

Books for EYFS – 100 picture books to read before you are 5 years old

Here's our selection of recommended picture books that are ideal for children aged 3-5 who are learning to read at home, or in Early Years and infant schools. How many of these modern and classic picture books for children in EYFS have you read?

Children learn to read pictures before they read words, and that's why it's so important to make use of picture books when reading with the youngest children. There will be a wide variation in reading and inference abilities in this age group, and this is normal.

Children love to look at stories through the illustrations, ask questions and think about what will happen next. Repetitive language and the use of rhyme will also help children to predict, mimic and remember the words, and encourage them to join in with parents, teachers or older siblings at reading time. This collection of 100 picture books includes wordless stories, rhyming tales, counting stories, poetry and traditional fables – all highly illustrated to keep your child's imagination fired up.