here to look after them. An exciting tale full of fun fairytale twists.



ROSS MACKAY

Tractors in space

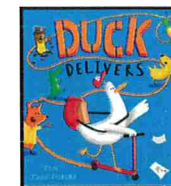
Life on the farm doesn't change much for Toby and his tractor pals. But cosmic adventure beckons when they rustle up a spaceship and blast off to outer space!



TOM TINN-DISBURY

Duck delivers

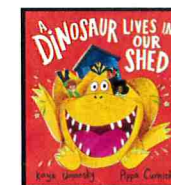
Even the most unadventurous birds must fly the nest! When Great-Grandad Duck gifts him a lucky compass, it's time for Duck to see the world as a delivery duck.



KAYE UMANSKY

A dinosaur lives in our shed

A charming story about a lost dinosaur who finds shelter and adventures in a garden shed. Endearing illustrations bring this wonderful tale to life.



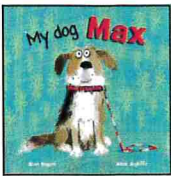
Stories for sharing

Bedtime, lunchtime, anytime!

ALAN DAPRE

My dog Max

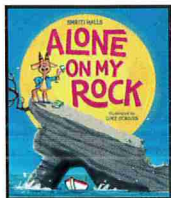
A heartwarming tale for pet lovers. A girl visits the Doggy Den, a shelter full of dogs of every shape and size. When she meets Max, she can't stop thinking about him – is he destined to be her dog?



SMRITI HALLS

Alone on my rock

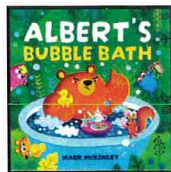
Goat is just fine on his rock, happy and free. What more could he possibly wish for except ...? A heartwarming tale about friendship and the important things in life.



MARK MCKINLEY

Albert's bubble bath

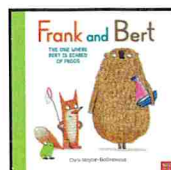
Albert is a grumpy bear who loves only one thing: his bubble baths. But when everyone wants to join in, he does everything he can to keep them out. Will Albert learn that sharing isn't so bad?



CHRIS NAYLOR-BALLESTEROS

The one where Bert is scared of frogs

Frank and Bert love visiting the pond with Bert's toy boat—but Bert is afraid of frogs. Frank helps him to be brave, and discovers his own fears along the way.



KAEL TUDOR

It's (not) my cookie

A brilliantly funny story centred on a lonely cookie. Can the bear take the cookie? Will someone come looking for it? This tale of temptation is completely irresistible - just like that cookie!

