

## Choose the best stories for your storytimes

These stories prepare children with background knowledge to understand and enjoy their *Read Write Inc. Phonics* Storybooks.

The stories have been chosen because they:

- a. Elicit a response: curiosity, anger, excitement, enjoyment, amusement, interest,
- b. Have a strong narrative
- c. Extend vocabulary (not too many new words at once)
- d. Connect with something they know/ we're teaching
- e. Use illustrations to support the narrative
- f. Reflect children from a minority ethnic background.

Note, some books do not meet all the criteria.

**TTS: Talk Through Stories**

**MEB : Books that reflect children from a minority ethnic background**

You can access detailed lesson plans for storytime and for developing vocabulary on the Ruth Miskin School Portal.

### Animals

Story	TTS	MEB
Six Dinner Sid – Inga Moore	Y	
Mog the Forgetful Cat – Judith Kerr	Y	
Tiddler – Julia Donaldson	Y	
The Rainbow Fish – Marcus Pfister	Y	
Wonky Donkey – Jonathan Long	Y	
The Slightly Annoying Elephant – David Walliams	Y	
I'm in Charge – Jeanne Willis and Jarvis	Y	
There's a Snake in my School – David Walliams	Y	
Click, Clack, Moo – Doreen Cronin	Y	
Gecko's Echo – Lucy Rowland	Y	
Elmer – David McKee	Y	
Farmer Duck – Martin Wadell	Y	
Good Little Wolf – Nadia Shireen		
Oi Frog! - Kes Gray		
The Very Busy Spider – Eric Carle		
Aaaarrgghh, Spider! - Lydia Monks		
Dogs – Emily Gravett		
Enormous Crocodile – Roald Dahl		
Handa's Hen – Eileen Browne	Y	Y
Mr Scruff - Simon James		Y
Handa's Noisy Night - Eileen Brown		Y
Maybe... - Chris Haughton		

### Witches

Story	TTS	MEB
Room on the Broom – Julia Donaldson	Y	
Winnie and Wilbur: (Winnie the Witch) - Valerie Thomas	Y	

## Daily life

Story	TTS	MEB
So Much - Trish Cooke		Y
The Big Bed - Bunmi Ladati		Y
I Love My Hair! - Natasha Anastasia Tarpley		Y
I Love My Haircut - Natasha Anastasia Tarpley		Y
The New Small Person - Lauren Child		Y
Five Minutes Peace – Jill Murphy	Y	
Can't You Sleep Little Bear – Martin Waddle	Y	
Burglar Bill – Janet and Allan Ahlberg	Y	
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson	Y	
Dogger – Shirley Hughes	Y	
Owl Babies – Martin Waddell	Y	
Cottonwool Colin – Jeanne Willis	Y	
We're Going on a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen & Oxenbury		
Not Now Bernard – Brian McKee		
Crazy Hair – Neil Gaimen & Dave McKean		

## Friendship

Story	TTS	MEB
Lost & Found – Oliver Jeffers	Y	
One Snowy Night – Nick Butterworth	Y	
Slow Sampson – Bethany Christou	Y	
Oliver and Patch – Claire Freedman		
On Sudden Hill – Linda Sarah		
Little Beauty – Anthony Browne		
The Name Jar - Yangsook Choi		Y
My Pet Star - Corrine Averiss		Y
The Girls - Lauren Ace		Y
Lubna and Pebble - Wendy Medour		Y

## Dealing with emotion

Story	TTS	MEB
A Little Bit Brave – Nicola Kinnear	Y	
Perfectly Norman – Tom Percival	Y	
My Monster and Me- Nadiya Hussain	Y	
Ravi's Roar – Tom Percival	Y	Y
I Am Enough - Grace Byers		Y
Ruby's Worry – Tom Percival	Y	Y
Anna Hibiscus' Song – Atinuke and Lauren Tobia	Y	Y
The Koala Who Could - Rachel Bright		
The Lion Inside - Rachel Bright		
The Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright		
Silly Billy - Anthony Browne		
If All the World Were - Joseph Coelho		Y
There's a Bear on My Chair - Ross Collins		
Loved to Bits - Teresa Heapy		
Grumpy Monkey - Suzanne Lang		
The Colour Monster - Anna Llenas		
Tough Guys Have Feelings Too - Keith Negley		

How Big Are Your Worries Little Bear? - Jayneen Sanders		
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## Food

Story	TTS	MEB
The Giant Jam Sandwich – John Vernon Lord	Y	
Supertato – Sue Hendra	Y	
Oliver's Vegetables – Vivian French		
Chapati Moon - Pippa Goodhart		Y
Full, full, full of love - Trish Cooke		Y

## Story characters

Story	TTS	MEB
George and the Dragon – Christopher Wormell	Y	
Stickman - Julia Donaldson	Y	
Zog – Julia Donaldson	Y	
Hugless Douglas – David Melling	Y	
There is no Dragon in this Story – Lou Carter		
After the Fall – Dan Santat	Y	
The Fate of Fausto – Oliver Jeffers		
On the Way Home – Jill Murphy	Y	
The Worst Princess – Anna Kemp		
Traction Man – Mini Grey		
Hairy Maclary & Donaldson Dairy – Lynley Dodd		
Princess Smartypants – Babette Cole		
Astro Girl - Ken Wilson Max		Y

## Dinosaurs

Story	TTS	MEB
Tyrannosaurus Drip – Julia Donaldson		
Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish – Michael Foreman		

## Aliens

Story	TTS	MEB
Aliens Love Underpants – Claire Freedman	Y	

## Pirates

Story	TTS	MEB
Cat's Ahoy – Peter Bentley		
Portside Pirates – Colin McNaughton		
The Night Pirates – Peter Harris		
The Troll – Julia Donaldson		

## Boats

Story	TTS	MEB
Lighthouse Keeper's Rescue – David Armitage		

## Traditional tales

Story	TTS	MEB
Hansel and Gretel		
The Emperor's New Clothes		
Princess and the Pea		
Androcles and the Lion		
Pied Piper		
Aesop's Fables		
The Hare and the tortoise		
Robin Hood		
The Duckchick		
The Elves and the Shoemaker		
Three Billy Goats Gruff		
The Gingerbread Man		
Cinderella of the Nile - Marjan V.		Y