

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As well as being an enjoyable pastime, reading impacts hugely on children's writing ability and general learning. We encourage children to read as much as possible, both at home and in school.

Many parents have asked for a list of reading material to assist with the difficult task of choosing a new book, so we have produced lists for each year group across KS2. It is important for children to read from a wide variety of genres so we hope you find this useful. Due to the range of reading abilities and maturity in each class, please ensure the books are suitable for your child.

Happy reading!

KS2 teachers.

### Year 3 Reading Material

#### Stories with familiar settings (school, home, etc)

- Bertagna, J- The Ice Cream Machine
- Browne, A- Gorilla, Voices in the Park
- Cross, G- Posh Watson
- Dickinson, P- Chuck and Danielle
- Dunmore, H- Allie's Rabbit
- Fine, A- Care of Henry, Design a Pram, Diary of a Killer Cat, Jennifer's Diary, Loud Mouth Louis, Only a Show, Press Play
- French, V- Morris and the Catflap
- Haddon, M- Sea of Tranquility
- Hawkins, E- Hamster in Danger, Monster of a Hamster
  
- King-Smith, D- The Guard Dog, Happy Mouseday, Invisible Dog, The Hodgeheg, The Magic Carpet Slippers, Mr Potter's Pet
  - Laybourn, E- Monster Shoes
  - Lindgren, A- Lotta Says 'No'!
  - Mark, J- The Snow Maze, Taking the Cat's Way Home
  - Mooney, B- But You Promised, It's Not Fair, Promise Me You Won't Be Cross, Why Me?, Why Not?
  - Tomlinson, J- The Cat Who Wanted to Go Home, The Otter Who Wanted to Know, The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark

### Poetry: shape poems and poems based on observation and the senses

- Brownjohn, S- Both Sides of the Catflap
- Cook, H- Dream Time
  - Corbett, P- Poems for Year 3
  - Douthwaite, G- Picture a Poem
- Earl, A- Poems about Feelings
  - Foster, J- Word Whirls and Other Shape Poems

### Myths, legends, fables, parables, traditional stories and stories with related themes

- Agard, J- Brer Rabbit: Great Tug-o-war
- Ahlberg, A- Ten in a Bed
- Andersen, Hans Christian - any tales would be suitable.
- Anholt, L- Little Red Riding Wolf, Eco-wolf & the Three Pigs
- Barber, A- Mousehole Cat, Noah & the Ark
- Cresswell, H- The Sea Piper
- Croser, J- Baleen
- French, F- Anancy and Mr Drybone
- French, V- The Boy Who Walked on Water, Aesop's Funky Fables
- Brothers Grimm- any of their traditional stories would be suitable.
- Hoffman, M- Sun Moon & Stars
- Mitton, T- Excalibur the Magic Sword
- Naidu, V- Stories from India
- Patten, B- Beowulf & the Monster
- Whitfield, S- The legend of the Chinese Zodiac
- Wilkes, A- The Adventures of King Arthur
- Williams, M- King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table
- Zeff, C- The Amazing Adventures of Hercules, Jason and the Gold Fleece

### Humorous poetry and poems that play with words

- Agard, J- Another Day on Your Foot
  - Crebbin, J- Cows Moo, Cars Toot
  - Cookson, P- Let's Twist Again; Teachers' Pets; Tongue Twisters & Tonsil Twizzlers
  - Foster, J- Teasing Tongue Twisters; Loopy Limericks; Crack another Yolk; Word Spinning; Firewords
  - Patten, B- Juggling with Gerbils; Gargling with Jelly
  - Rosen, M- You Can't Catch Me, Walking on the Bridge of Your Nose, Michael Rosen's Book of Nonsense

### Adventure and Mystery Stories

- Allen, Judy- Seven Weird Days at Number 31
- Blackman, M- Wizziwig
- Blyton, E- any Famous Five title
- Bradman, T- Tommy Niner and the Mystery Spaceship
- Brennan, H- Eddie & the Bad Egg; Eddie & the Dirty Dogs
- Broad, M- Agent Amelia: Ghost Diamond
- Burlington, M- Lighthouse Joey

- Carpenter, H- any Mr Majeika title
- Defoe, D-Robinson Crusoe (retold by Angela Wilkes)
- Deary, T- Time Detectives series
- Morpurgo, M- Black Queen; Dancing Bear
- Mould, C- Treasure Island
- Odgers, D- Jack Russell: Dog Detective



### Adventure and Mystery stories continued

- Offen, H- Rita and the Flying Saucer
- Paiba, H- Adventure Stories for Seven Year Olds
- Peyton, K- The Pony that Went to Sea
- Powling, C- Hoppity-Gap
- Rees, G- Mermaid Magic
- Ryan, M- Hover Boy: Missing Moggy Mystery
- Shire, P- Magic Pony Carousel: Flame

### Classics/ Modern Classics

- White, E.B- Charlotte's Web
- Ahlberg, A- Cops and Robbers, Please Mrs Butler
- Dahl, R- Esio Trot, The Twits
- Cresswell, H- Mystery At Winklesea
- Mccaughrean, G- One Thousand And One Arabian Nights
- Murphy, J- The Worst Witch
- Child, L- Clarice Bean
- Mcdonald, M- Judy Moody series
- Proyson, A- Mrs Pepperpot

### Year 4 Reading Material

#### Humour

- Arabel's Raven- Joan Aiken
- Fudge Series- Judy Bloom
- Jake Cake series- Michael Broad
- Clarice Bean series- Lauren Child
- The Legend of Spud Murphy, Captain Crow's Feet- Eoin Colfer
- My Naughty Little Sister- Dorothy Edwards
- Rescuing Dad, How to Train Your Parents, My Friend's a Werewolf- Pete Johnson
- Vald the Drac series- Ann Jungman
- Mammoth Academy series- Neal Layton
- Captain Underpants series- Dav Pilkey
- Dirtie Bertie series- David Roberts
- Horrid Henry series- Francesca Simon
- Charlie Small series- Charlie Small
- Mr Gum series- Andy Stanton
- My Brother's Famous Bottom, One Hundred Mile an Hour Dog series, Let's do the Pharoah, Krazy Cow, My Mum's Going to Explode- Jeremy Strong
- Pongwiffy series- Kaye Umansky

- Jeremy James series- David Henry Wilson

### **Humour/Adventure**

- Eddie Dickens Trilogy, Fall of Fergal- Philip Ardagh
- Harry the Poisonous Centipede series- Lynn Reid Banks
- Vernon Bright series- SteveBarlow/Steve Skidmore

### Humour/ Adventure (cont'd)

- Astrosaurs series- Steve Cole
- Spy Dog series- Andrew Cope
- Just William- Richmal Crompton
- Little Wolf- Ian Whybrow

### Adventure

- Beast Quest- Adam Blade
- Secret Seven, Adventure stories- Enid Blyton
- Cows in Action- Steve Cole
- GRK series- Joshua Doder
- Emil and the Detectives- Erich Kastner
- Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler- Gene Kemp
- Judy Moody- Megan McDonald
- Ottoline and the Yellow Cat- Chris Riddell

### Fantasy

- Earth Giant- Melvyn Burgess
- Angels Unlimited- Annie Dalton
- The Spiderwick Chronicles- Tony Diterlizzi
- Groosom Grange- Anthony Horowitz
- The Owl Tree- Jenny Nimmo
- Dakota of the White Flats, Kasper in the Glitter, Mercedes Ice, Scribbleboy- Phillip Ridley
- Grizzly Tales Nasty Little Beasts- James Rix

### Magical Stories

- Ms Wiz series- Terence Blackman
- Faraway Tree, Wishing Chair- Enid Blyton
- Flat Stanley- Jeff Brown
- My Secret Unicorn- Linda Chapman
- Storm- Kevin Crossly-Holland
- The Strongest Girl in the World, The Boy Who Could fly, The Invisible Boy, The Smallest Girl Ever- Sally Gardner
- Tiara Club- Vivian French
- Pirate Brother, Bug Brother- Pete Johnson
- Rainbow Magic- Daisy Meadows
- The Worst Witch- Jill Murphy
- The Enchanted Horse- Magdalen Nabb
- The Fairy series- Gwyneth Rees
- Araminta Spook series- Angie Sage
- Hugo Pepper- Paul Stewart
- Gobbolina the Witch's Cat- Ursula Moray Williams

### Favourite Authors

- Woof, It Was a Dark and Stormy Night, Ten in a Bed, Giant Baby- Allan Ahlberg
- Fantastic Mr Fox, Twits, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator, James and the Giant Peach, The BFG- Roald Dahl
- The Hodgeheg, The Sheep Pig- Dick King-Smith
- Butterfly Lion, Toro, Toro, Farm Boy, Kensuke's Kingdom, Wreck of Zanzibar- Michael Morpurgo

### **School Stories**

- The Monster Crisp Guzzler- Malorie Blackman
- Unusual Day- Sandi Toksvig
- The Monster Story Teller- Jacqueline Wilson

### **Animal stories**

- The Peppermint Pig- Nina Bawden
- Magic Kitten series- Sue Bentley
- Sheltie Peter- Clover
- Puppy Patrol- Jenny Dale
- Animal Ark- Lucy Daniels
- Pig in the Middle- Sam Llewelyn
- Puppy Place series- Ellen Miles
- Dumb Creatures- Jeanne Willis

### **Classics**

- Milly Molly Mandy- J. L. Brisley
- Lizzie Dripping- Helen Cresswell
- The Iron Man- Ted Hughes
- Finn Family Moomintroll- Tove Jansson
- Stig of the Dump- Clive King
- Pippi Longstocking- Astrid Lindgren
- Mrs Pepperpot- Alf Proysen
- Charlotte's Web- E. B. White

### **Past**

- The Diary of a Medieval Squire/ A Young Elizabethan Actor Moira- Butterfield
- The Revolting Rabbits- Susan Gates
- The Time Travelling Cat- Julia Jarman
- Tom's Private- War G. Leeson
- Daisy May- Jean Ure
- Trouble at the Mill- Philip Wooderson

### **Sport**

- Justin and the Demon Drop Kick- Bernard Ashley
- The Team- David Bedford
- The Big Match / Time Rangers series- Rob Childs
- Matthew's Goals- Michael Hardcastle

### **Children's Laureate Michael Rosen Books**

- You're Thinking about Doughnuts
- Uncle Billy Being Silly

### **Poetry**

- Tea in the Sugar Bowl
- Spider Bought a Bicycle
- Hard Boiled Legs
- We Animals Would Like a Word With You- John Agard
- Friendly Matches, Please Mrs Butler- Allen Ahlberg
- Tongue Twisters and Tonsil Twizzlers- Paul Cookson

- Love that Dog- Sharon Creech
- Revolting Rhymes- Roald Dahl
- I Like This Poem- Kaye Webb

## **Myths and Legends**

- Orchard Book of Aesop's Fables
- Mad Myths- Steve Barlow
- Tales of the Early World- Ted Hughes
- Sinbad the Sailor, Greek Myths for Young Children, Adventures of Robin Hood- Marcia Williams

## **Year 5 Reading Material**

### **Humour**

- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key/What would Joey Do- Jack Gantos
- The Spud from Outer Space- Susan Gates
- The Last Polar Bears- Harry Horse
- Jiggy McCue series- Michael Lawrence

### **School Stories**

- St Clares- Enid Blyton
- Malory Towers- Enid Blyton

### **Adventure Stories**

- The Last Free Cat- John Blake
- Famous Five- Enid Blyton
- Jimmy Coates Sabotage- Joe Craig
- Iron Heads- Susan Gates
- Diamond Brothers series- Anthony Horowitz
- Wicked- Anthony Masters
- Storm Runners- Barbara Mitchelhill
- The Invisible Detective series- Justin Richards
- Stormsearch, In the Nick of Time- Robert Westall

### **Adventure Set in the Past**

- The Abbey Mysteries- Cherith Baldry
- The Roman Mystery series- Caroline Lawrence
- The Way of the Warrior- Andrew Matthews

### **Adventure Set in the Past (cont'd)**

- The Baker Street Boys- Anthony Read
- Great Pyramid Robbery- Katherine Roberts
- The Cats of Seroster- Robert Westall

### **Past**

- The Children of Green Knowe- Lucy M. Boston
- Tudor Terror- Terry Deary
- The Saga of Erik the Viking, The Knight and the Squire- Terry Jones
- Death and the Arrow- Chris Priestly
- Clockwork- Philip Pullman
- Percy Jackson series- Rick Riordan
- My Diary and My Story series various authors
- Horrible History, Horrible Geography series

### **War stories**

- War Boy, War Game- Michael Foreman
- Warhorse, War of Jenkins Ear- Michael Morpurgo
- A Time of Fire- Robert Westall

### **Fantasy**

- Frog Princess, Dragon's Breath- E. D. Baker
- Tales of the Dark Forest- Steve Barlow/Steve Skidmore
- The Boggart- Susan Cooper
- Dragon books- Cressida Cowell
- Harvey Angell- Diana Hendry
- Dogsbody, A Tale of Time City- Diana Wynne Jones
- Skulduggery Pleasant, Playing with Fire- Derek Landy
- The Witch Trade- Michael Molly
- The Dog so Small- Phillipa Pearce
- Dakota of the White Flats, Scribbleboy- Philip Ridley
- A Series of Unfortunate events- Lemony Snicket
- Muddle Earth- Paul Stewart

### **Mystery**

- The Magician's House Quartet- William Corlett
- Secret of Platform 13, Dial a Ghost- Eva Ibbotson
- The Ghost of Thomas Kempe, A Stitch in Time- Penelope Lively
- Goosebumps- R. L. Stine
- Room 13- Robert Swindells

### **Animal**

- Wild Lives series- Nick Arnold
- Sandy Lane Stables- Michelle Bates
- Peppermint Pig- Nina Bawden
- The Rover Adventures- Roddy Doyle 3
- Tooth and Claw- Stephen Moore
- Dreamseeker Trilogy- Jenny Oldfield
- Varjak Paw series- S. F. Said

## **Magical**

- Angels Unlimited- Annie Dalton
- Pongwiffy, Wilma series- Kaye Umansky

## **Family**

- Jessica Haggerthwaite: Media Star- Emma Barnes
- Bagthorpe Saga- Helena Cresswell
- 2 Weeks with the Queen- Morris Gleitzman
- The Exiles- Hilary Mackay
- Simone's Letters- Helena Pielichaty
- The Mum Surprise- Gwyneth Rees
- Becky Bananas- Jean Ure

## **Science Fiction**

- Angel for May- Melvin Burgess
- A Rag A Bone and a Hank of Hair- Nicholas Fisk
- Aquilla- Andrew Morris
- Dr Who Stories various authors

## **Sport**

- Kick Off, Shoot to Win- Dan Friedman

## **Popular Authors**

- Matilda, BFG, Danny the Champion of the World, Boy, Going Solo- Roald Dahl
- Crowstarver, The Sheep Pig, The Water Horse- Dick King-Smith
- Escape from Shangri-La, Long Way home, The White Horse of Zennor- Michael Morpurgo
- Tracy Beaker, Best Friends, Secrets, Midnight- Jacqueline Wilson

## **Modern Classics**

- The Midnight Fox- Betsy Byars
- Stig of the Dump- Clive King
- Thunder and Lightning- Jan Mark
- The Rescuers- Margery Sharp
- Mennymys- Sylvia Waugh

## **Classics**

- Peter Pan- J. M. Barrie
- Wizard of Oz- Frank L. Baum
- Alice in Wonderland- Lewis Carroll
- Katy books- Susan Coolidge
- Just William- Richmal Crompton
- Wind in the Willows- Kenneth Graham
- Just So Stories, The Jungle Book- Rudyard Kipling
- Pollyanna- E. Porter
- 101 Dalmations- Dodie Smith
- Heidi- Johanna Spyri
- Ballet Shoes- Noel Streatfield
- Mary Poppins- P. L. Travers

## Poetry

- Let Me Touch the Sky- Val Bloom
- Funky chickens- Benjamin Zephaniah
- The Oxford Book of Story Poems
- Dark as a Midnight Dream
- The Works A Poet a W

## Year 6 reading material

### Fantasy

- David Almond- Skellig, Heaven Eyes
- Eion Colfer- Artemis Fowl series, The Supernaturalist, Half Moon Investigations
- Chris D'Lacey- Icefire, Shrinking Ralph Perfect, The Salt Pirates of Skegness
- Helen Dunmore- Ingo
- Cornelia Funke- Inkheart, Inkspell, The Thief Lord
- Alan Garner- The Owl Service, Elidor
- Alan Gibbons- Warriors of the Raven
- Elizabeth Goudge- Little White Horse
- Anthony Horowitz- The Power of Five series
- Erin Hunter- Warrior Cats series
- Brian Jaques- Redwall
- Diane Wynne Jones- Eight Days of Luke, The Chrestomanci Series
- Elizabeth Kay- The Divide, Back to the Divide etc
- Stephen Moore- Tooth and Claw
- William Nicholson- The Wind on Fire Trilogy, The Noble Warriors Trilogy
- Jenny Nimmo- Charlie Bone series
- Ian Ogilvy- Measle and the Mallockee
- Christopher Paolini- Eragon, Eldest
- Michele Paver- Wolf Brother, Spirit Walker, Soul Eater
- Terry Pratchett- Johnny and the Bomb, Diggers, The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents
- Philip Pullman- His Dark Materials Series
- Philip Reeve- Mortal Engines
- Philip Ridley- Mighty Fizz Chilla

## Adventure

- Jon Blake- *The Last Free Cat*
- Frank Cottrell Boyce- *Millions, Framed, Cosmic*
- Melvin Burgess- *An Angel for May*
- Joe Craig- *Jimmy Coates series*
- Jamila Gavin- *The Blood Stone, Surya Trilogy*
- Carl Hiaasen- *Hoot*
- Charlie Higson- *The Young Bond books*
- Sophie Mckenzie- *Girl Missing*
- Willard Price- *Volcano Adventure etc*
- Chris Ryan- *Alpha Force series*
- Ruth Thomas- *The Runaways*
- Mark Walden- *H.I.V.E series*
- Jeanette Winterson- *Tanglewreck*

## WW2

- Nina Bawden- *Carrie's War*
- John Boyne- *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*
- *The Diary of Anne Frank*
- Anne Holm- *I am David*
- Robert Leeson- *Tom's War*
- Michele Magorian- *Goodnight Mr Tom*
- Linda Newberry- *Blitz Boys*
- Christne Nostlinger- *Fly Away Home*
- Jill Paton Walsh- *Dolphin Crossing*
- Robert Westall- *Blitzcat*

## Classics

- Frances Hodgson Burnett- *The Secret Garden, The Little Princess, Little Lord Fauntleroy*
- Arthur Conan Doyle- *The Lost World*
- Alexandre Dumas- *The Three Musketeers*
- W. E. Johns- *Biggles*
- C. S. Lewis- *Narnia*
- L. M. Montgomery- *Anne of Green Gables*
- E. Nesbit- *The Railway Children*
- Mary Norton- *The Borrowers*
- Arthur Ransome- *Swallows and Amazons*
- Anna Sewell- *Black Beauty*
- R. L. Stevenson- *Treasure Island*
- Mark Twain- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
- Jules Verne- *Around the World in 80 Days*

## Modern Classics

- Richard Adams- *Watership Down*
- Joan Aiken- *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*
- Lynne Read Banks- *The Indian in the Cupboard*
- Gillian Cross- *The Demon Headmaster series, The Great Elephant Chase*
- Penelope Farmer- *Charlotte Sometime*
- Norman Juster- *The Phantom Tollbooth*

- Jack London- *White Fang*, *Call of the Wild*
- Jenny Nimmo- *The Snow Spider Trilogy*
- Phillipa Pearce- *Tom's Midnight Garden*
- Sylvia Voight- *The Homecoming*
- Laura Ingalls- *Wilder Little House on the Prairie*
- Henry Williamson- *Tarka The Otter*

### Well-loved authors

- Geraldine McCaughrean- *Stop the Train*, *The Stones are Hatching*, *A Little Lower than Angels*, *Peter Pan in Scarlet*
- Michael Morpurgo books for older readers- *Out of the Ashes*, *Private Peaceful*, *Alone on the Wide Sea*, *Adolphus Tips*, *Why the Whales Came*
- Jacqueline Wilson- *The Illustrated Mum*, *Vicky Angel*, *My Sister Jodie*

### Thought provoking books

- Malorie Blackman- *Pig Heart Boy*, *Tell Me No Lies*
- Zizou Corder- *Lionboy*
- Peter Dickinson- *The Kin*
- Anita Desai- *Village by the Sea*
- Deborah Ellis- *The Breadwinner series*
- Adeline Yen Mah- *The Chinese Cinderella*

### Humour

- Dinah Capparucci- *Aliens Don't Eat Dog Food*
- Susan Gates- *Killer Mushrooms Ate My Gran*
- Pete Johnson- *Trust Me I'm a Trouble maker*
- Diana Wynne Jones- *Charmed Life*
- Phillip Reeve- *Night of the Living Dead*, *Night of the Living Veg*
- Alan Temperley- *Harry and the Wrinklies*