

# RECOMMENDED READING LISTS

## EYFS

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* – Eric Carle

*A Dark Dark Tale* – Ruth Brown

*Flotsam* – David Wiesner

*Tiger* – Nick Butterworth

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

*I Want My Hat Back* – Jon Klassen

*Each Peach Pear Plum* – Janet and Allan  
Ahlberg

*The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child* – Julia  
Donaldson

*Lost and Found* – Oliver Jeffers

*Up and Down* – Oliver Jeffers

*The Enormous Crocodile* – Roald Dahl

*The Night Pirates* – Peter Harris

*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* – Mo Willems

*Where's Spot* – Eric Hill

*Dear Zoo* – Rod Campbell

*The Jolly Postman* – Janet and Allan Ahlberg

*The Kipper series* – Mick Inkpen, e.g. *Kipper's  
birthday*

*Meg and Mog* – Helen Nicoll

*Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs* – Ian  
Whybrow

*Elmer* – David McKee

*Not Now Bernard* – David McKee

*Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches* – Julie Falton &  
Rachel Suzanne

*The Lion Inside* – Rachel Bright & Jim Field

*All Join In* - Quentin Blake

*The Wonder* – Faye Hanson

*Burglar Bill* – Janet & Allan Ahlberg

*Penguin* – Polly Dunbar

## Traditional stories

*The Three Little Pigs*

*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*

*Hansel and Gretel*

*Little Red Riding Hood*

*Rapunzel*

*The Elves and the Shoemaker*

*Jack and the Beanstalk*

*The Gingerbread Man*

*Three Billy Goats Gruff*



## Years 1 – 2 recommended reading

*Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish* – Michael Foreman

*War and Peas* – Michael Foreman

*How Big is a Million?* – Anna Milbourne and Serena Riglietti

*The Tiger Who Came to Tea* – Judith Kerr

*Mog the Forgetful Cat* – Judith Kerr

*Where The Wild Things Are* – Maurice Sendak

*Angry Arthur* – Hiawyn Oram and Satoshi Kitamura

*Cinnamon* – Neil Gaiman

*That Pesky Rat* – Lauren Child

*Peace at Last* – Jill Murphy

*Dogger* – Shirley Hughes

*Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy* – Lynley Dodd

*My Penguin Osbert* – Elizabeth Cody Kimmell

*The Paper Bag Princess* – Robert Munsch

*The Whales' Song* – Dyan Sheldon and Gary Blythe

*Leon and the Place Between* – Angela McAllister

*The Winnie the Witch series* – Valerie Thomas

*The Charlie and Lola series* – Lauren Child, e.g. *I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato*

*Journey* – Aaron Becker



## Roald Dahl

*Esio Trot*

*The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me*

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

*The BFG*

*The Magic Finger*

*Fantastic Mr Fox*

*George's Magic Medicine*



## Julia Donaldson

*The Snail and the Whale*

*Room on the Broom*

*A Squash and a Squeeze*

*Tyrannosaurus Drip*

*Smartest Giant in Town*

## Emily Gravett

*Dogs*

*Meerkat Mail*

*Wolves*

*Again!*

*Little Mouse's Big Books of Fears*

## Raymond Briggs

*The Snowman*

*Father Christmas*

*Fungus the Bogeyman*

*Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age*



## Others

*The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* – Jill Tomlinson

*The Christmasaurus* – Tom Fletcher

*A Necklace of Raindrops* – Joan Aiken

*The Kingdom Under the Sea* – Joan Aiken

## Years 3 – 4 recommended reading

### Picture books for older readers

*The Dark* – Lemony Snickett and Jon Klass

*Black Dog* – Levi Pinfold

*Those Shoes* – Maribeth Boelts

*Rosie Revere, Engineer* – Andrea Beaty

*Ada Twist, Scientist* – Andrea Beaty

*The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore* – W.E. Joyce

*The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* – Chris van Allsburg

### Comics / graphic novels

*The Asterix series* – René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo, e.g. *Asterix the Gaul*

*The Adventures of Tintin series* – Hergé, e.g. *Explorers on the Moon*

*Stormbreaker* – Anthony Horowitz

*Artemis Fowl* – Eoin Colfer

### Poetry / short stories

*Please Mrs Butler* – Allan Ahlberg

*Revolting Rhymes* – Roald Dahl

*Dirty Beasts* – Roald Dahl

*Sea Prayer* – Khaled Hosseini

*The Mrs Pepperpot short stories* – Alf Prøysen

*Just So Stories* – Rudyard Kipling

*The Witch's Vacuum Cleaner short story collection* – Terry Pratchett

*Dragon's at Crumbling Castle short story collection* – Terry Pratchett

### Short chapter books

*The Great Piratical Rumbustification* – Margaret Mahy

*Fortunately, the Milk* – Neil Gaiman

*The Saga of Erik the Viking* – Terry Jones

*The Legend of Spud Murphy* – Eoin Colfer

*The Worst Witch series* – Jill Murphy

*The Raven Boy and Elf Girl series* – Marcus Sedgewick, e.g. *Fright Forest*

*The Raven Mysteries* – Marcus Sedgewick, e.g. *Flood and Fang*

*The Something Wickedly Weird series* by Chris Mould, e.g. *The Wooden Mile*

*The Offoline series* by Chris Riddell

*The Goth Girl series* – Chris Riddell

*The Captain Underpants series* – Dav Pilkey

*The Mr Gum series* – Andy Stanton, e.g. *You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!*

*The Mr Majeika series* – Humphrey Carpenter

*The Moomin series* – Tove Jansson

### Longer chapter books

*Charlotte's Web* – E.B. White

*The Tale of Despereaux* – Kate DiCamillo

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* – Kate DiCamillo

*The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin Maker* – Matilda Woods

*Journey to Jo'burg* – Beverley Naidoo

*Millions* – Frank Cottrell Boyce

*The Wild Robot* – Peter Brown

*The Hamish and the World Stoppers series* – Danny Wallace

*The Fizzlebert Stump series* – A.F. Harrold

*The Gregor the Overlander series* – Suzanne Collins

*The Shapeshifter series* – Ali Sparkes, e.g. *Finding the Fox*

*A Series of Unfortunate Events* – Lemony Snickett, e.g. *The Bad Beginning*

*How to Train Your Dragon series* – Cressida Cowell

*The Spiderwick Chronicles series* – Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black, e.g. *The Field Guide*

*The Tales from the Five Kingdoms series* – Vivian French, e.g. *The Robe of Skulls*

### Authors

Michael Morpurgo and Dick King Smith for books about animals

Roald Dahl for books as dark as they are funny and imaginative

David Walliams for general silliness

Jacqueline Wilson for books about ordinary kids

J.K. Rowling for the Harry Potter universe





## Years 5 – 6 recommended reading

### Modern issues

*The Other Side of Truth* – Beverley Naidoo

*The London Eye Mystery* – Siobhan Dowd

*Wonder* – R.J. Palacio

*Boy 87* – Ele Fountain

*Kick* – Mitch Johnson

*Refugee Boy* – Benjamin Zephaniah

*Kiss the Dust* – Elizabeth Laird

*Trash* – Andy Mulligan

### Fantasy

*The House with Chicken Legs* – Sophie Anderson

*The Graveyard Book* – Neil Gaiman

*Un Lun Dun* – China Mieville

*The Carpet People* – Terry Pratchett

*I Was a Rat!* – Philip Pullman

*Clockwork* – Philip Pullman

*The Scarecrow and His Servant* – Philip Pullman

*Howl's Moving Castle* – Diana Wynne Jones

*The Artemis Fowl series* – Eoin Colfer

*The Last Wild series* – Piers Torday

*His Dark Materials* trilogy – Philip Pullman, e.g. *Northern Lights*

*The Silver series* – Cliff McNish, e.g. *The Silver Child*

*The Doomspell* trilogy – Cliff McNish

*The Hunger Games series* by Suzanne Collins

*The Cogheart series* – Peter Bunzl

*The Mortal Engines series* – Philip Reeve

*The Bromeliad series* – Terry Pratchett, e.g. *Truckers*

*The Edge Chronicles* – Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell, e.g. *The Curse of the Gloamglozer*

*The Alex Rider and The Diamond Brothers series* – Anthony Horowitz, e.g. *Stormbreaker* and *The Falcon's Malteser*

*Children of the Red King* – Jenny Nimmo, e.g. *Midnight for Charlie Bone*

*The Maze Runner series* – James Dashner

*The Gone series* – Michael Grant

### Historical setting

*I am David* – Anne Holm

*The Silver Sword* – Ian Serraillier

*The Secret of the Blue Glass* – Tomiko Inui

*The Once series* by Morris Gleitzman

*The Little House series* – Laura Ingalls Wilder, e.g. *Little House on the Prairie*

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* – Mildred D. Taylor

*Coram Boy* – Jamila Gavin

*John Diamond* – Leon Garfield

*Arthur: The Seeing Stone* – Kevin Crossley-Holland

*The Roman Mysteries* – Caroline Lawrence, e.g. *Thieves of Ostia*

*Secrets of a Sun King* – Emma Carroll

*Letters from a Lighthouse* – Emma Carroll

### Classics

*The Railway Children* – E. Nesbit

*Black Beauty* – Anna Sewell

*The Secret Garden* – Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Heidi* – Johanna Spyri

*Treasure Island* – Robert Louis Stevenson

*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* – Jules Verne

*Journey to the Centre of the Earth* – Jules Verne

*The Hound of the Baskervilles* – Arthur Conan Doyle

*Tom's Midnight Garden* – Philippa Pearce

*The Sword in the Stone* – T.H. White

*Little Women* – Louisa May Alcott

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* – Lewis Carroll

*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* – L. Frank Baum

*The Chronicles of Narnia series* – C.S. Lewis, e.g. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

### Notable Authors

Rick Riordan for mythical adventures

Chris D'Lacey for dragon adventures

Malorie Blackman for serious, issues-based books

R.L. Stine for children's horror

