

RECOMMENDED READING LIST – KEY STAGE 2

Overview

The books in these four lists are taken from a range of sources. I have read and enjoyed a number of them myself. Others have been recommended to me by two experienced and respected English consultants who I have worked with; some come from recommendations made by the Centre for Language in Primary Education (CLPE). Like any book list there is an element of subjectivity here. There are, no doubt, a number of wonderful books that are not listed. There are also authors here who have written other books that children may find equally captivating. The purpose of the lists is to offer some ideas to pupils and their parents.

Year 6/Year 7

Richard Adams	Watership Down
John Barrowman	Hollow Earth
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Arthur: The Seeing Stone
Damian Dibben	The History Keepers
Roddy Doyle	Wilderness
Eoin Colfer	Airman
S D Crockett	After the Snow
Sarah Moore Fitzgerald	The Apple Tart of Hope
Cornelia Funke	Fearless
Neil Gaimen	The Graveyard Book
Sam Gayton	Lilliput
Michelle Harrison	The Thirteen Treasures
Michelle Harrison	One Wish
Diane Hendry	The Seeing
Richard Kurti	Monkey Wars
Simon Mayo	Itch
Nigel McDowell	Tales from Pitch End
Ross Montgomery	Alex
Fletcher Moss	Poison Boy
Sally Nicholls	All Fall Down
Philip Reeve	Mortal Engines
S F Said	Phoenix
Marcus Sedgwick	The Foreshadowing
Lydia Syson	A World Between us
Helen Watts	One day in Oradour
Philip Womack	The Broken King
Rick Yancey	The Fifth Wave
Louis Sachar	Holes
David Almond	Skellig
Leon Garfield	Shakespeare Stories
Frances Hodgson-Burnett	The Secret Garden
Madhur Jaffrey	Seasons of Splendour
Robin Jarvis	The Whitby Witches
Stephen Elboz	A Hanhdful of Magic

J R R Tolkein	The Hobbit
Susan Cooper	The Dark is Rising
Phillippa Pearce	Tom's Midnight Garden
Leon Garfield	Smith
Jim Kay	A Monster Calls

Year 5/Year 6

David Almond	Skellig
Nina Bawden	Carrie's War
Frank Cottrell Boyce	Millions
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
Lauren Child	Ruby Redfort
Sharon Creech	The Boy on the Porch
Berlie Doherty	Treason
Penny Dolan	A Boy called M.O.U.S.E.
Tonke Dragt	Letter for the King
Michael Ende	The Never-ending Story
Rohan Gavin	Knightley and Son
Adam Gidwitz	In a Glass Grimmly
Sam Gayton	The Snow Merchant
Christopher William Hill	Osbert the Avenger
Shirley Hughes	Hero on a Bicycle
Rachel Campbell Johnston	The Child's Elephant
Gareth P Jones	Constable and Toop
Rob Lloyd Jones	Wild Boy
Andrew Lane	Young Sherlock Holmes: Death Cloud
Gill Lewis	Sky Hawk
Andri Snaer Magnusen	The Story of the Blue Planet
Conrad Mason	The Demon's Watch
Geraldine McCaughrean	The Kite Rider
Geraldine McCaughrean	Positively the Last Performance
Barbara Mitchelhill	Billy's Blitz
Linda Newbery	The Treasure House
Philippa Pearce	Tom's Midnight Garden
Philip Reeve	Goblins
Nicky Singer	Feather Boy
Nicky Singer	The Flask
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island
Shaun Tan	The Arrival
Jamie Thomson	Dark Lord
T H White	The Sword in the Stone
Henry Williamson	Tarka the Otter
Helena Pielichatay	Jade's Story
Eva Ibbotson	Journey to the River Sea
Elizabeth Laird	The Garbage King
Beverly Naidoo	The Other Side of Truth
Philip Pullman	Northern Lights

Peter Dickinson	The Kin
Morris Gleitzman	Once
Morris Gleitzman	Then
Morris Gleitzman	After
Greg Rogers	Way Home
Sylvia Waugh	The Mennymys
Philip Pullman	Northern Lights
Philip Pullman	The Amber Skyglass
Philip Pullman	The Subtle Knife

Year 4/Year 5

Ros Asquith	Alien School Boy
Frank Cottrell Boyce	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again
Elen Caldecott	The Great Ice Cream Heist
Steve Cole	Magic Ink
Lissa Evans	Small Change for Stuart
Sally Gardner	Operation Bunny
Jessica day George	Tuesdays at the Castle
G R Gemin	Cowgirl
Jennifer Gray	Atticus Claw Breaks the Law
Sonya hartnett	The Silver Donkey
Lucy Hawking	George's Secret Key to the Universe
Eva Ibbotson	The Abominables
Erich Kastner	Emil and the Detectives
Clive King	Stig of the Dump
Tom Moorhouse	The River Singers
Helen peters	The Secret Hen House Theatre
Philip Reeve	Oliver and the Seawigs
S F Said	Varjak Paw
Francesca Simon	The Sleeping Army
William Sutcliffe	Circus of Thieves and the raffle of Doom
Marcia Williams	Archie's War
Colin Thompson	The Second Forever
Eoin Colfer	Artemis Fowl
Kate De Camillo	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Frank Cotterell-Boyce	Millions
Greg Rogers	Way Home
Robert Swindels	Stone Cold
Terry Pratchett	The Amazing Maurice
Terry Pratchett	Truckers
Antoine De Saint-Exuperry	The Little Prince
Lara Williamson	A Boy Called Hope
Jonathan Stroud	The Screaming Staircase
Gillian Cross	After Tomorrow
Frank Cotterell-Boyce	The Unforgotten Coat
David Almond	Kit's Wilderness
Terry Jones	The Saga of Eric the Viking

Norman Justice	The Phantom Tollbooth
Gillian Cross	Wolf
Geraldine Mc Coughrean	The Orchard Book of Greek Myths
Jenny Nimmo	The Snow Spider
Jenny Nimmo	The Chestnut Soldier
Joan Aitken	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Kevin Crossley-Holland	The Seeing Stone
Jan Mark	Nothing to be Afraid of
Lemony Snickett	A Series of Unfortunate Events
Michael Morpurgo	The Butterfly Lion
Michael Morpurgo	Private Peaceful
Michael Morpurgo	Kensuke's Kingdom
J K Rowling	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
J K Rowling	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Year 3/ Year 4

David Almond	The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas
Ian Beck	Tom Truehart
Emma Barnes	Wolfie
Tony Bradman	Beowulf the hero
Kate di Camillo	Tale of Despereaux
Michael Bond	Olga da Polga
Kate di Camillo	Tiger Rising
Janet Foxley	Muncle Trogg
Lynn Gardner	Ghastly McNasty
Emily Gravett	Little Mouse's Big Book of Beasts
Sally Gardner	The Boy with Lightning feet
A F Harrold	Fizzlebert Stump
Chris Higgins	My Funny Family
Shirley Hughes	Diixie o Day: Life in the Fast Lane
Elizabeth Laird	The Fastest Boy in the World
Josh Lacey	The Dragonsitter
Astrid Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking
Karen McCombie	You, Me and Thing
Glenda Millard	The Naming of Tishkin Silk
Alex Millway	Pigsticks and Harold
Mal Peet	Cloud Tea Monkeys
Beverley Naidoo	Aesop's Fables
Alex T Smith	Claude
Catherine Storr	Polly and the Wolf
Kate Pankhurst	Mariella Mysteries
Gareth Thompson	The Sea Swallow
E B White	Stuart Little
Marcia Williams	The Elephant's Friend
Jeanne Willis	Sticky Ends
Michael Morpurgo	Private Peaceful
Tony Bradman	Sam the Girl Detective

Ann Fine	Bill's New Frock
Terence Blacker	Ms. Wiz Spells Trouble
Paula Danzinger	Amber Brown is not a Crayon
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Philip Ridley	Krindlekrax
Philip Ridley	Meteorite Spoon
Philip Ridley	Kasper in the Glitter
Ann Fine	Flour babies
Ann Fine	Goggle Eyes
Gillian Cross	The Demon Headmaster
Anthony Horowitz	Granny
Phillipa Pearce	The Battle of Bubble & Squeak
Phillipa Pearce	A Dog So Small
E. B. White	Charlotte's Web
Michael Morpugo	The Wreck of the Zanzibar
Morris Gleitzman	Blabbermouth
Phillip Pullman	The Firemaker's Daughter
Roger Mc Gough	The Stowaways
David Walliams	Demon Dentist and Gangsta Granny