



English Department Suggested Reading Lists



Many children are happy to browse through bookshelves and libraries (including ours) and quickly come across an author or genre they enjoy. Others however may need a little more guidance or encouragement and these lists are here to help you and your child make choices. Suggested groups are a rough guide only as we have a very wide range of reading ability within each year group and children's interests vary too. Lists can kill a passion for reading so use this with care! I hope you find it useful!

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Suggested Books for year 3

- 3 A Bear Called Paddington -Michael Bond
- 3 Cat Tales: Shop Cat -Linda Newbery
- 3 Cat Tales: Smoke Cat -Linda Newbery
- 3 Flat Stanley - Chapter Book -Jeff Brown
- 3 Fungus The Bogeyman -Raymond Briggs
- 3 Happy Birthday, Oliver Moon -Sue Mongredien
- 3 Harry's Mad Dick -King Smith
- 3 Horrid Henry And The Abominable Snowman- Francesca Simon
- 3 Horrid Henry's Big Bad Book-Francesca Simon
- 3 Horrid Henry's Christmas Cracker -Francesca Simon
- 3 Judy Moody Gets Famous! -Megan McDonald
- 3 Judy Moody Goes to College -Megan McDonald
- 3 Killer Cat Strikes Back -Anne Fine
- 3 Mister Magnolia -Quentin Blake
- 3 Mrs Pepperpot (various) -Alf Proyson
- 3 Oliver Moon and the Spell-off Sue Mongredien
- 3 Oliver Moon's Fangtastic Sleepover -Sue Mongredien
- 3 Sophie's Lucky Dick King-Smith
- 3 Stanley, Flat Again! -Jeff Brown
- 3 Teddy Robinson Stories -Joan G. Robinson
- 3 The Animals of Farthing Wood -Colin Dan
- 3 The Diary of a Killer Cat -Anne Fine

Years 3 and 4

- 4 A Bad Spell for the Worst Witch Jill Murphy
- 4 A Mouse Called Wolf Dick King-Smith
- 4 Amber Cat Hilary McKay
- 4 Amelia Jane Again Enid Blyton
- 4 Esio Trot Roald Dahl
- 4 Fantastic Mr Fox Roald Dahl
- 4 Gobbolina, the Witch's Cat Ursula Moray Williams
- 4 Good Idea, Amelia Jane! Enid Blyton
- 4 How the Whale Became and Other Stories Ted Hughes
- 4 Mooncake and Other Stories Joan Aiken
- 4 Moondial Helen Cresswell
- 4 Mr Gum And The Biscuit Billionaire Andy Stanton
- 4 Mr Majeika Humphrey Carpenter
- 4 Mr Majeika Joins the Circus Humphrey Carpenter
- 4 Mr. Majeika and the Lost Spell Book Humphrey Carpenter
- 4 My Naughty Little Sister Dorothy Edwards
- 4 My Naughty Little Sister and Bad Harry Dorothy Edwards
- 4 My Naughty Little Sister's Friends Dorothy Edwards
- 4 Sammy Keyes Wendelin Van Draanen
- 4 Stig of the Dump Clive King
- 4 The Hodgeheg Dick King-Smith
- 4 The Indian in the Cupboard
- 4 The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark Jill Tomlinson
- 4 The Magic Finger Roald dahl
- 4 The Saga of Erik the Viking Terry Jones
- 4 The Twits Roald Dahl
- 4 The Worst Witch Saves The Day Jill Murphy
- 4 Worst Witch Strikes Again Jill Murphy
- 4 Willow Tina Nolan
- 4 You're A Bad Man, Mr Gum! Andy Stanton

Years 4 and 5

Favoured authors -

Roald Dahl

Caroline Lawrence - The Roman Mysteries (Year 5/6)

Michael Morpurgo (often 'easy' to read but mature content eg 'The Dancing Bear', 'War Horse')

- 5 A Dog So Small Philippa Pearce
- 4/5 Beware! Killer Tomatoes Jeremy Strong
- 4/5 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Roald Dahl
- 5 Dragon Rider Cornelia Funke
- 5 Fairy Gold Gwyneth Rees
- 4/5 Fantastic Mr Fox Roald Dahl
- 4/5 Five go to Smuggler's Top Enid Blyton
- 4/5 Five Run Away Together Enid Blyton
- 5 Flour Babies Anne Fine
- 5 How the Whale became and other stories - Ted Hughes
- 5 I Was A Rat! Philip Pullman
- 5 Lily Quench and the Lighthouse of Skellig Mor Natalie Jane Prior
- 4/5 Lost! The Hundred mile an hour Dog Jeremy Strong
- 5 Mrs Cockle's Cat Philippa Pearce
- 5 Professor Branestawm Stories Norman Hunter
- 4/5 Return of the Hundred mile an hour Dog Jeremy Strong
- 5 The Angel of Nitshill Road Anne Fine
- 5 The Battle Of Bubble And Squeak Philippa Pearce
- 5 The Butterfly Lion Michael Morpurgo
- 5 The Dancing Bear Michael Morpurgo
- 5 The Eighteenth Emergency Betsy Byars
- 4/5 The Enchanted Wood Enid Blyton,
- 4/5 The Folk of the Faraway Tree Enid Blyton,
- 5 The Ghost of Grania O'Malley Michael Morpurgo
- 4/5 The Hundred mile an hour Dog Jeremy Strong
- 4/5 The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm Norman Hunter
- 5 The Mozart Question Michael Morpurgo
- 5 Born To Run Michael Morpurgo
- 5 The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips Michael Morpurgo
- 5 The Unluckiest Boy in the World Andrew Norriss
- 5 The Wizard of Oz L. Frank Baum
- 5 Why The Whales Came Michael Morpurgo

Years 5 and 6

Alice's Adventures In Wonderland Lewis Carroll
Aquila Andrew Norriss
Back Home Michelle Magorian
Ballet Shoes Noel Streatfield
Beowulf Kevin Crossley-Holland
Black Beauty Anna Sewell
Black Hearts in Battersea Joan Aiken
Born To Run Michael Morpurgo
Bursting Balloons Mystery Alexander McCall Smith
Dragonfly Pool Eva Ibbotson
Emil And The Detectives Erich Kastner
Fire, Bed And Bone Henrietta Branford
Five Children and It E Nesbit
Mariel of Redwall Brian Jacques
Mrs. Frisby And The Rats Of Nimh Robert C O'brien
Outcast of Redwall Brian Jacques
Party Shoes Noel Streatfeild
Pig Heart Boy Malorie Blackman
Redwall Brian Jacques
Slave Girl From Jerusalem Caroline Lawrence
Stig Of The Dump Clive King
Swallows and Amazons Arthur Ransome
Tennis Shoes Noel Streatfeild
The Cowgirl Aunt of Harriet Bean Alexander McCall Smith
The Firework-maker's Daughter Philip Pullman
The Fugitive From Corinth Caroline Lawrence
The Ghost of Grania O'Malley Michael Morpurgo
The Joke Machine Alexander McCall Smith
The Little Prince Antoine De Saintexupery
The Portal Andrew Norriss
The Roman Mysteries Omnibus Caroline Lawrence
The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burne
The Touchstone Andrew Norriss
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Joan Aiken
The Wizard Of Earthsea Ursula K Le Guin
Theatre Shoes Noel Streatfeild
War Horse Michael Morpurgo
Which Witch? Eva Ibbotson

Year 6

A Handful of Thieves Nina Bawden
A Little Princess Frances Hodgson Burnett
Aesop's Fables Margaret McAllister
A Wrinkle in Time Madeleine L'Engel
Airman Eioin Colfer
Alex Rider: Point Blanc (2) Anthony Horowitz
Alex Rider: Skeleton Key (3) Anthony Horowitz
Alex Rider: Stormbreaker (1) Anthony Horowitz
Biggles Flies East W.E. Johns
Black Jack Leon Garfield
Carrie's War Nina Bawden
Cue for Treason Geoffrey Trease
Escape from Shangri-La Michael Morpurgo
Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets J.K. Rowling
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone J.K. Rowling
Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban J.K. Rowling
How the Whale Became and Other Stories Ted Hughes
Ingo Helen Dunmore
Jack Holborn Leon Garfield
Journey to the River Sea Eva Ibbotson
Missie Lee Arthur Ransome
Smith Leon Garfield
Swallows and Amazons Arthur Ransome
The Awful Tale of Agatha Bilke Sian Pattenden
The Book of the Banshee Anne Fine
The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde
The Hobbit JRR Tolkien
The Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling
The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe CS Lewis
The Little Grey Men B B'
The Machine Gunners Robert Westall
The Magician's Nephew C. S. Lewis
The Railway Children E Nesbit
The Runaway Summer Nina Bawden
The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burnet
The Secret Passage Nina Bawden
The Seeing Stone Kevin Crossley-Holland
The Star of Kazan Eva Ibbotson
The Wind In the Willows Kenneth Grahame
The Witch's Daughter Nina Bawden
We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea Arthur Ransome

Years 7 and 8

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Jules Verne
Across the Nightingale Floor Lian Hearn
Alex Rider: Scorpio (5) Anthony Horowitz
Alex Rider: Snakehead (7) Anthony Horowitz
Around the World in 80 Days (Qualitas Classics) Jules Verne
Bartimaeus 1: The Amulet of Samarkand Jonathan Stroud
Blitzcat Robert Westall
Blood Fever Charlie Higson By Royal Command Charlie Higson
Chains Laurie Halse Anderson Children of the new Forest Cptn Marryat
Chocky John Wyndham
Double or Die Charlie Higson
The Eagle Of The Ninth Rosemary Sutcliff
Elidor Alan Garner
Eragon Christopher Paolini
Fever Crumb: Mortal Engines Prequel Philip Reeve
Firesong William Nicholson
Flood Child Emily Diamand
Northern Lights, Subtle Knife, Amber Spyglass Philip Pullman
Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain
King Solomna's mines H. Rider Haggart
Hurricane Gold Charlie Higson
I, Coriander Sally Gardner
If Only They Could Talk James Herriot
Kidnapped Robert Louis Stephenson
Loorna Doone R D Blackmore
Millions Frank Cottrell Boyce
Moonfleet J Meade Falkne
Only You Can Save Mankind Terry Pratchett
Private Peaceful Michael Morpurgo
Skellig David Almond
Sherlock Holmes & the Limehouse Horror Philip Pullman
Silverfin Charlie Higson
The Call of the Wild Jack London
Slaves Of The Mastery William Nicholson
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas John Boyne
The Dungeon Lynne Reid Banks
The Machine gunners Robert Westall
The Sword In The Stone T. H. White
The Twelfth Day of July Joan Lingard
War Of Jenkins' Ear Michael Morpurgo
The Way to Satin Shore Philippa Pearce

The Weirdstone Of Brisingamen Alan Garner
The Wind Singer William Nicholson
Treasure Island Robert Louis Stevenson
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit Judith Kerr
Wolf Brother: Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Michelle Paver
Watership Down Richard Ada

Year 8

2001: A Space Odyssey Arthur C Clark
A Bridge To The Stars Henning Mankell
Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents Terry Pratchett
An (Un)arranged Marriage Bali Rai
A Gathering Light Jennifer Donnelly
A Swift Pure Cry Siobhan Dowd
A Morbid Taste for Bones Ellis Peters
A Really Short History Of Nearly Everything Bill Bryson
Across The Nightingale Floor Lian Hearn
Apache Tanya Landman
Blood Red, Snow White Marcus Sedgwick
Brave New World Aldous Huxley
Brother In The Land Robert Swindells
Cider with Rosie Laurie Lee
Coram Boy Jamila Gavin
Flambards K. M. Peyton
Gatty's Tale Kevin Crossley-Holland
Hacker Malorie Blackman
How I Live Now Meg Rosoff
I'm the King of the Castle Susan Hill
Ivanhoe Sir Walter Scott
Journey To The Centre Of The Earth Jules Verne
Jurassic Park Michael Crichton
Just In Case Meg Rosoff
Just Like Tomorrow Faiza Guene Looking for JJ Anne Cassidy
Monk's-Hood Ellis Peters
My Swordhand Is Singing Marcus Sedgwick
Nation Terry Pratchett
Ruby Red Linzi Glas
Tarka the Otter Henry Williamson
The Book Thief Markus Zus
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime Mark Haddon
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Douglas Adams
The Kraken Wakes John Wyndham
The Lastling Philip Gross
The Pickwick Papers Charles Dickens
The Red Pony John Steinbeck
The Road Of Bones Anne Fine
The Time Machine H G Wells
The War of the Worlds (Classics Illustrated) H G Wells
The Wee Free Men Terry Pratchett
Wooden Horse Eric Williams

Wintersmith Terry Pratchett
What I Was Meg Rosoff
When The Snow Fell Henning Mankell
Wolf Brother: Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Michelle Pave

More Advanced. Please note some books may contain more adult content.

A Note Of Madness Tabitha Suzuma
A Town Like Alice Nevil Shute
Apocalypse Tim Bowler
Azincourt Bernard Cornwell
Before I Die Jenny Downham
Beyond The Barricade Deborah Ellis
Bog Child Siobhan Dowd
Brick Lane Monica Ali
Brighton Rock Graham Greene
Chinese Cinderella And The Secret Dragon Society-Adeline Yen Mah
Empire of the Sun J G Ballard
Endymion Spring Matthew Skelton
Fever Pitch Nick Hornby
Finding Violet Park Jenny Valentine
Frankenstein Mary Shelley
Girl With A Pearl Earring Tracy Chevalier
How I Live Now Meg Rosoff
I am Legend Richard Matheson
Message in a Bottle Valerie Zenatti
Nineteen Eighty-four George Orwell
Noughts and Crosses Malorie Blackman
Pictures in the Dark Gillian Cross
Pompeii Robert Harris
River Boy Tim Bowler
Rowan The Strange Julie Hearn
Scoop Evelyn Waugh
The Big Sleep Raymond Chandler
The Doll: Short Stories Daphne Du Maurier
The Go-Between L.P. Hartley
The Grapes of Wrath John Steinbeck
The Invisible Man H G Wells
The Ghost at the Trial Charles Dickens
The Strange Case Of Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde Robert Louis Stevenson
The Three Musketeers Alexandre Dumas
The Woman In Black Susan Hill

Waves Sharon Dogar

