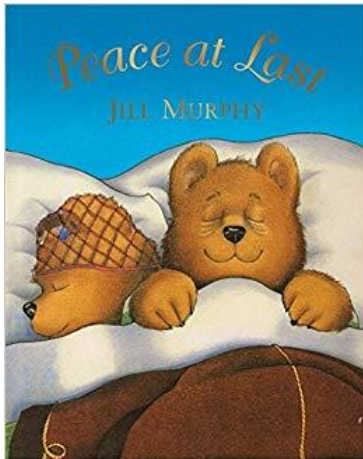


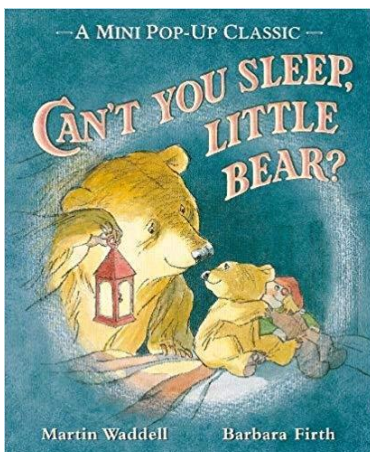
Brilliant Books to Share with Your Year 1 Child and Questions You Can Ask

We have compiled a list of books that you might like to read with your child. We have taken inspiration from books recommended by the leading literacy expert, Pie Corbett. These books give you the opportunity to explore emotions and wonder with your child and to talk through what has been read. All of these books are available from major bookstores. We recommend that you spend **between 10 and 20 minutes** per day reading with your child.



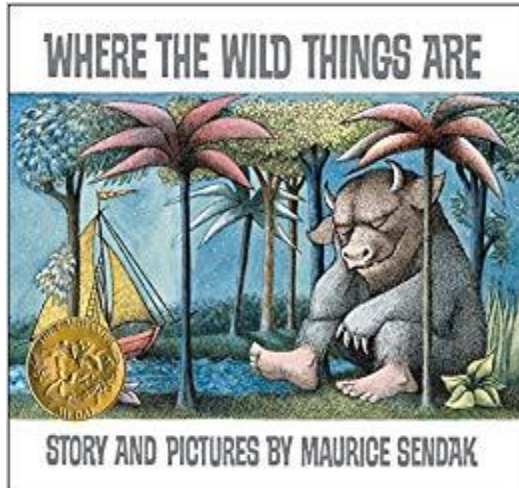
Peace at Last by Jill Murphy (Macmillan).

- You might need to explain 'snore' before reading the book!
- Ask your child what they think "peace" means and ask them why they think Mr. Bear cannot sleep.
- Ask them what makes them feel peaceful.
- Make a list of all the noises Mr. Bear can hear. Turn this into a list poem and add other ideas.



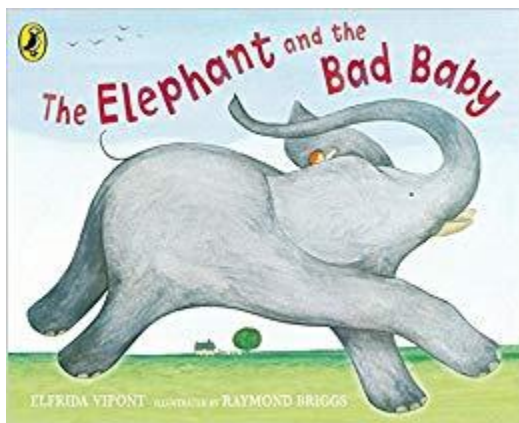
Can't You Sleep Little Bear? By Martin Waddell (Walker Books)

- How are the bears feeling?
- What are they thinking?
- Do you think Little Bear is really trying to go to sleep?
- How does Big Bear comfort Little Bear



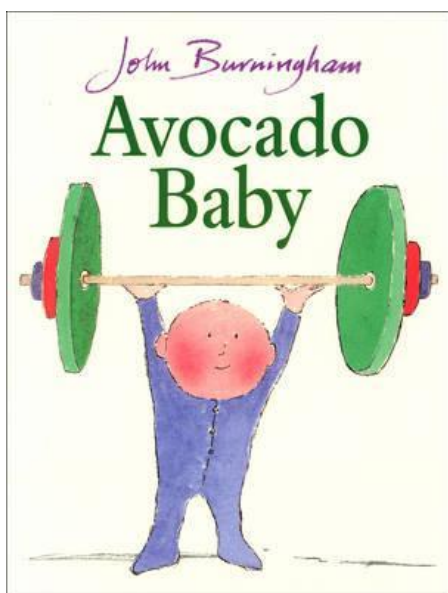
Where the Wild Things Are Maurice Sendak (HarperCollins)

- Look at the cover and ask your child what they think is going to happen and who is creating mischief.
- Create large monster paintings or make a mask.
- What does your child think really happened in Max's room that night?
- Create a 'Wild Things' dance.



The Elephant and the Bad Baby Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs (Puffin)

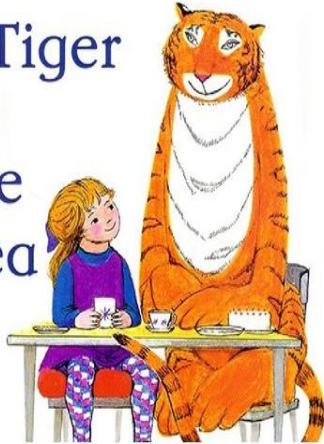
- Ask your child if they think the baby really is a 'bad' baby.
- You can retell the tale, visiting different places around Colindale and with different characters.



Avocado Baby John Burningham (Bloomsbury)

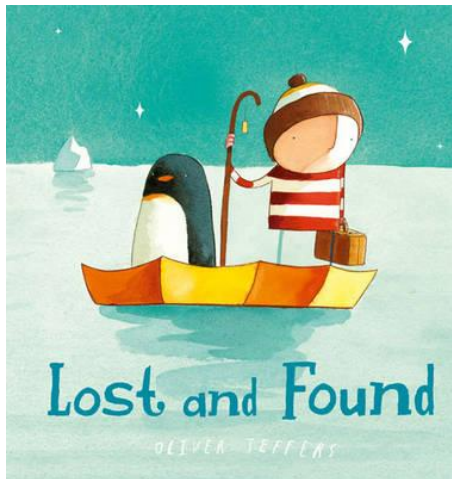
- You can start with a discussion about babies and you can taste an avocado together.
- Talk about being strong and weak and ask your child what they think the baby will do next.
- Help your child to create new stories based on the same idea, featuring babies that will only eat one food and gain a superpower, such as a 'Melon Baby' that can bounce!

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



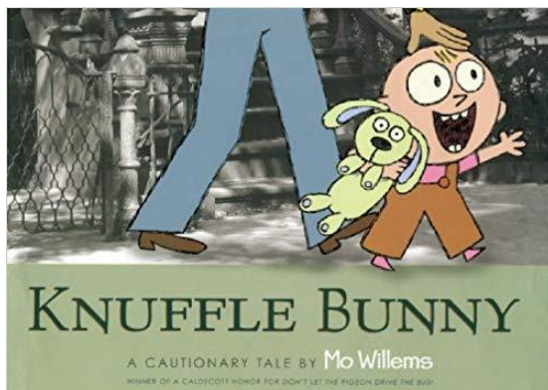
The Tiger Who Came to Tea Judith Kerr (HarperCollins)

- Try some role-play with your child: pretend a tiger has come to your house for tea.
- Look at the scene in which the family is walking to the café. What else does your child see? (A cat appears that looks like the tiger.)
- Work together to create a collage of an enormous tiger.



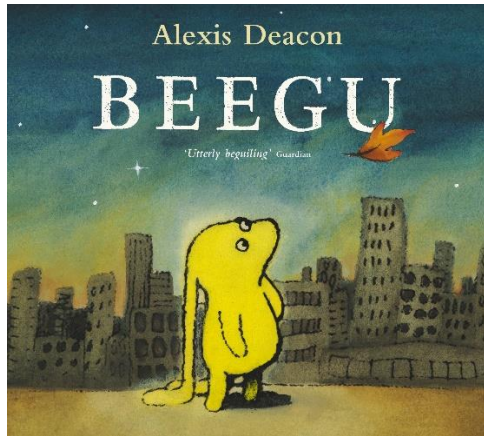
Lost and Found Oliver Jeffers (HarperCollins)

- Find out some things about penguins.
- Ask your child why they think the penguin follows the boy.
- Do some role play, using the scene in which they go to the office.
- Ask your child what they think 'disappointment' is.
- Why does your child think the penguin is sad when they reach the South Pole?



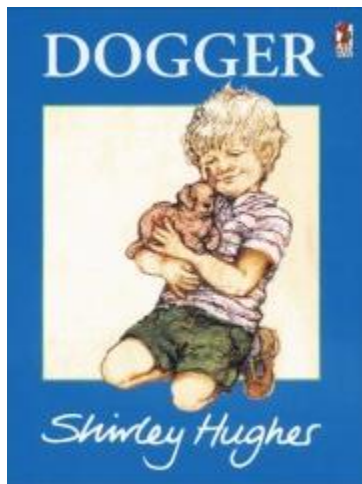
Knuffle Bunny Mo Willems (Hyperion Books)

- Explain to your child what an 'errand' and a 'Laundromat' are.
- Discuss what they can see on the inside title page.
- Ask what advice your child would give to Dad.



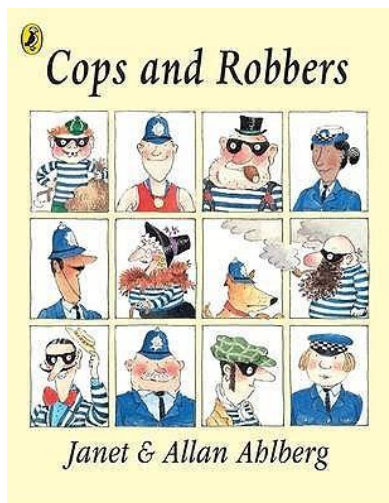
Beegu Alexis Deacon (Random House)

- With your child, track the ups and downs of what happens. What might Beegu be thinking? How does he feel?
- Who are the characters Beegu meets? Can you imagine the conversations they might have?
- Write a letter from Beegu to the children.



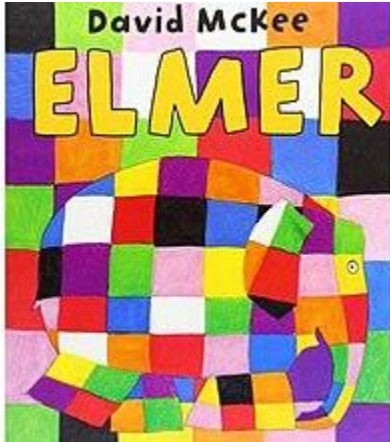
Dogger Shirley Hughes (Random House)

- This book is about sacrifice or giving things up for other people to make them feel OK. You can talk about a special cuddly toy your child might have.
- Talk about the ups and downs of the characters – Bella, Dave, Mum and Dad and the little girl. Point out to your child that everyone feels different!
- Ask them what they would say to Bella or write a thank you letter from Dave to Bella.



Cops and Robbers Alan and Janet Ahlberg (Puffin)

- With your child, talk about all the details in the drawings in the book.
- There is a lot of vocabulary to discuss, from crowbars to truncheons!
- Work with your child to create huge WANTED posters.



Elmer David McKee (Andersen Press)

- When you've finished reading the book, ask your child what is the best thing about Elmer.
- Why do they think Elmer feels worried?
- In what way was Elmer different? How do we sometimes feel different?