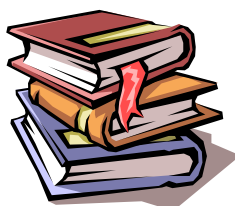


Curl up with a good book!



If you are given some money or a book token for a birthday or Christmas; or if you are able to visit a library, here are some suggested 'good reads (fiction only). You may know some of these books already. Obviously, you will need to have a quick browse yourself to see if a suggested book appeals to you.

Independent readers can read them by themselves, but all children love to be read to (even in year 6!) and will probably remember the books you have shared for the rest of their lives. Either way, it's good to talk about any book you have enjoyed. Talk about:

- the parts you particularly enjoyed;
- how the book made you feel – did it make you want to laugh, or cry; was it exciting?
- anything that puzzled you;
- anything it reminded you of - another book, a film or something that has happened to you.

If you find a book you really enjoy, make sure you tell your friends about it so that they can enjoy it too!



**Picture books for younger readers at
Year 3**

Wombat goes Walkabout – Michael
Morpurgo, Christian Burningham

The Sea of Tranquillity – Mark Haddon,
Christian Burningham

Where the Wild Things Are – Maurice
Sendak

The Pig in the Pond – Martin Waddell

The Park in the Dark – Martin Waddell

You're All Animals – Nicholas Allen

Dear Greenpeace – Simon James

John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat –
Jenny Wagner

The Little Wood Duck – Brian Wildsmith

Grandpa – John Burningham

Cloudland – John Burningham

Mr Gumpy's Outing – John Burningham

Mr Gumpy's Motor Car – John
Burningham

The Shopping Basket – John Burningham

The Bad Tempered Ladybird – Eric Carl

Why? – Tony Ross and Lindsay Camp

The Enormous Crocodile – Roald Dahl

Jamil's Clever Cat – Fiona French

A Dark, Dark Tale – Ruth Brown

The Jolly Postman – Alan Ahlberg and
Janet Ahlberg

The Jolly Christmas Postman – Alan and
Janet Ahlberg

Mr and Mrs Pig's Evening Out – Mary
Rayner

The Bear Under the Stairs – Helen
Cooper

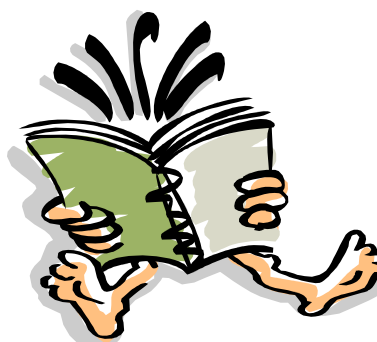
The Magic Bicycle – Berlie Doherty and
Christian Burningham

All Join In – Quentin Blake

Two Frogs – Chris Wormell

The Tadpole's Promise – Jeanne
Willis, Tony Ross

PLUS ANYTHING BY DR SEUSS!!



Slightly longer reads for year 3 and year 4

The Orchard Book of Fairy tales – Rose Impey, Ian Beck

The Complete Nonsense of Edward Lear – ed Holbrook Jackson

The Clothes Horse and Other Stories – Alan Ahlberg

The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson

Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf – Catherine Storr

The BFG – Roald Dahl

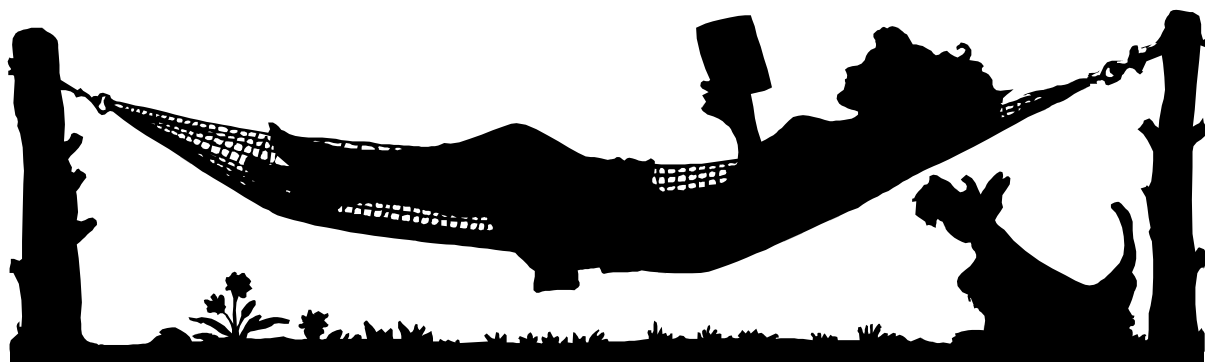
Captain Underpants – Dav Pilkey

Finn Family Moomintroll – Tove Jansson

Daft Jack and the Beanstack – Laurence Anholt

Cinderboy – Laurence Anholt

Eco-Wolf and the Three Pigs – Laurence Anholt



Picture Books for older readers

How to Live Forever – Colin Thompson

The Paradise Garden – Colin Thompson

The Stinky Cheeseman and other Fairly Stupid Tales -Jon Scieszka

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs – Jon Scieszka

The Snow Queen – Hans Christian Anderson, PJ Lynch

Ug – Raymond Briggs

Rose Blanche – Ian McEwan

Gorilla – Anthony Browne

Willy the Dreamer – Anthony Browne

Way Home – Libby Hathorne



Books for independent readers

The Orchard Book of Greek Myths –
Geraldine McCaughrean

The Orchard Book of Aesop's Fables –
Michael Morpurgo, Emma Chichester -
Clarke

Myths and Legends of the World –
Geraldine McCaughrean

Charlotte's Webb – EB White

The Iron Man – Ted Hughes

The Iron Woman – Ted Hughes

The Little Wooden Horse – Ursula Moray-
Williams

Gobolino the Witch's Cat – Ursula Moray
Williams

Flat Stanley – Jeff Brown

It was a Dark and Stormy Night – Alan
Ahlberg

Jeremiah in the Dark Woods – Alan
Ahlberg

The Magic Finger – Roald Dahl

Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl

James and the Giant Peach – Roald Dahl

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory –
Roald Dahl

The Dancing Bear – Michael Morpurgo

The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

How the Whale Became – Ted Hughes

The Hodgeheg – Dick King-Smith

The Sheep Pig – Dick King-Smith

Karlo's Tale – Robert Leeson

The Paper Bag Princess – Robert Munsch

The Dragon's Child – Jenny Nimmo

The Owl Tree – Jenny Nimmo

The Selfish Giant – Oscar Wilde

The Happy Prince – Oscar Wilde

Mr Cool – Jacqueline Wilson

The Suitcase Kid – Jacqueline Wilson

The Adventures of Robin Hood – Marcia
Williams

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round
Table – Marcia Williams

Mr Majeika – Humphrey Carpenter

Diary of a Killer Cat – Anne Fine

The Angel of Nitshill Road – Anne Fine

Bill's New Frock – Anne Fine

There's a Girl in the Boy's Bathroom –
Louis Sachar

The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy

Little Wolf's Book of Badness – Ian
Whybrow

Little Wolf's Diary of Daring Deeds – Ian
Whybrow

Journey to Jo'burg – Beverley Naidoo

The Farthest-Away Mountain – Lynne
Reid Banks

The Borrowers – Mary Norton

More challenging books

Holes – Louis Sachar (boys will love this book – available also on DVD and video – good to compare/contrast)

Dogs Don't Tell Jokes – Louis Sachar

Hiding Out – Elizabeth Laird

River Boy – Tim Bowler

The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier

Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo

Unlikely Exploits (series) - Philip Ardargh

A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snicket

Out of the Ashes – Michael Morpurgo

The Firework Maker's Daughter – Philip Pullman

Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotsen

The Secret of Platform 13 – Eva Ibbotsen

Street Child – Berlie Doherty

Fingers on the back of the Neck – Margaret Mahy and others

Gridzby Spudvetch! – Mark Haddon

Carrie's War – Nina Bawden

Mightier than the Sword – Claire Bevan

The Peppermint Pig – Nina Bawden

The Tulip Touch – Anne Fine

The Wind In the Willows – Kenneth Grahame

Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll

The Ghost of Thomas Kempe – Penelope Lively

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe – CS Lewis

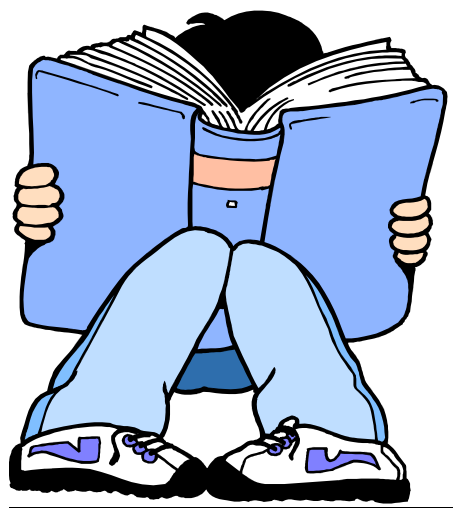
Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo

Groosham Grange – Anthony Horowitz

The Falconer's Malteser – Anthony Horowitz

Granny – Anthony Horowitz

The Alex Rider Books – Anthony Horowitz



Very Challenging books

The Wyndsinger – William Nicholson

The Kite Rider – Geraldine McCaughrean

The Fire Eaters – David Almond

Skellig – David Almond

Heaven Eyes – David Almond

Kit's Wilderness – David Almond

His Dark Materials Trilogy – Philip Pullman

Out of Bounds – Beverley Naidoo

The Other Side of Truth – Beverley Naidoo

Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo

The Seeing Stone – Kevin Crossley Holland

Smith – Leon Garfield

The Magic Tollbooth – Norton Juster Collins

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson-Burnett

The Dark is Rising – Susan Cooper

The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner

The Moon of Gomrath – Alan Garner

The Owl Service – Alan Garner

I am David – Anne Holm

The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien

Tom's Midnight garden – Philippa Pearce

