

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

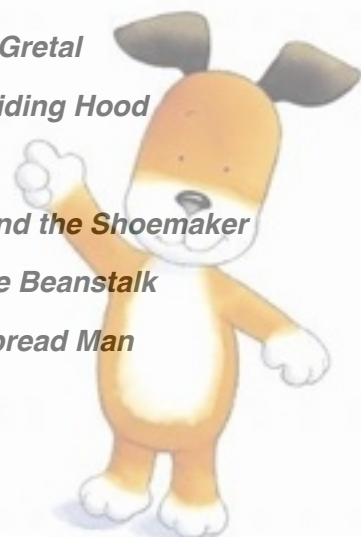
Little Red Riding Hood

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 *Ottoline* 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**

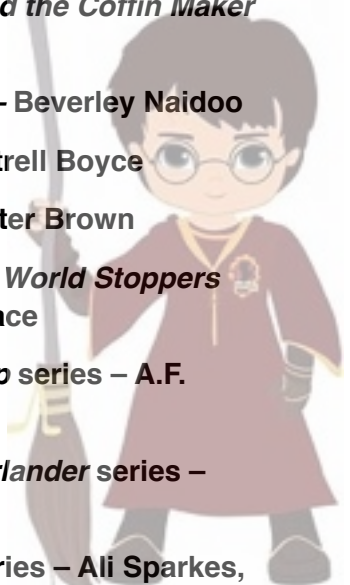
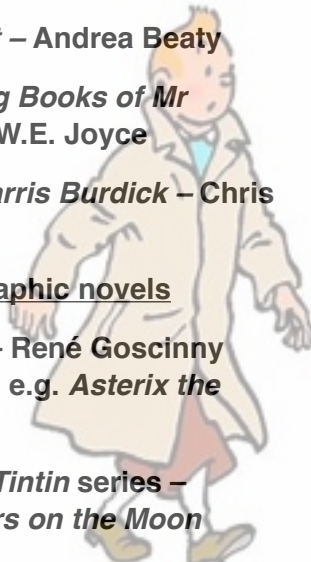
***The Wild Robot* – Peter Brown**

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

