

Dear Parents,

We have put together some reading suggestions as recommended 'good reads' for children in each year group. The lists are not intended to be prescriptive, nor are they exhaustive; rather they are a place to start if you need some ideas about suitable books to help you guide your children on their reading journey. Many of the books can be found in our school library. The lists represent a range of fictional titles across many genres. Encourage your child to read from as many different types of books as possible. If your child is a reluctant or struggling reader, look at the lists from previous year groups too, and ask your child's teacher for advice.

All children (even strong, fluent readers) benefit enormously from sharing a book with an adult. We would encourage all parents to continue to read to and with their children, discussing the story, characters and language as you go. Make it a relaxed, enjoyable shared activity.

If your child is too tired to read in the evening, read to them and encourage them to follow the words while you read.

In addition to these stories, children should also be encouraged to read factual (non-fiction) books on subjects that interest them and/or about topics that they are learning about in school. Many children love to read poetry and there is a huge variety of modern, humorous, child-friendly verse in your local library and bookshops too.

The benefits of good reading habits cannot be underestimated for children of all ages. Research continues to evidence a strong link between reading habits and achievement at all levels of the education system. Parents often ask us what they can do to help their children with their education. We believe that one of the best things that you can do is to make reading a regular and pleasurable part of your child's life.

Happy Reading!

Year 4

A Caribbean Dozen	John Agard & Grace Nicholls
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	John Steptoe
Beowulf	Kevin Crossley-Holland
The Witch's Tears	Jenny Nimmo
The Dragon's Child	Jenny Nimmo
The Ghost Blades	Anthony Masters
Sara, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan
Smart Girls	Robert Leeson
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky	Susan Jeffers & Chief Seattle
Robi Dobi	Madhur Jaffrey
The Reluctant Dragon	Kenneth Grahame
Flow	Pippa Goodhart
Dragon Poems	John Foster & Korky Paul
The Crazy Shoe Shuffle	Gillian Cross
Only a show	Anne Fine
The Sea Piper	Helen Cresswell
Roll Over Roly	Anne Fine
Loudmouth Louis	Anne Fine
The Chocolate Touch	Patrick Skene Catling
Spacebaby	Henrietta Branford
Gregory Cool	Caroline Binch
A Pot of Gold	Jill Bennett
Fog Hounds Wind Cat Sea Mice	Joan Aiken
The Clothes Horse	Allan Ahlberg
It Was A Dark and Stormy Night	Allan Ahlberg
Matilda	Roald Dahl
The Dancing Bear	Michael Morpurgo
The Demon Headmaster (series)	Gillian Cross
Dog So Small	Phillipa Pearce
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe	C S Lewis
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert C O'Brien
Stig of the Dump	Clive King
Swallows and Amazons	Arthur Ransome
Polly Price's Totally Secret Diary	Dee Shulman
Greek Myths for Young Children	Marcia Williams
The Orchard Book of Creation Stories	Margaret Mayo & Louise Brierley
The Great Kapok Tree	Lynne Cherry
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes
Goosebumps	R.L. Stine
The Secret of Platform 13	Eva Ibbotson