

RECOMMENDED READING LISTS

EYFS

The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle

A Dark Dark Tale – Ruth Brown

Flotsam – David Wiesner

Tiger – Nick Butterworth

We're Going on a Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen
and Helen Oxenbury

I Want My Hat Back – Jon Klassen

Each Peach Pear Plum – Janet and Allan
Ahlberg

The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child – Julia
Donaldson

Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers

Up and Down – Oliver Jeffers

The Enormous Crocodile – Roald Dahl

The Night Pirates – Peter Harris

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus – Mo Willems

Where's Spot – Eric Hill

Dear Zoo – Rod Campbell

The Jolly Postman – Janet and Allan Ahlberg

The Kipper series – Mick Inkpen, e.g. *Kipper's
birthday*

Meg and Mog – Helen Nicoll

Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs – Ian
Whybrow

Elmer – David McKee

Not Now Bernard – David McKee

Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches – Julie Falton &
Rachel Suzanne

The Lion Inside – Rachel Bright & Jim Field

All Join In - Quentin Blake

The Wonder – Faye Hanson

Burglar Bill – Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Penguin – Polly Dunbar

Traditional stories

The Three Little Pigs

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Hansel and Gretel

Little Red Riding Hood

Rapunzel

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Jack and the Beanstalk

The Gingerbread Man

Three Billy Goats Gruff



Years 1 – 2 recommended reading

Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish – Michael Foreman

War and Peas – Michael Foreman

How Big is a Million? – Anna Milbourne and Serena Riglietti

The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Judith Kerr

Mog the Forgetful Cat – Judith Kerr

Where The Wild Things Are – Maurice Sendak

Angry Arthur – Hiawyn Oram and Satoshi Kitamura

Cinnamon – Neil Gaiman

That Pesky Rat – Lauren Child

Peace at Last – Jill Murphy

Dogger – Shirley Hughes

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy – Lynley Dodd

My Penguin Osbert – Elizabeth Cody Kimmell

The Paper Bag Princess – Robert Munsch

The Whales' Song – Dyan Sheldon and Gary Blythe

Leon and the Place Between – Angela McAllister

The Winnie the Witch series – Valerie Thomas

The Charlie and Lola series – Lauren Child, e.g. *I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato*

Journey – Aaron Becker

Roald Dahl

Esio Trot

The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The BFG

The Magic Finger

Fantastic Mr Fox

George's Magic Medicine



Julia Donaldson

The Snail and the Whale

Room on the Broom

A Squash and a Squeeze

Tyrannosaurus Drip

Smartest Giant in Town

Emily Gravett

Dogs

Meerkat Mail

Wolves

Again!

Little Mouse's Big Books of Fears

Raymond Briggs

The Snowman

Father Christmas

Fungus the Bogeyman

Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age

Books parents can read aloud

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson

The Christmasaurus – Tom Fletcher

A Necklace of Raindrops – Joan Aiken

The Kingdom Under the Sea – Joan Aiken



Years 3 – 4 recommended reading

Picture books for older readers

The Dark – Lemony Snickett and Jon Klass

Black Dog – Levi Pinfold

Those Shoes – Maribeth Boelts

Rosie Revere, Engineer – Andrea Beaty

Ada Twist, Scientist – Andrea Beaty

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore – W.E. Joyce

The Mysteries of Harris Burdick – Chris van Allsburg

Comics / graphic novels

The Asterix series – René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo, e.g. *Asterix the Gaul*

The Adventures of Tintin series – Hergé, e.g. *Explorers on the Moon*

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz

Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer

Poetry / short stories

Please Mrs Butler – Allan Ahlberg

Revolting Rhymes – Roald Dahl

Dirty Beasts – Roald Dahl

Sea Prayer – Khaled Hosseini

The Mrs Pepperpot short stories – Alf Prøysen

Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling

The Witch's Vacuum Cleaner short story collection – Terry Pratchett

Dragon's at Crumbling Castle short story collection – Terry Pratchett

Short chapter books

The Great Piratical Rumbustification – Margaret Mahy

Fortunately, the Milk – Neil Gaiman

The Saga of Erik the Viking – Terry Jones

The Legend of Spud Murphy – Eoin Colfer

The Worst Witch series – Jill Murphy

The Raven Boy and Elf Girl series – Marcus Sedgewick, e.g. *Fright Forest*

The Raven Mysteries – Marcus Sedgewick, e.g. *Flood and Fang*

The Something Wickedly Weird series by Chris Mould, e.g. *The Wooden Mile*

The Offoline series by Chris Riddell

The Goth Girl series – Chris Riddell

The Captain Underpants series – Dav Pilkey

The Mr Gum series – Andy Stanton, e.g. *You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!*

The Mr Majeika series – Humphrey Carpenter

The Moomin series – Tove Jansson

Longer chapter books

Charlotte's Web – E.B. White

The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo

The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin Maker – Matilda Woods

Journey to Jo'burg – Beverley Naidoo

Millions – Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Wild Robot – Peter Brown

The Hamish and the World Stoppers series – Danny Wallace

The Fizzlebert Stump series – A.F. Harrold

The Gregor the Overlander series – Suzanne Collins

The Shapeshifter series – Ali Sparkes, e.g. *Finding the Fox*

A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snickett, e.g. *The Bad Beginning*

How to Train Your Dragon series – Cressida Cowell

The Spiderwick Chronicles series – Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black, e.g. *The Field Guide*

The Tales from the Five Kingdoms series – Vivian French, e.g. *The Robe of Skulls*

Authors

Michael Morpurgo and Dick King Smith for books about animals

Roald Dahl for books as dark as they are funny and imaginative

David Walliams for general silliness

Jacqueline Wilson for books about ordinary kids

J.K. Rowling for the Harry Potter universe



Years 5 – 6 recommended reading

Modern issues

The Other Side of Truth – Beverley Naidoo

The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd

Wonder – R.J. Palacio

Boy 87 – Ele Fountain

Kick – Mitch Johnson

Refugee Boy – Benjamin Zephaniah

Kiss the Dust – Elizabeth Laird

Trash – Andy Mulligan

Fantasy

The House with Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman

Un Lun Dun – China Mieville

The Carpet People – Terry Pratchett

I Was a Rat! – Philip Pullman

Clockwork – Philip Pullman

The Scarecrow and His Servant – Philip Pullman

Howl's Moving Castle – Diana Wynne Jones

The Artemis Fowl series – Eoin Colfer

The Last Wild series – Piers Torday

His Dark Materials trilogy – Philip Pullman, e.g. *Northern Lights*

The Silver series – Cliff McNish, e.g. *The Silver Child*

The Doomspell trilogy – Cliff McNish

The Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins

The Cogheart series – Peter Bunzl

The Mortal Engines series – Philip Reeve

The Bromeliad series – Terry Pratchett, e.g. *Truckers*

The Edge Chronicles – Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell, e.g. *The Curse of the Gloamglozer*

The Alex Rider and The Diamond Brothers series – Anthony Horowitz, e.g. *Stormbreaker* and *The Falcon's Malteser*

Children of the Red King – Jenny Nimmo, e.g. *Midnight for Charlie Bone*

The Maze Runner series – James Dashner

The Gone series – Michael Grant

Historical setting

I am David – Anne Holm

The Silver Sword – Ian Serraillier

The Secret of the Blue Glass – Tomiko Inui

The Once series by Morris Gleitzman

The Little House series – Laura Ingalls Wilder, e.g. *Little House on the Prairie*

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred D. Taylor

Coram Boy – Jamila Gavin

John Diamond – Leon Garfield

Arthur: The Seeing Stone – Kevin Crossley-Holland

The Roman Mysteries – Caroline Lawrence, e.g. *Thieves of Ostia*

Secrets of a Sun King – Emma Carroll

Letters from a Lighthouse – Emma Carroll

Classics

The Railway Children – E. Nesbit

Black Beauty – Anna Sewell

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett

Heidi – Johanna Spyri

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea – Jules Verne

Journey to the Centre of the Earth – Jules Verne

The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle

Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce

The Sword in the Stone – T.H. White

Little Women – Louisa May Alcott

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – L. Frank Baum

The Chronicles of Narnia series – C.S. Lewis, e.g. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

Notable Authors

Rick Riordan for mythical adventures

Chris D'Lacey for dragon adventures

Malorie Blackman for serious, issues-based books

R.L. Stine for children's horror

