

Year 4 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
Allan Ahlberg	The Better Brown Stories
Joan Aiken	A Handful of Gold The Winter Sleepwalker
Philip Ardagh	The Eddie Dickens Trilogy
Phyllis Arkle	Magic at Midnight
Nina Bawden	Granny the Pag The Finding
Floella Benjamin	Coming to England
Quentin Blake	The Green Ship
Enid Blyton	St Claires Island of Adventure Series
Theresa Breslin	Kezzie
Betsy Byars	The Eighteenth Emergency
Babette Cole	Drop Dead Two of Everything
Bruce Coville	The Magic Shop Series
Sharon Creech	Ruby Holler
Helen Cresswell	Lizzie Dripping The Piemakers
Gillian Cross	Rent-A-Genius

	The Demon Headmaster The Roman Beanfeast
Roald Dahl	James and the Giant Peach Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Lucy Daniels	Animal Ark Series
Colin Dann	The Farthing Wood Series
Andrew Davies	Conrad's War
Cecil Day Lewis	The Otterbury Incident
Berlie Doherty	Berlie, Willa and Old Miss Anna The Golden Bird
Anne Fine	The Angel of Nitshill Road Charm School Jennifer's Diary The Granny Project
Louise Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy
Michael Foreman	War Game
Leon Garfield	The Apprentices
Adele Geras	The Fabulous Fantova Files Little Swan Ballet Books
Rumer Godden	The Diddakoi The Doll's House
Willis Hall	The Last Vampire The Vampire Series
Libby Hathorn	Way Home
Anthony Horowitz	Groosham Grange
Shirley Hughes	Chips and Jessie Enchantment in the Garden
Ted Hughes	Tales of the Early World The Dream Fighter and Other Creation Tales
Greg James	Kid Normal
Julia Jarman	The Time-Travelling Cat
Pete Johnson	How to Train Your Parents
Terry Jones	Fairy Tales The Saga of Eric the Viking
Erich Kastner	Emil and the Detectives
Dick King-Smith	Chewing the Cud The Crowstarver The Hodgeheg Dodo are Forever Dragon Boy Saddlebottom The Invisible Dog The Merrythought The Swoose The Toby Man
Tessa Krailing	Miranda and Friends Only Miranda
Caroline Lawrence	The Thieves of Ostia
Sam Llewellyn	Pig in the Middle
Hugh Lofting	Doctor Dolittle

Jonathan Long	The Dog that Dug
Margaret Mahy	The Chewing Gum Rescue The Five Sisters The Great Piratical Rumbustification
Jan Mark	The Dead Letter Box
Geraldine McCaughrean	The Wooden Horse
Roger McGough	The Magic Fountain
Ursula Moray Williams	Gubbolino The Witch's Cat
Michael Morpurgo	The Fox and The Ghost King
Beverley Naidoo	No Turning Back
Jenny Nimmo	Seth and the Strangers
David O'Connell	The Chocolate Factory Ghost
Philippa Pearce	Mrs Cockle's Cat
Lynne Reid Banks	Angela and Diabola Indian in the Cupboard
George Selden	A Cricket in Times Square
Posy Simmonds	Fred
Francesca Simon	Horrid Henry
Johanna Spyri	Heidi
R.L. Stine	Goosebumps Series
Jeremy Strong	Fatbag the Demon Vacuum Cleaner There's a Viking in My Bed
Robert Swindells	Ice Palace
Dylan Thomas	A Child's Christmas in Wales
Colin Thompson	How to Live Forever The Paperbag Prince
P.L. Travers	Mary Poppins Series
Anne Turnbull	Pigeon Summer
Kaye Umansky	Pongwiffy
Ellen Weiss	The Animal Rescue Squad
Robert Wetsall	The Creature in the Dark
Marcia Williams	Mr William Shakespeare's Plays
Margery Williams	The Velveteen Rabbit
Jacqueline Wilson	Double Act Take A Good Look The Lottie Project The Suitcase Kid Video Rose