## 20 Recommended Reads for Year 2

The following books are appropriate for children in Year 2 and will help to improve their word reading, vocabulary and understanding.

Book title	Author	Front cover	Description
Mog Time Treasury: Six Stories About Mog the Forgetful Cat	Judith Kerr	MOG TIME  Size anxiets about MOG the Foogeful Cut	This handsome treasury brings together six favourite stories including the very first, <i>Mog the Forgetful Cat</i> . Each story follows a recurring but satisfying pattern: Mog faces some disturbance to her routine that she doesn't understand, causes chaos for the Thomas family as a result, but comes out on top without ever knowing why.
Choosing Crumble	Michael Rosen	MICHAEL ROSEN  CAMBINA  CLUSTAISS SI 1751 7555	When Terri-Lee goes to the pet-shop she thinks she'll be choosing a dog – she doesn't expect the dog to be choosing her! But Crumble is no ordinary pet and he's got a few questions to ask: How many walks will you take me on? Do you like to dance? Will you tickle me? I like that a lot. Will Terri-Lee's dance moves and answers be enough to convince Crumble that she could be his owner?
Jinnie Ghost	Berlie Doherty	Jane Chose Bull Marin	Jinnie Ghost is as thin as the wind, with hair as white as the feathers of owls and eyes like water. Jinnie whispers dreams to children as they sleep: she brings Charlotte's dolls to life, makes Amy's carpet bubble with frogs and toads, and conjures up a giant to carry Joe off to a castle in the sky. But at the break of dawn, Jinnie hurries away, leaving only half-formed memories of her ghostly visit. Hauntingly illustrated, this perfectly pitched poem celebrates the power of the imagination, taking readers on a fantastic journey while sending a shiver down the spine.

The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon	Jonny Duddle	GHOSTLY GALLEON	Every full moon, a mysterious ship is seen off the coast of Dull-on-Sea. Then, the next day, gold and jewelry are missing from homes, shops, and museums all over town. Matilda needs the Jolley-Rogers' help to investigate. Can Matilda and Jim Lad retrieve the stolen booty from the mysterious ship before the moon fades? Or will they end up stuck on board with a crew of ghostly pirates forever?
Fungus the Bogeyman	Raymond Briggs	FUNGUS TOT BOGEYMAN  STATEMOND BRIGGS	Deep down underground, in the dark, dripping tunnels of bogeydom, live the bogeys, a vile collection of slimy, smelly creatures who revel in everything revolting. Fungus is a bogeyman-a particularly foul and fetid specimen. As he goes about his bogey business, the full horrors of bogeydom are revealed.
The Day the Crayons Quit.	Drew Daywalt	THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT	Poor Duncan just wants to colour. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing - His crayons have had enough! They quit! Beige Crayon is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown Crayon. Black wants to be used for more than just outlining
Uncle Gobb and the Dread Shed	Michael Rosen	MICHAEL ROSEN  UNCLE GOBB  EDRENDSHED  SELIMB	Malcom's Uncle Gobb is really irritating, and not just because he keeps shouting 'the boy needs to do more homework'. When Gobb Education starts taking over their school, and Uncle Gobb sets up the dread 'Dread Shed' in their playground, Malcolm and his best friend Crackersnacker decide they've got to get rid him. Children will love seeing Malcolm bamboozle and confuzle Uncle Gobb to a standstill with entirely logical but unanswerable questions and Neal Layton's scratchy illustrations brilliantly match the riotous tone.

The Book With No Pictures	B . J . Novak	The Book With No Pictures	You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except here's how books work. Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say BLORK. Or BLUURF.  Even if the words are a preposterous song about eating ants for breakfast, or just a list of astonishingly goofy sounds like BLAGGITY BLAGGITY and GLIBBITY GLOBBITY.
Florence Nightingale	Lucy Lethbridge	Florence Nightingale Loy Letholder Karen Domaily	Born into a wealthy family, Florence Nightingale could have lived a life of leisure and luxury. Instead she longed to be a nurse. In 1830, that was the last thing a rich girl could do - but Florence was no ordinary girl.
Toby and The Great Fire of London	Margret Nash	Toby and the Great Fire of London	Toby has forgotten a delivery for Mr Pepys, but as he sets out across London he sees the sky is full of flames!  This book takes the reader on a journey through the Great Fire of London.
Fantastic Mr Fox	Rold Dahl	Roald Dahl Fantastic Mr Fox	Fantastic Mr. Fox is on the run! The three meanest farmers around are out to get him. Fat Boggis, squat Bunce, and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded. What they don't know is that they're not dealing with just any fox–Mr. Fox would never surrender. But only the most fantastic plan ever can save him now.

Nim's Island	Wendy Orr	NIMS ISLAND Forty Office and in the property harden	An irresistible adventure fantasy about Nim - a young girl alone on a tropical island except for her three amazing friends: an iguana, a sea-lion and a turtle. When a hurricane strikes, Nim becomes a hero in a single-handed sea rescue.
The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate	Margaret Mahy	The Man Whose Mother wosa PIRATE	Sam was very ordinary. He always wore a respectable suit and shoes and he worked in a neat city office where he wrote down figures all daybut his mother was a pirate!
The Penderwicks	Jeanne Birdsall	THE PENDERWICKS  I THINGS TALE OF THE STORE TH	The Penderwick sisters busily discover the summertime magic of Arundel estate's sprawling gardens, treasure-filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts. Best of all is Jeffrey Tifton, son of Arundel's owner, the perfect companion for their adventures. Icy-hearted Mrs. Tifton is less pleased with the Penderwicks than Jeffrey, and warns the new friends to stay out of trouble. Is that any fun? For sure the summer will be unforgettable.
The Heart and the Bottle	Oliver Jeffers	OLIM SIMEAS  TO THE STATE OF TH	Once there was a girl whose life was filled with all the wonder of the world around her. Then one day something occurred that caused the girl to take her heart and put it in a safe place.  However, after that it seemed that more things were empty than before. Would she know when and how to get her heart back?

The Guard Dog	Dick King-Smith	Dick King-Smith	There are six puppies in the pet shop; five posh pedigreed ones, and a scruffy little mongrel with a grand ambition — to be a guard dog. The other pups laugh at him. How can such a small dog possibly guard a home? Especially when his bark is the most earsplitting racket they have ever heard!
The Magic Finger	Roald Dahl	ROALD DAHL MAGIC FINGER	What happens when the hunter becomes the hunted? To the Gregg family, hunting is just plain fun. To the girl who lives next door, it's just plain horrible. She tries to be polite. She tries to talk them out of it, but the Greggs only laugh at her. Then one day the Greggs go too far, and the little girl turns her Magic Finger on them. When she's very, very angry, the little girl's Magic Finger takes over. She really can't control it, and now it's turned the Greggs into birds! Before they know it, the Greggs are living in a nest, and that's just the beginning of their problems
The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me	Roald Dahl	ROALD ROALD Giraffe AND THE PELLY AND ME	A small boy with a desire to own a candy shop meets a window-washing team of a giraffe, a pelican, and a monkey and together they go to work for the wealthy Duke of Hampshire, who makes all their dreams come true.
The Enchanted Wood	Enid Blyton	Enchanted Wood	In the first novel in the series, Jo, Fanny, and Bessie (in later editions Joe, Fran and Beth) move to live near a large wood. One day, they go for a walk in the wood and discover an enormous tree whose branches seem to reach into the clouds. This is the Faraway Tree.

A Bear Called Peggy For Paddington	A BEAR CALLED PADDINGTON	The very first book in which the Browns meet Paddington on a railway station and discover that ordinary things like having a bath or travelling on the underground can soon become quite extraordinary if a small bear is involved.
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