

# Reading For Pleasure

## Reading list for St Mary the Virgin CE Primary Hartfield, March 2014.

Children  
are made  
**READERS**  
on the LAPS  
of their  
parents



*Supporting  
your child's learning  
Maple –*

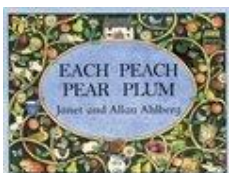
*please read to your  
child everyday.  
Children should be  
reading their school  
reading books for 10  
minutes, 4 times a  
week.*

**Cherry –  
Larch –**

*children should try  
to read every day for  
at least 5 minutes. It  
is still very  
important for adults  
to read to children at  
this stage.*

**Willow &**

**Lilac** – *children are  
expected to read for  
30 minutes, 5 times a  
week. They need to  
write their own  
comments in their  
Reading Records.*



This Reading List is going to help your child discover books they love!

Children can benefit tremendously by being read to aloud. Studies show that children who are read to aloud are more likely to do better in school both academically and socially. Reading together for pleasure throughout primary school (right up to Y6 and beyond!) is vital to develop and encourage your child. Just ten minutes a day can make a huge difference.

When we read often, and with enthusiasm, just for the sheer fun of it, we lay foundations that last for life. Almost by osmosis we internalize the essential skills of spelling, grammar and vocabulary. We learn to express ourselves verbally and in writing. We learn to interpret and potentially change our world.

Reading for pleasure is even more important than social class in determining your child's academic success (The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development)

This list includes some classics from the 100 Best books as recommended by The Book Trust, but it also includes books recommended by the children of St Mary's. We hope your child loves these books too, but if they don't try another book.

Some of these books are available from the school library, or can be reserved and borrowed from your local library. More information about your local library service can be found at the end of the list. There is also a list of recommended reads for reluctant readers and dyslexic children at the end of this list. If you have books you would like to add to this list please tell us! Please email the school office with your suggestions – thank-you!

### **How to use your child's 'Reading Record' book:**

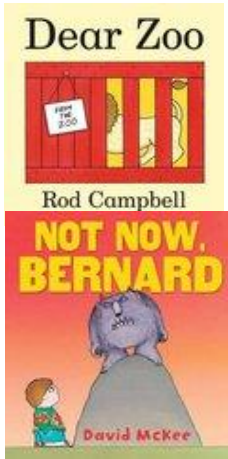
This book should be used to build up a picture of your child as a reader. It should also be thought of as a written conversation between you and your child's class teacher. After hearing your child read, you should write a comment about how your child read. Sometimes your child may want to add their own comment or draw a face to show how much they liked the book.

Reading ages are very approximate. Your child may enjoy books above or below the suggested reading age – it does not matter as long as they enjoy what they read. If your child struggles to read more than 5 words per page then they may not be ready to read that book alone just yet, and they will need your support. You may also want to consider your child's emotional and social maturity when deciding on the appropriateness of the book.

Each Peach Pear Plum<sup>[SEP]</sup> Reading Age 4+

This classic book from author and illustrator team Janet and Allan Ahlberg is a real favourite with families.

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**Dear Zoo**<sup>[L][SEP]</sup> Reading Age 4+

<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>This appealing story, in lift-the-flap, board-book format has been a favourite with toddlers ever since it was first published in 1982. <sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

[www.rodcampbell.co.uk](http://www.rodcampbell.co.uk)

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**Not now, Bernard**<sup>[L][SEP]</sup> Reading Age 4+

The classic tale of Bernard, whose distracted parents fail to notice that their son has been eaten and replaced by a monster. <sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

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Available in the school library.

More recommendations for Reluctant Readers & Dyslexic Children Reading age 5+

When choosing books for younger dyslexic readers, look for; short sentences, clear and bold fonts, books and chapters that aren't too long, engaging illustrations and brilliant stories.

The Snake Who Came to Stay by Julia Donaldson

The First, Third Wish by Ian Beck

Stars of Mine by Kevin Crossley-Holland

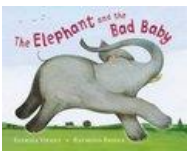
Snig by Michael Morpurgo

Mr Birdsnest and the House Next Door by Julia Donaldson

The Elephant and the Bad Baby<sup>[L][SEP]</sup> Reading Age 5+

<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>One day, an elephant offers a baby a ride through the town, and they set off on a great adventure.

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The Very Hungry Caterpillar<sup>[L][SEP]</sup> Reading Age 5+

The Very Hungry Caterpillar deserves its reputation as a much-loved classic [www.eric-carle.com](http://www.eric-carle.com)

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Available in the school library



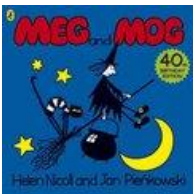
<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>**Meg and Mog** Reading Age 5+

In this the first story about much-loved characters Meg the witch and Mog her cat, the pair go off to a wild Hallowe'en party with all the other witches.

[www.janpienkowski.com](http://www.janpienkowski.com) <sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

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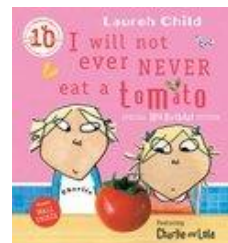
I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato<sup>[L][SEP]</sup> Reading Age 5+

Charlie tricks his younger sister, Lola - an extremely fussy eater - into eating all her least favourite foods.

[www.milkmonitor.com](http://www.milkmonitor.com)

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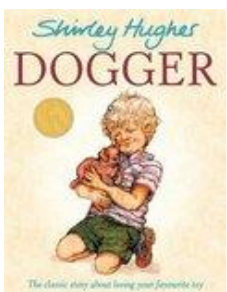
**Dogger**<sup>[L][SEP]</sup> Reading Age 5+

When Dave loses his favourite toy, Dogger, he is desolate. <sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

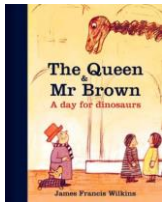
[www.alfiebooks.com](http://www.alfiebooks.com)

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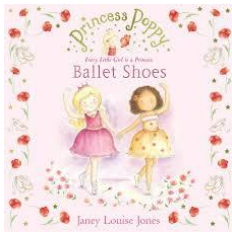


*If you want your children to be intelligent, read them Fairy Tales. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Albert Einstein.*



### **The Queen & Mr Brown: A Day for Dinosaurs** Reading Age 5+

A picture book that encourages children to read on their own. Join Britain's much-admired monarch on one of her rare days-off, as she and her loveable pet corgi Mr Brown enjoy an action packed adventure at London's Natural History Museum. 100 Best Books, as recommended by The Book Trust [www.booktrust.co.uk](http://www.booktrust.co.uk)

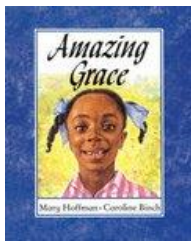


### **Princess Poppy** Reading Age 5+

Princess Poppy lives in Honeypot Hill with her mum, dad and twin sister and brother, Archie and Angel. She always does her best to be kind to others. Her best friend is Honey Bumble and together they love to play dress up, bake and make pretty things. Her favourite hobbies are ballet and grooming her pony. [www.princesspoppy.com](http://www.princesspoppy.com)

Recommended read by Cherry class.

Available from the school library



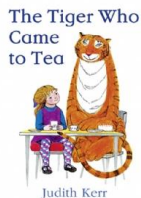
### **Amazing Grace** Reading Age 5+

by Mary Hoffman & Caroline Birch

This classic story clearly communicates an inspiring message that anything is possible

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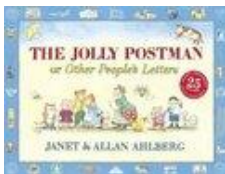
Available from Cherry class.



### **The Tiger Who Came to Tea** Reading Age 6+

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!

Recommended read by Maple, Cherry & Larch Classes.



### **The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters** Reading Age 6+

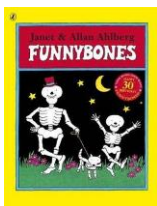
Brilliantly designed with lots of little details to spot, this old favourite will be enjoyed time and time again

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As Recommended by Cherry Class.

A Christmas version of this book is

available from the school library

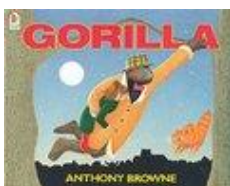


### **Funnybones (Series)** Reading Age 6+

A repetitive, light hearted story for early readers. The skeletons venture out of their cellar one night to find someone to scare, but everyone is in bed so they amuse themselves by scaring each other and playing with the skeleton animals that live in the zoo.

As recommended by Larch and Lilac Class.

Available from the school library



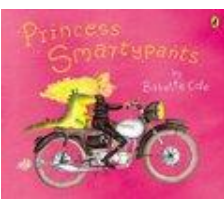
### **Gorilla** Reading Age 6+

Hannah's favourite animals in the whole world are gorillas, but her dad is always too busy to take her to the zoo. Written by Anthony Browne who was Children's Laureate from 2009-2011.

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### **Princess Smartypants** Reading Age 6+





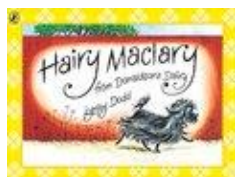
Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms. But being a rich and pretty princess means that all the princes want her to become their wife.

A refreshingly positive change from the usual princess stories.

[www.babette-cole.com](http://www.babette-cole.com)

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Available from Cherry class.



**Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy** Reading Age 6+

This hilarious rhyming story follows Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, as he sets off for a walk in town

[www.hairymaclary.com](http://www.hairymaclary.com)

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Available in the school library



**Room on the Broom** Reading Age 6+

From former Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson and longtime collaborator Axel Scheffler comes this much-loved tale about a witch and her gang of friends.

[www.juliadonaldson.co.uk](http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk)

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**Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears** Reading Age 6+

Little Mouse is scared of most things, from creepy crawlies and loud noises, to getting lost.

[www.emilygravett.com](http://www.emilygravett.com)

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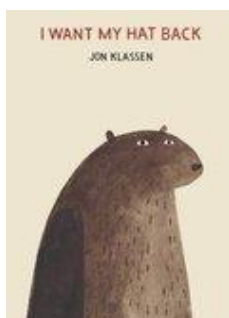
**Lost and Found** Reading Age 6+

Once there was a sad, lonely penguin who appeared at the door of a young boy. The boy decided he must be lost, so he set off to find his home.

[www.oliverjeffers.com](http://www.oliverjeffers.com)

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**I Want My Hat Back** Reading Age 6+

A bear in search of his hat - he loves his hat and he wants it back. Told completely in dialogue, this quirky take on the classic repetitive tale plays out in sly illustrations laced with visual humour and winks at the reader with a wry irreverence that will have kids of all ages thrilled to be in on the joke.

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*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



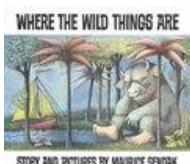
**We're Going on a Bear Hunt** Reading Age 6+

Follow a father and his family as they go out in search of a bear.

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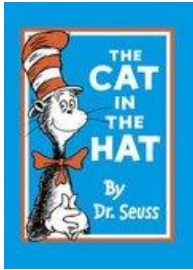
Available from Cherry class



**Where the Wild Things Are** Reading Age 7+

First published in 1963, this classic picture book will fascinate both children and adults, evoking the fierce intensity of childhood

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### **The Cat in the Hat** Reading Age 6+

When Sally and her brother are left alone on a rainy day, they think they are in for a dull time - but then the Cat in the Hat appears.

[www.seussville.com](http://www.seussville.com)

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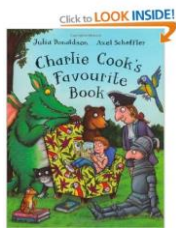
**Rainbow Magic: The Rainbow Fairies Series** Bedtime reading with parents or as 1<sup>st</sup> chapter books.

This series follows the lives of Kirsty Tate and Rachel Walker and their magical adventures with their fairy friends. Rainbow Magic books were the most-borrowed children's books at libraries in the UK in 2010-2011.

[www.rainbowmagiconline.com](http://www.rainbowmagiconline.com)

Recommended read by Cherry Class.

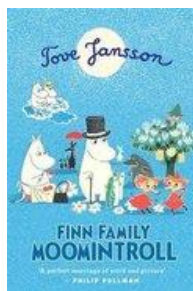
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### **Charlie Cook's Favourite Book** Reading Age 6+

Charlie Cook is reading a book about a pirate captain, who is reading a book about Goldilocks, who is reading about a knight, who is reading about a frog . . . From kings and queens to aliens and ghosts, there's something for everyone in Charlie's amazing book! Written by Julia Donaldson, the Children's Laureate and a Recommended Read by Cherry Class.

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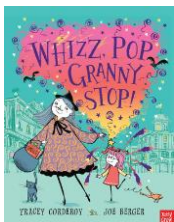
### **Finn Family Moomintroll** Reading Age 6+

by Tove Jackson

Moomintroll is cheerful and chubby and lives in the magical Moominvalley with his mother, Moominmamma, his father, Moominpappa and all of their friends.

[www.tovejansson.com](http://www.tovejansson.com)

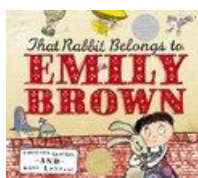
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### **Whizz, Pop, Granny Stop!** Reading Age 6+

Relatives don't come funnier or more embarrassing than in Tracey Corderoy's cheeky rhyming tale! More trouble is afoot for the little girl whose granny – whom we first met in Hubble Bubble, Granny Trouble – is still (whisper it) a witch.

A Recommended Read from Cherry Class.

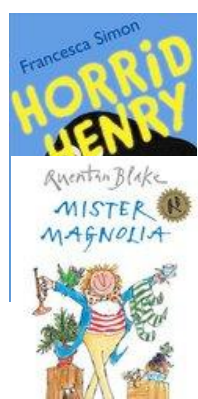


### **That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown** Reading Age 6+

When the Queen steals Emily Brown's favourite toy and erstwhile companion, a toy rabbit called Stanley, Emily sets out to get him back and teach that naughty queen a valuable lesson.

[www.cressidacowell.co.uk](http://www.cressidacowell.co.uk)

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### **Horrid Henry** Reading age 6+

Stories about naughty characters have been told for centuries, and Horrid Henry is a modern-day rogue in the tradition of Dennis the Menace and Just William.

[www.horridhenry.co.uk](http://www.horridhenry.co.uk)

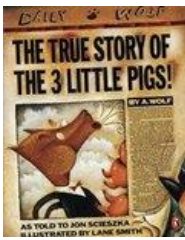
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**Mister Magnolia** Reading age 6+

Mr Magnolia has many things - but only one boot.

[www.quentinblake.com](http://www.quentinblake.com)

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**The True Story of Three Little Pigs** Reading Age 7+

What really happened to the three little pigs and the big bad wolf? Find out the truth in this hilarious picture book.

[www.jsworldwide.com](http://www.jsworldwide.com)

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**Star Wars** (Series) DK Readers, Beginning to read alone series

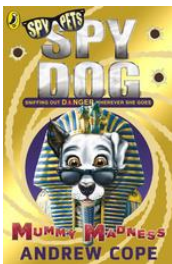
Star Wars the Adventures of Han Solo Designed to engage even the most reluctant reader, this title helps your child will learn all about Han Solo, his sidekick Chewbacca, his relationships with Luke and Leia, and his enemy, Jabba the Hutt.

A Recommended Read by Larch Class.

**Beast Quest** (Series) Reading Age 7+

Beast Quest is a best selling series of children's fantasy novels, aimed largely at boys aged 7 and over. They are clearly and simply written striking the right balance between adventure and story telling. These books are amongst the most borrowed in UK libraries. There is a companion series called Sea Quest. A Recommended Read from Cherry Class.

Available in the school library



**Spy Dog** (Series) Reading Age 7+

Lara isn't any old dog. She is the one and only Spy Dog! She can waterski. She's a PlayStation champ. She drives fast cars. And she's got a black belt in karate! Bred and trained by the British Secret Service, Lara – or GM451, as she is known by the government – is a highly-trained special agent with a sharp nose for dangerous missions.

[www.spydog451.co.uk](http://www.spydog451.co.uk)

A Recommended Read from Cherry class.

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**SWITCH** (Series) Reading Age 7+

Hilarious adventure stories for 7+ boys and girls - the mad scientist next door invents a potion which can turn Josh and Danny into a whole host of creepy creatures! Two boys, one serum, and a world of trouble! Fast-paced and fiendishly funny series, full of fascinating and often disgusting facts about the natural world.

[www.switch-books.co.uk](http://www.switch-books.co.uk)

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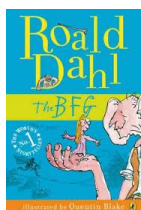
**The BFG** Reading Age 7+

Every night, when the world is sleeping, big gruesome giants guzzle up whoppsy-whiffling human beans. And there's only one giant who can stop them - the BFG. He's the kindest giant there is and, with his friend Sophie in his top pocket, he sets out to rid the world of the Bloodbottler, the Fleshlumpeater and all their rotsome friends forever . . .

[www.roalddahl.com](http://www.roalddahl.com)

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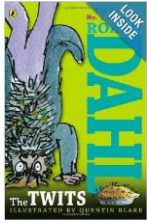
A Recommended Read by Larch Class & Willow Class





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### **The Twits** Reading Age 7+



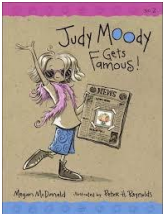
Mr. and Mrs. Twit are the smelliest, nastiest, ugliest people in the world. They hate everything—except playing mean jokes on each other, catching innocent birds to put in their Bird Pies, and making their caged monkeys, the Muggle-Wumps, stand on their heads all day. But the Muggle-Wumps have had enough. They don't just want out, they want revenge.

[www.roalddahl.com](http://www.roalddahl.com)

A Recommended Read by Larch Class.

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### **Judy Moody** (Series) Reading Age 7+



The Judy Moody series follows the humorous adventures of a third-grader, Judy Moody. A Recommended Read by Larch class.

[www.judymoody.com](http://www.judymoody.com)

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### **The Beano** (Weekly comic) Reading Age 7+



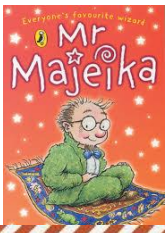
A humorous weekly comic. Comics can be extremely helpful in developing children's reading skills. If you would like to know more about how comics can help your child learn to read please follow this link.

<http://www.grammarmancomic.com/article1.html#.Uv-sjHnEA74>

[www.beano.com](http://www.beano.com)

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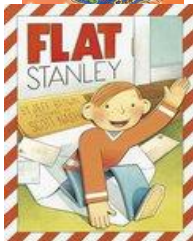
### **Mr Majeika** (Series) Reading Age 7+



The focus of these stories is Mr Majeika, a teacher at St Barty's Primary School, a typical English primary school. However he is no ordinary man, as is apparent when he flies into Class Three's boring lesson on a magic carpet, which he then turns into a cycle, confounding the headmaster; Mr Majeika is a wizard!

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### **Flat Stanley** Reading Age 7+



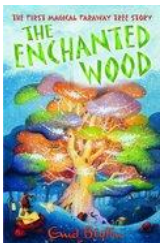
Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning to find he is only half an inch thick.

[www.flatstanleybooks.com](http://www.flatstanleybooks.com)

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### **The Enchanted Wood** Reading Age 7+

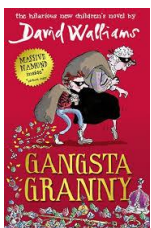


When Joe, Beth and Frannie move into a new home, they discover a mysterious wood on their very doorstep.

[www.enidblytonsociety.co.uk](http://www.enidblytonsociety.co.uk)

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### **Gangsta Granny** Reading Age 8+



Our hero Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma's house. She's the boringest grandma ever: all she wants to do is to play Scrabble, and eat cabbage soup. But there are two things Ben doesn't know about his grandma.

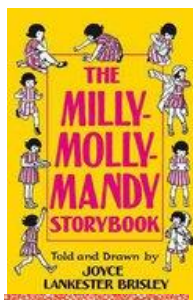
1) She was once an international jewel thief.

2) All her life, she has been plotting to steal the Crown Jewels, and now she needs Ben's help...

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[www.worldofwalliams.com](http://www.worldofwalliams.com)

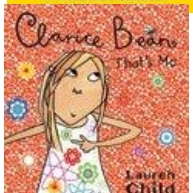


### **The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook** Reading Age 7+

Milly-Molly-Mandy lives with her mother, father, uncle, aunt, grandmother and grandfather in a 'nice white cottage with a thatched roof'.

[www.millymollymandy.net](http://www.millymollymandy.net)

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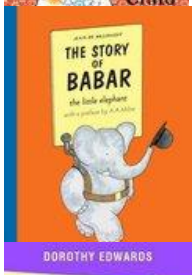


### **Clarice Bean, That's Me** Reading Age 7+

Clarice Bean gives us a snapshot of her life and family in the book that launched a bestselling series.

[www.milkmonitor.com](http://www.milkmonitor.com)

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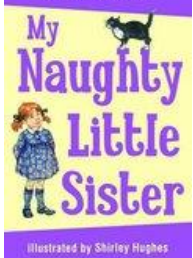


### **The Story of Babar** Reading Age 7+

'In the great forest, a little elephant was born. His name was Babar...'

[www.babar.com](http://www.babar.com)

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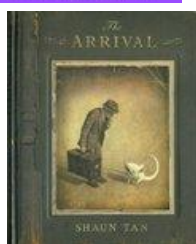


### **My Naughty Little Sister** Reading Age 7+

This affectionate portrait of family life is the story of a naughty three-year-old sister who is obstinate, inquisitive and full of mischief.

Miss Fox's Recommended Read – My big sister used to read it to me, saying I was her 'Naughty Little Sister'! It made me laugh lots.

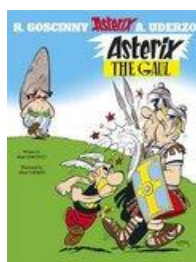
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### **The Arrival** For parents to read with children 7+

In this unusual book, we follow a young man as he packs his bags and leaves his family to go and start a new life in another country

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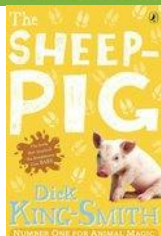
### **Asterix the Gaul** Reading Age 7+

by Rene Goscinny

In a tiny corner of Brittany, one small village of indomitable Gauls hold out against the almighty, all-conquering Romans.

[www.asterix.com](http://www.asterix.com)

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### **The Sheep Pig** Reading Age 7+

When Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the fair, he is amazed that Fly, his sheep-dog, welcomes him as one of her own pups.

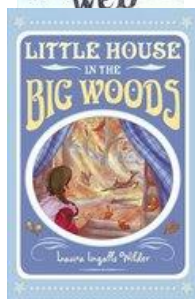
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### **Charlotte's Web** Reading age 7+

This is the tale of how a little girl named Fern - with the help of a friendly talking spider called Charlotte - saved her pig, Wilbur, from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs.

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### **Little House in the Big Woods** Reading age 7+

Inside the little house live the Ingalls family: Ma, Pa, Mary, Laura and baby Carrie.

[www.lauraingallswilderhome.com](http://www.lauraingallswilderhome.com)

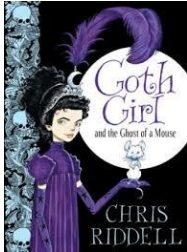
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### **Goth Girl** Reading age 7+

Ada Goth lives at Ghastly-Gorm Hall with her father, the famous cycling poet Lord Goth. There are a host of servants, plenty of eccentric house guests and at least half a dozen ghosts, but Ada is lonely. She doesn't have any friends her own age, and Lord Goth believes children should be 'heard and not seen', making her wear clumpy boots so he can always hear her coming. Then one night, a ghostly mouse called Ishmael appears in Ada's bedroom and asks for her help.

[www.chrisriddell.co.uk](http://www.chrisriddell.co.uk)

A Recommended Read from Willow Class.



### **The Worst Witch** Reading Age 7+

Long before Harry Potter first went to Hogwarts, trainee witch Mildred Hubble embarked on life at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches...

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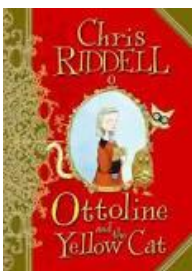


### **Ottoline (Series)** Reading age 7+

Ottoline lives in a stylish apartment in Big City with a small hairy creature called Mr Munroe. Together they look after the Brown family's eclectic collections - and dabble in a spot of detective work. [www.chrisriddell.co.uk](http://www.chrisriddell.co.uk)

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### **Recommended books for reluctant and dyslexic readers age 7+**

The Twits by Roald Dahl, Quirky, imaginative and very, very silly, this is perfect for reluctant readers

Legend of Spud Murphy by Eion Colfer, a fantastic book filled with humour and a brilliant place to start for reluctant readers.

Horrid Henry Robs the Bank by Francesca Simon, absolutely hilarious with short, easy to read chapters.

Where's Wally? By Martin Handford, lots of fun looking for Wally, Illustrated books are a brilliant way to engage dyslexic children.

Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now by Lauren Child, humorous and moving stories with engaging and expressive artwork.

Wartman by Michael Morpurgo

The Smallest Horse in the World by Jeremy Strong

The Red Dragons of Gressingham by Philip Ardagh

*"One of the great things about books is sometimes there are some fantastic pictures."*  
George W. Bush

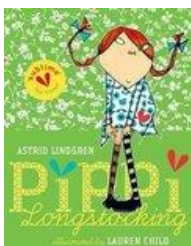
### **Pippi Longstocking** Reading Age 8+

Follow Pippi Longstocking on her amazing adventures as she moves into Villa Villekulla with a horse, a monkey, and a big suitcase of gold coins.

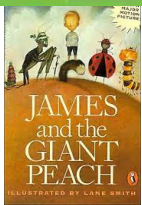
[www.milkmonitor.com](http://www.milkmonitor.com)

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### **James and the Giant Peach** Reading Age 8+



The hugely popular story of James and his journey to New York with the strangest group of insect friends.

[www.roalddahl.com](http://www.roalddahl.com)

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### **Diary of Wimpy Kid (Series) Reading Age 8+**

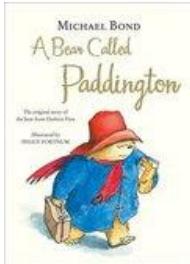
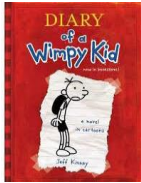
The hilarious and original global bestseller Diary of a Wimpy Kid - perfect for readers of 8+ and also reluctant readers, everyone loves the adventures of Greg Heffley.

[www.wimpykid.com](http://www.wimpykid.com)

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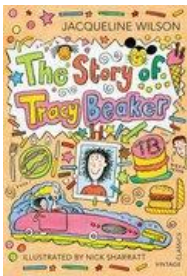
### **A Bear Called Paddington Reading Age 8+**

Paddington, the brown bear from darkest Peru, is found by the Brown family on Paddington Station with his hat, duffel coat and marmalade sandwiches.

[www.paddington.com](http://www.paddington.com)

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### **The Story Of Tracy Beaker Reading age 8+**

Tracy lives in a children's home but constantly hopes that her absent, glamorous Mum will come and take her away.

[www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk](http://www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk)

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### **The Last Dragon Chronicles (Series) Reading age 8+**

Go on a magical and mysterious adventure as Chris d'Lacey follows David Rain, Liz and Lucy Pennykettle, Zanna Martindale, the evil sibyl Gwilanna and a slew of dragons and other animals as they seek to save dragons, nature and humankind throughout these books.

[www.thelastdragonchronicles.com](http://www.thelastdragonchronicles.com)

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*Reading is arguably a far more creative and imaginative process than writing; when the reader creates emotion in their head, or the colors of the sky during the setting sun, or the smell of a warm summer's breeze on their face. Jasper Fforde*

### **Recommended books for reluctant and dyslexic readers age 8+**

Dixie O'Day: In The Fast Lane by Shirley Hughes

Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman (narrated in verse by one of today's most imaginative and convincing writers for young people)

Deadly Diaries by Steve Blackshall (non fiction)

Why Spacemen Can't Burp by Mitchell Symons (non fiction)

Jedi Academy by Jeffrey Brown

The Dragonsitter Takes Off by Josh Lacey

Barry Loser: I Am Not a Loser by Jim Smith

Maisie Hitchens: The Case of the Stolen Sixpence by Holly Webb

Stitch Head: The Spider's Lair by Guy Bass

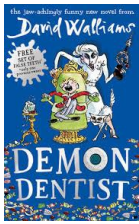
Granny Samuri, the Monkey King & I, by John Chambers

Darcy Burdock by Laura Dockrill

Tom Gates Brilliant World by Liz Pichon

Diary of Dorkius Maximus by Tim Collins

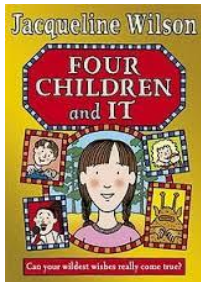
Young Werewolf by Cornelia Funke (dyslexia friendly book)  
The Hungry Wolf by Lari Don & Melanie Williamson (for readers who are starting to become more confident)



### **Demon Dentist** Reading Age 9+

Darkness had come to the town. Strange things were happening in the dead of night. Children would put a tooth under their pillow for the tooth fairy, but in the morning they would wake up to find...a dead slug; a live spider; hundreds of earwigs creeping and crawling beneath their pillow. Evil was at work. But who or what was behind it...? [www.worldofwalliams.com](http://www.worldofwalliams.com)

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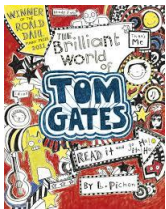


### **Four Children and It** Reading age 9+

A funny, moving and heartwarming story of four children who discover a way to make wishes come true. Echoing the classic E Nesbit novel, Five Children and It, from this mega-selling author, winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, is a brilliant read not just for those familiar with the original book but for any of Wilson's millions of fans.

[www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk](http://www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk)

A Recommended Read from Willow class



### **Tom Gates** (Series) Reading Age 9+

An honest, silly and laugh out loud book in the format of Tom's battered homework diary, crammed full of his scribbles and stories.

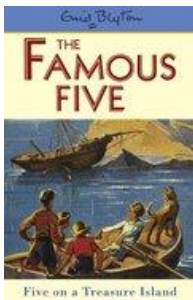
Hear about Tom's worst holiday ever ('camping sucks') and when his parents went to his parents' evening ('groan'). [www.tomgatesworld.blogspot.com](http://www.tomgatesworld.blogspot.com)

[www.lizpichon.co.uk](http://www.lizpichon.co.uk)

Winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Red House Children's Book Award and Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

Recommended Read by Larch, Willow & Lilac Class

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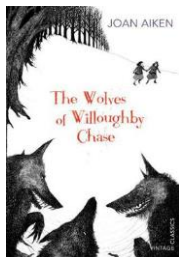
### **Five on a Treasure Island** Reading Age 9+

Meet Enid Blyton's most famous characters - Julian, Dick, Anne, George and of course the ever-loyal Timmy the dog.

[www.enidblytonsociety.co.uk](http://www.enidblytonsociety.co.uk)

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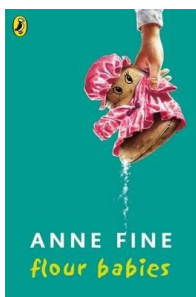


### **The Wolves of Willoughby Chase** Reading age 9+

There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside. Their wicked governess Miss Slighcarp is working with a network of criminals, forgers and snitches to carry out a terrible plan. Bonnie and Sylvia must use all their wits if they are to escape their cruel governess - and the wolves. [www.joanaiken.com](http://www.joanaiken.com)

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### **Flour Babies** Reading age 9+

As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after for three weeks, ensuring it does not get lost or dirty. Simon becomes unusually attached to his flour baby - and soon begins to appreciate some of the sacrifices his mother has made for him as a single parent. This funny story from former Children's Laureate Anne Fine is an established favourite of classrooms and homes everywhere. Thought-provoking and



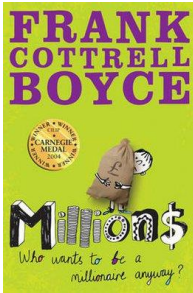
unusual, it cleverly balances episodes of laugh-out-loud humour with some very touching moments.

[www.annefine.co.uk](http://www.annefine.co.uk)

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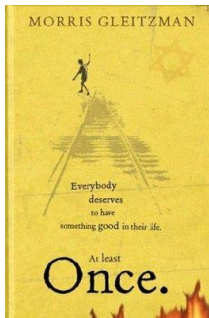
### **Millions** Reading age 9+



Since the death of his mother, Damian has become obsessed by saints. In order to escape the trappings of the material world, he builds a hermitage out of cardboard boxes near the railway line. One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God, and contemplates with his older brother Anthony the best way to spend it. But with only 17 days left before the national currency switches to Euros and the money becomes worthless, this proves to be much more difficult than they had anticipated... Funny, thought-provoking and thoroughly entertaining, this outstanding novel was a deserving winner of the 2004 CILIP Carnegie Medal.

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### **Once** Reading age 9+



Felix has lived in a Catholic orphanage for over three years but always hopes that his Jewish bookseller parents to come for him. Alarmed by the sight of what he assumes are official 'librarians' burning Jewish books in the orphanage, he sets off in search of his parents to warn them of the danger. On his travels Felix uses his natural optimism and storytelling gift to explain away the horrific events he witnesses in Nazi-occupied Poland. His stories bring hope to the children of a ghetto and ultimately comfort to them on their final train journey. Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book. Told in simple yet powerful language, his story reveals the redemptive power of stories and the potential for humanity and hope even in the most tragic times.

[www.morrisgleitzman.com](http://www.morrisgleitzman.com)

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*"I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."*  
Roald Dahl.

### **For Reluctant Readers & Dyslexic Children age 9+**

When choosing books for younger dyslexic readers, look for; short sentences, clear and bold fonts, books and chapters that aren't too long, engaging illustrations and brilliant stories.

The Demon Notebook by Erika McGann

Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce

How to Train Your Dragon – How to Betray a Dragon's Hero by Cressida Cowell

The Boy in The Dress by David Walliams

The Barefoot Books World Atlas by Nick Crane (non fiction)

Marvellous Maths by Jonathoan Litton (non fiction)

The Battles of Ben Kingdom: The Claws of Evil by Andrew Beasley

Ninja: Death Touch by Chris Bradford and Sonia Leong

The Last Wild by Piers Torday

The Woebegone Twins by Christopher William Hill

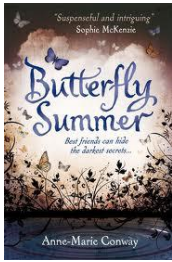
Whale Boy by Nicola Davies & Joe McLaren

Vern and Lettuce by Sarah McIntyre (comic-style, recommended for reluctant readers)

Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse by Chris Riddell

The Secrets of Stonehenge by Mick Manning (non fiction)

Fortunately the Milk... by Neil Gaiman  
Three Pickled Herrings by Sally Gardner



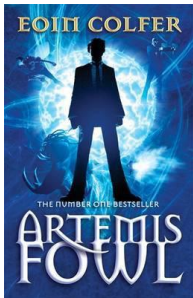
**Butterfly Summer** Reading age 10+

Some secrets last a lifetime. When Becky and her mum move to the tiny village of Oakbridge, Mum is hoping for a new beginning. But when Becky discovers an old photo of her mum in hospital clutching a baby, twelve years before Becky was born, Becky becomes haunted by the thought that her mum is keeping something from her.

[www.annemarieconway.com](http://www.annemarieconway.com)

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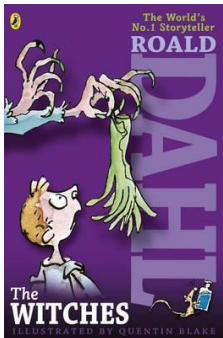
**Artemis Fowl** Reading age 10+

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind, Artemis Fowl, hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land. Although a little dubious about the plan - indeed not even quite believing in the existence of fairies - his trusty bodyguard and companion, Butler, is on hand to help. This hilarious and exciting adventure story is a deserving favourite with young readers.

[www.artemisfowl.co.uk](http://www.artemisfowl.co.uk)

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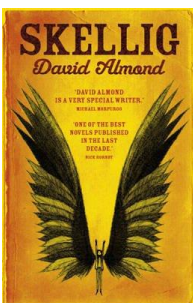
**The Witches** Reading age 10+

This deliciously dark offering from beloved children's author Roald Dahl is a firm favourite with young readers. Attracting some controversy in terms of its depictions of women, it nonetheless remains a brilliant blend of Dahl's trademark humour with the spine-tingling and scary.

[www.roalddahl.com](http://www.roalddahl.com)

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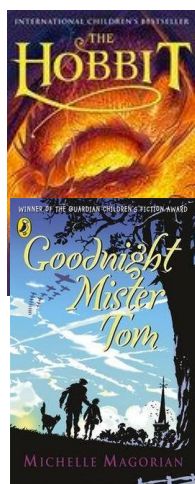


**Skellig** Reading age 11+

When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, exploring a ramshackle garage with new-found friend Mina, he finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. This unusual and captivating novel from critically-acclaimed children's author David Almond won both the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award. A contemporary classic, it has the power to captivate both adults and children alike.

[www.davidalmond.com](http://www.davidalmond.com)

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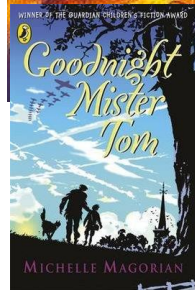
**The Hobbit** Reading age 10+

This well-loved fantasy story has delighted readers ever since its first publication in 1937.

[www.thehobbit.com](http://www.thehobbit.com)

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**Goodnight Mister Tom** Reading age 10+

Willie Beech is evacuated to a tiny English village in the country just before the outbreak of World War II. A lonely and deprived child, he finds himself living with the reclusive, gruff old widower, Thomas Oakley. Michelle Magorian's classic wartime story is a superbly written and deeply moving tale, which shows that even the most unlikely people can become exceptional parents.

[www.goodnightmistertom.co.uk](http://www.goodnightmistertom.co.uk)

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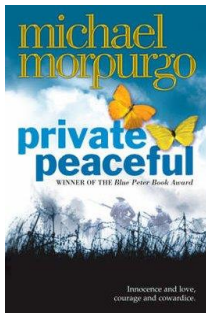
### **Private Peaceful** Reading age 10+

Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front, as he looks back over the formative events of his life: his father's early death, his relationship with his loving mother and brothers, Big Joe and Charlie, and their beloved schoolfriend Molly – all set among an evocative and beautifully realised rural landscape.

Passionate, beguiling and moving, this award-winning story is also an unflinching examination of the horrors of war and the injustice surrounding the execution of soldiers by firing squad, on the – often false – grounds of desertion or cowardice. Former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo uses all his superb storytelling skills to weave this powerful, poignant tale of the horrors of World War I, which will touch readers of all ages.

[www.michaelmorpurgo.com](http://www.michaelmorpurgo.com)

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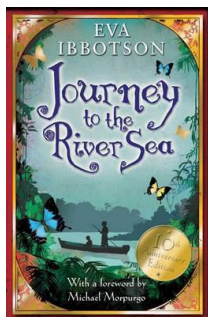


### **Journey to the River Sea** Reading age 10+

This satisfyingly old-fashioned story is set in the early 1900s. Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America. She cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon and is particularly looking forward to meeting her twin cousins. When Maia arrives, however, the family is far from welcoming and she is saddened to see that they have blocked out all evidence of the rainforest from their stuffy home. Maia turns to her strict yet kindly governess, Miss Minton, for company, and strikes up some unusual and rewarding friendships.

As well as being an exciting adventure story, this award-winning contemporary classic will leave readers with plenty to think about.

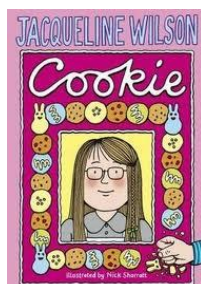
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### **Cookie** Reading age 10+

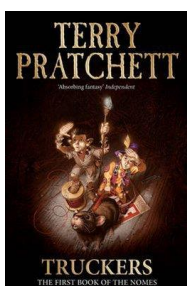
Beauty Cookson is no beauty. She's a plain, timid girl who constantly feels inferior to the super-confident, snooty girls at school. Worse than the teasing in the playground, though, is the unpredictable, hurtful criticism from her father. Beauty and her meek, sweet mother live in uneasy fear of his fierce rages, sparked whenever they break one of his fussy house rules. [www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk](http://www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk)

A Recommended Read from Willow Class.



### **Truckers** Reading age 10+

To the thousands of the tiny gnomes who live under the floorboards of a large department store, there is no Outside. Things like Day and Night, Sun and Rain are just daft old legends. Then a devastating piece of news shatters their existence: the Store - their whole world - is to be demolished. And it's up to Maskin, one of the last gnomes to come into the Store, to mastermind an unbelievable escape plan that will take all the gnomes into the dangers of the great Outside... The first title in the Bromeliad trilogy, this is a funny and enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry



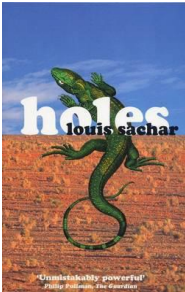


Pratchett. Young readers will be captivated by the world of the gnomes and eager to follow their adventures after they leave their underground home in the sequels *Diggers* and *Wings*.

[www.terrypratchettbooks.com](http://www.terrypratchettbooks.com)

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### **Holes** Reading age 10+



Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre in the middle of the Texan desert. There is in fact no lake there at all and not much green either. Stanley soon discovers that his work at the camp will be to dig a deep hole each day, and to report back about anything he finds there. Stanley gets to work - but he soon discovers there's more to the task he's been given than merely an exercise in character-building.

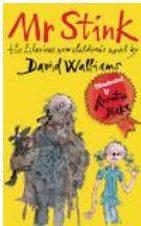
This witty, inventive and utterly compelling novel from Louis Sachar is a must-read for children and adults too. A deft mixture of seriousness and humour, it is told in a direct, simple style that belies the clever construction of Sachar's powerful narrative.

[www.louissachar.com](http://www.louissachar.com)

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### **Mr Stink** Reading Age 10+



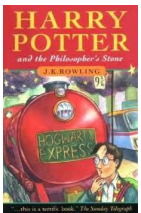
It all starts when Chloe makes friends with Mr Stink, the local tramp. Yes, he smells a bit. But when it looks like he might be driven out of town, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed.

[www.worldofwalliams.com](http://www.worldofwalliams.com)

A Recommended Read from Cherry & Willow class

Available from the school library

### **Harry Potter** (Series) Reading Age 10+



A series of 7 fantasy novels chronicling the adventures of a wizard and his quest to overcome the dark wizard Lord Voldemort. This series has sold 450 million copies worldwide.

[www.jkrowling.co.uk](http://www.jkrowling.co.uk)

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### **For Reluctant Readers & Dyslexic Children age 10+**

When choosing books for younger dyslexic readers, look for; short sentences, clear and bold fonts, books and chapters that aren't too long, engaging illustrations and brilliant stories.

War Dog by Chris Ryan

The Winter Sleepwalker and Other Stories by Joan Aiken

The Dark Is Rising by Susan Cooper (great fantasy series)

Sky Run by Alex Shearer (also try Cloud Hunters by the same author)

Out of This World by Ali Sparkes

Feather Boy by Nicky Singer

The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Rickett by John Boyne

Dear Scarlett by Fleur Hitchcock

Stay Where You Are & Then Leave by John Boyne

Red River Stallion by Troon Harrison

A Twist of Fortune by Barbara Mitchhill

Shadows of the Silver Screen by Christopher Edge

## Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

*What a miracle it is that out of these small, flat, rigid squares of paper unfolds world after world after world, worlds that sing to you, comfort and quiet or excite you. Books help us understand who we are and how we are to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean; they show us how to live and die.*  
Anne Lamont.

Some more recommendations....

The Kick Off by Dan Freedman, a fantastic inspirational book for anyone who is football mad

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket, a short and gripping story

Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce, very funny and clever

Candyfloss by Jacqueline Wilson, by one of the most popular children's authors ever.

Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea by Michael Morpurgo

Charlie Bone and the Time Twister by Jenny Nimmo, fans of Happy Potter will adore this book

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Zombie by Tommy Donbavand

Young Merlin by Tony Bradman

Wildy Weird by Kaye Umansky

Who's a Big Bully Then? By Michael Morpurgo

Virus by Tommy Donbavand

Vigi the Viking and the Dream Dragin by Scoular Anderson

The wickedest Witch by Kaye Umansky

### Mobile Library

Stops at Castlefields bus stop every other Saturday 3.00-3.40. Please check [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/find/mobile](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/find/mobile) for more information

### Forest Row Library

A small community library with a limited range of books, audiobooks, DVDs, reference and local studies material and free Internet access. It has disabled access.

### Edenbridge Library at The Eden Centre

Open 6 days a week with free computer access and children's craft session on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (10.30-12.00)

### Crowborough Library

A town library with a range of books, talking books, DVDs, a reference and local studies section and free Internet access. It has disabled access.

### Rotherfield Village Library

A small village library run by St Martin Church-in-Community project.

### Uckfield Library

A town library with a range of books, audiobooks, DVDs, a reference and local studies section and free Internet access. It has disabled access.

eBooks from East Sussex Library Service

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/>

Booktime

Booktime is the national free books programme for reception-aged children.

A great website with lots of games and puzzles based on popular books. The website also has several stories which you can watch and listen to.

[www.booktime.org.uk](http://www.booktime.org.uk)

### Pearsons

This website has several eBooks available for each year group. A fun layout and interactive style will engage any child who enjoys being online.

<http://www.pearsonschooolsandfecolleges.co.uk/Primary>

### Oxford Owl

Lots and lots of free eBooks, tablet friendly, for children from 3-11 years.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)