

Year 3 Reading List

We are often asked to recommend books that are popular with children and have a good literary content. Reading a range of modern and classic literature will also help your child to develop their vocabulary whilst enjoying their reading.

Research has found that children benefit from reading for pleasure in many ways including:
'Children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better at school than their peers, making greater progress in mathematics, development of vocabulary and spelling.'

(Sullivan & Brown, Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: The role of reading, 2013)

'The lack of vocabulary knowledge is primarily caused by lack of opportunity not a lack of natural ability' (Chall et al)

'Poor vocabulary is the prime cause of academic failure' (Clegg et al)

Not only will it help their education and communication skills, but most importantly, they will really enjoy reading as long as they have a good book to suit their tastes.

We have therefore put together some suggestions for each year group in the form of a recommended reading list. We would also welcome your views and appreciate your suggestions about other books that could be added to the list.

Please remember that parents / carers have final responsibility for assessing the suitability of books that the children choose to read at home. If you want to find out more about a book, reading reviews and ratings on websites like www.lovereading4kids.co.uk and Amazon UK can often help.

If you would like any further information about reading, please ask your child's classteacher and we will be happy to help.

Author	Book Title
Aesop	Fables
Allan Ahlberg	The Giant Baby Woof!
Allan and Janet Ahlberg	The Clothes Horse and Other Stories
Joan Aiken	A Necklace of Raindrops Fog Hounds, Wind Cat, Sea Mice
Nicholas Allan	Stories from Hilltop Hospital
Jonathan Allen	Fowl Play
Phyllis Arkle	The Railway Cat
Jeannie Baker	Where the Forest Meets the Sea
Nina Bawden	Keeping Henry
Terence Blacker	Ms Wiz Series
Malorie Blackman	Whizziwig
Quentin Blake	Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave
Enid Blyton	The Magic Faraway Tree The Secret Seven
Michael Bond	A Bear Called Paddington
Tony Bradman	Sam the Girl Detective
Jeff Brown	Arthur Baby-Sits
Melvin Burgess	The Earth Giant

Steven Butler	The Nothing to See Here Hotel
Humphrey Carpenter	Mr Majeika
Ann and Reg Cartwright	The Winter Hedgehog
Lauren Child	Clarice Bean That's Me Utterly Me, Clarice Bean
Sharon Creech	Love That Dog
Helen Cresswell	The Sea Piper
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Storm
Roald Dahl	Fantastic Mr Fox The Magic Finger
Niki Daly	Jamela's Dress
Colin Dann	Animals of Farthing Wood Series
Antoine de Saint-Exupery	The Little Prince
Berlie Doherty	Willa and Old Miss Annie
Helen Dunmore	Amina's Blanket
Dorothy Edwards	My Naughty Little Sister Stories
Jan Fearnley	Mr Wolf's Pancakes
Anne Fine	How to Write Really Badly
Louise Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy
Michael Foreman	Grandfather's Pencil and the Room of Stories Jack's Fantastic Voyage
Adele Geras	My Grandmother's Stories
Rumer Godden	The Story of Holly and Ivy
Mairi Hedderwick	Katie Morag and the Wedding
Anthony Horowitz	The Falcon's Malteser
Ted Hughes	How the Whale Became
Tove Jansson	The Moomins
Paul Jennings	The Cabbage Patch Fib
Terry Jones	Fantastic Stories
Ann Jungman	Vlad the Drac
Gene Kemp	Dog's Journey
Dick King-Smith	Dragon Boy The Golden Goose The Hodgeheg
Roger Lancelyn Green	Myths of the Norseman King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table
Joyce Lankster	Milly Molly Mandy Series
Astrid Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking
Margaret Mahy	The Great Piratical Rumbustification and the Librarian and the Robbers Tingleberries, Tuckertubs and Telephones
Jan Mark	Long Lost
Andre Maurois	Fattypuffs and Thinifers
Alexander McCall Smith	The Perfect Hamburger
Roger McGough	The Great Smile Robbery
Colin McNaughton	Have You Seen Who's Just Moved in Next Door to Us?
Ursula Moray Williams	The Adventure of the Little Wooden Horse
Michael Morpurgo	I Believe in Unicorns
Jill Murphy	The Worst Witch
Linda Newberry	Whistling Jack

Jenny Nimmo	The Owl Tree
Robert O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Florence Parry Heide	The Shrinking of Treehorn
Phillippa Pearce	A Dog so Small The Battle of Bubble and Squeak
Alf Proysen	Mrs Pepperpot
Gwynedd Rae	Mary Plain Series
Mary Rayner	The Small Good Wolf
Shoo Rayner	Dark Claw Series
Philip Reeve	Pugs of the Frozen North
Lynne Reid Banks	Harry the Poisonous Centipede I Houdini
Jon Scieszka	The Stinky Cheeseman and Other Fairly Stupid Tales
Jeremy Strong	Krazy Kow Saves the World – Well Almost My Mum's Going to Explode! The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog
Rosemary Sutcliffe	The High Deeds of Fin McCool
Robert Swindells	Dracula's Castle Ice Palace
Jill Tomlinson	The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark
Jean Ure	Becky Bananas Daisy May
Alison Uttley	Sam Pig
Nina Warner Hooke	The Snow Kitten
Robert Westall	Blitz The Christmas Cat
Ian Whybrow	Little Wolf Series
Sophy Williams	Nana's Garden