

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 2

The Cat Who Lost His Purr	Michelle Coxon
Frightened Fred	Peta Coplans
Friends	Kim Lewis
Mog Stories	Judith Kerr
Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Jan Fearnley
Frog is Frog	Max Velthuijjs
Cat and Mouse Story	Michael Rosen
The Snow Lady	Shirley Hughes
Grace and Family	Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
The Adventures of Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey
The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson
The Penguin Who Wanted to Find Out	Jill Tomlinson
The Cat Who Wanted to Go Home	Jill Tomlinson
Little Wolf's Book of Badness	Ian Whybrow
Mr Gumpy's Motorcar	John Burningham
Mrs Wobble the Waitress	Allan Alhberg
Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind	Jeremy Strong
George's Marvellous Medicine	Roald Dahl
The Giraffe, Pelly and Me	Roald Dahl
The Magic Finger	Roald Dahl
The Guard Dog	Dick King-Smith
Emily's Legs	Dick King-Smith
Dilly the Dinosaur Series	Tony Bradman
Katie Morag (series)	James Mayhew
Mrs Armitage on Wheels	Quentin Blake
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
Horrid Henry (series)	Francesca Simon
A Squash and a Squeeze	Julia Donaldson
Room on the Broom	Julia Donaldson
The Magic Faraway Tree	Enid Blyton
Beast Quest	Adam Blade
Elsie and the Magic Biscuit Tin	Phil Earle
Albert and the Garden of Doom	Phil Earle
Not Now Mrs Wolf	Shen Roddie
Willy the Champ	Anthony Browne
Zoo	Anthony Browne
Mr Wolf and the Enormous Turnip	Jan Fearnley
Marty Monster	Malorie Blackman
Rosie's Zoo	Ailie Busby
Quiet	Paul Bright
Once There Were Giants	Martin Waddell
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister