

Supporting your child's reading: Years 3 & 4



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Children should read every night at home. It is important that they read both independently and aloud to an adult.

Reading aloud develops fluency and expression and provides an invaluable opportunity to develop their comprehension, enquiry skills and appreciation of reading.

You will find some useful questions to ask your child to encourage good discussion in the reading record book.

There may be times when a child is reluctant to read and needs encouragement and different strategies in order to engage them. If this occurs your child's class teacher will work closely with you to understand why they are reluctant and endeavour to promote and foster their love of reading.

Some ideas to help reluctant readers are:

- Story CDs,
- Kindles or ebooks
- Visiting libraries or bookshops
- Re-reading familiar texts for pleasure
- Writing to authors
- Reading newspapers and non-fiction texts related to hobbies and interests.
- Guided reading

Using the websites recommended in this booklet can also help reluctant readers find some enjoyment as they don't see it as the same as reading a book. There are lots of texts/websites/games which work on reading comprehension, fluency and interest.



List of recommended books for year 3 children (continued on the following page):

- The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog by Jeremy Strong
The Worst Witch by Jill Tomlinson
Horrid Henry Stories by Francesca Simon
The Boy who Could Fly by Sally Gardner
Mr Majeika Stories by Humphrey Carpenter
A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond
George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl
Camille and the Sunflowers by Laurence Anholt
The Grunts in Trouble by Philip Ardagh
A Necklace of Raindrops by Joan Aitken
The Boy who Climbed into The Moon by David Almond
Dinner Ladies don't Count by Bernard Ashley
Billy Bonkers by Giles Andrae
The Wombles by Elizabeth Beresford
The World According to Humphrey
by Elizabeth Beresford
Alligator by Theresa Breslin
The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black
Beast Quest Series by Adam Blade
Home Front Heroes by Jon Blake & Penny McKinley
Operation Gadgetman by Malorie Blackman



The Rabbit Problem by Emily Gravett
The Spitting Cobra by Gill Harvey
Groosham Grange by Anthony Horowitz
Charlie Moon by Shirley Hughes
The House with No Name by Pippa Goodhart
The Get Rich Quick Club by Rose Impey
Rescuing Dad by Pete Johnson
Fairy Tales by Terry Jones
The Invisible Dog by Dick King-Smith
The Poltergoose by Michael Lawrence
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
The 26 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
Jack Stalwart by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
Stone Goblins by David Melling
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Robin of Sherwood by Michael Morpurgo
Something Wickedly Weird by Chris Mold
Timmy Failure by Stephan Pastis
Ottoline by Chris Riddel
Araminta Spook by Angie Sage
Wayside School by Louis Sacher
The Adventure Series by Willard Price
Mr Gum by Andy Stanton
There's a Pharoah in our Bath! by Jeremy Strong
Meerkat Madness by Ian Whybrow



List of recommended books for year 4 children (continued on the following page):

The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

How To Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Ottoline by Chris Riddell

Monster Mission by Eva Ibbitson

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

Five Children and It by E. Nesbitt

A Necklace of Raindrops by Joan Aitken

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

The Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence

What Katy Did by Susan Coolidge

Just William Stories by Richmal Crompton

Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo

Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

How the Whale Became by Michael Morpurgo

Woof! by Allan Ahlberg

My Story: Tudor Series

Anna Hibiscis by Atinuke

Follow the Swallow by Julia Donaldson



The Hundred Mile An Hour Dog by Jeremy Strong
Famous Five Stories by Enid Blyton
The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross
Tom Trueheart by Ian Beck
Alex Rider Stories by Anthony Horowitz
A Boy called M.O.U.S.E. by Penny Dolan
The Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horowitz
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
Percy Jackson Stories by Rick Riordan
The Sheep Pig by Dick King-Smith
The Borrowers by M Norton
Molly Moon by Georgia Byng
Mr Stink by David Walliams
Warriors by Erin Hunter
Shoot to Win by Dan Freedman
Amazing by Hilary McKay
The Dark Portal by Robin Jarvis
Tongue-Tied by Paul Jennings
Conrad's Fate by Diana Wynne Jones
Billionaire Boy by David Walliams
Desirable by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Boobela by Joe Friedman
Jake Cake by Michael Broad



List of recommended books for parents to read to their children:

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Skellig by David Almond

