

# 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

