

The Great Unicorn Summer Read!

We are regularly asked by parents for advice on which books to encourage their children to read and now that we have a new library, we feel that we are in a much better position to make helpful and appropriate suggestions for individual readers.

Compiling a reading list which can be useful for everyone is, however, still difficult. Children have different interests according to gender and personality. They mature at different rates and therefore what might be one child's easy read may be a challenge for his classmate.

We do hope that the lists on the following pages will help you and your children to choose books to enjoy.

We have divided our suggestions into two main lists: contemporary and classic children's fiction. In addition, we have listed a few adult novels which our most advanced readers may enjoy. Of course the lists are not exhaustive and we would welcome your ideas of authors and titles we have missed.

Here are some suggestions for how you might support your child's reading development at home.

When choosing books with your children, encourage them to take an interest. We suggest:

Discussing the title

Discussing the front cover

Reading the blurb

Predicting what the story will be about

Reminding your child about other books you have enjoyed by the same author.

We hope this information is useful. We look forward to hearing any suggestions you may have.

Happy Reading!



Each book is identified by a letter which gives a rough indication of which age group we think it would be most suitable for. Please do not feel inhibited by our labelling however. We may have got some of them wrong, and of course, children vary so much that it would be quite wrong to pigeonhole them. We would hate to think that any child was reluctant to read a book because it was thought to be the "wrong" age for him or her.

Indication of age suitability

- A = Suitable for readers in Blue Class
- B = Suitable for readers in Indigo and Violet Classes
- C = Suitable for readers in Violet and UV Classes

The above is just a guide, and individual children may be reading outside these suggested categories, especially at the beginning and the end of the year.

Librarian's tip: try looking on the internet for authors' websites. Many of them are excellent, so if you have heard about an author you think you might enjoy, you may be able to find out more about the books he or she has written.

Teacher's tip: When shopping for books on www.amazon.co.uk I have often found it really useful to read the readers' reviews. They can often tell you a lot about the book.



Contemporary Fiction

	Title	Author
A	Tumtum and Nutmeg	Emily Bean
A	Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth	Eoin Colfer
A	Akimbo and the Lions	Alexander McCall Smith
A	Mouse Noses on Toast	Daren King
A	Starring Grace	Mary Hoffman
A	Grandpa Chatterji	Jamila Gavin
A	Ottoline and the Rats of Nimh	Chris Riddell
A	Spy Dog	Andrew Cope
A	Horrid Henry	Francesca Simon
A	Charlie and the Big Snow	Hilary McKay
A	Carbonel	Barbara Sleigh
A	Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
A	Mystery at Winkelsea	Helen Cresswell
A	The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark and many others	Jill Tomlinson

A	The Worst Witch	Jill Murphy
A	Mr Majeka stories	Humphrey Carpenter
A	Sophie's Snail Stories	Dick King Smith
A	The Hodgeheg	Dick King Smith
A	The Waterhorse and many others	Dick King Smith
A	Ivan the Terrible	Anne Fine
A	Dog So Small	Philippa Pearce
A	Harriet the Spy	Louise Fitzhugh
A	Gumdrop Stories	Val Biro
A	Moses the Kitten (and others)	James Herriot
A	Tom Trueheart Stories	Ian Beck
A/B	The Butterfly Lion and many others	Michael Morpurgo
A/B	The Firework Maker's Daughter	Phillip Pullman
A/B	A Haunted House	Angie Sage
A/B	Mammoth Academy in Trouble	Neal Layton
B	Broken Glass	Sally Grindley
B	Charlie Bone Series	Jenny Nimmo
B	Powder Monkey	Paul Dowswell
B	Molly Moon	Georgia Byng
B	Diamond of Drury Lane Series	Julia Golding
B	Magyk	Angie Sage
B	Into the Wood	Lyn Gardner
B	The Silver Donkey	Sonia Hartnett
B	The Roman Mysteries series	Caroline Lawrence
B	Historical House series	
B	Dolphin Song	Lauren St. John
B	Lion Boy	Zizou Corder
B	Lemony Snicket series	Lemony Snicket
B	Fergus Crane	Paul Stewart
B/C	Artemis Fowl series	Eoin Colfer
B/C	Pigheart Boy	Malorie Blackman
B/C	George's Secret Key to the Universe	Stephen and Lucy Hawking
B/C	Skulduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy
B/C	Inkheart	Cornelia Funke
B/C	Millions	Frank Cottrell Boyce
B/C	The Star of Kazan	Eva Ibbotson
B/C	Holes	Louis Sachar
B/C	War Boy	Michael Foreman
B/C	Wolf Brother / Soul Eater and others	Michelle Paver
B/C	Tales of Despereaux	Kate di Camillo
B/C	Alone on a Wide Wide Sea	Michael Morpurgo
B/C	Sundae Girl	Cathy Cassidy
B/C	Harry Potter series	J K Rowling
B/C	The Lady Grace Mysteries	Grace Cavendish
C	Jake's Tower	Elizabeth Laird
C	Varjak Paw	S F Said
C	Montmorency	Eleanor Updale
C	Ingo	Helen Dunmore
C	Eragon	Chris Paolini
C	Fever in the Flame	Mary Hooper
C	Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt

C	Street Child	Berlie Doherty
C	Storm	Kevin Crossly
C	Mortal Engines	Phillip Reeve
C	Storm Breaker	Anthony Horowitz
C	Deep Water	Ann Turnbull
C	Kindlekrax	Philip Ridley
C	Northern Lights	Philip Pullman
C	Silverfin (Young Bond)	Charlie Higson

Classic Fiction

Ask your parents about some of these fantastic books they read when they were younger.

	Title	Author
A	Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse	Ursula Moray Williams
A	Finn Family Moomintroll	Tove Jansson
A	The Reluctant Dragon	Kenneth Grahame
A	Milly Molly Mandy	Joyce Lancaster Brisley
A	Paddington	Michael Bond
A	The Adventure Series	Enid Blyton
A	The Enchanted Wood	Enid Blyton
A/B	Jennings	Anthony Buckeridge
A/B	Just William	Richmal Crompton
A/B	Gobolino the Witch's Cat	Ursula Moray Williams
A/B	Anything by	Roald Dahl
A/B	Stig of the Dump	Clive King
B	Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce
B	The Diddakoi	Rumer Godden
B	The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks
B	Charlotte's Web	E.B. White
B	Mary Poppins	P L Travers
B	The Little White Horse	Elizabeth Goodge
B	The Borrowers	Mary Norton
B	Lizzy Dripping	Helen Cresswell
B	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe	Penelope Lively
B	The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
B	Little House in the Big Woods and others	Laura Ingalls Wilder
B	The Iron Man	Ted Hughes
B/C	Swallows and Amazons and others	Arthur Ransome
B/C	The Railway Children and many others	E Nesbitt
B/C	The Owl Service	Alan Garner
B/C	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken
B/C	Black Hearts in Battersea	Joan Aiken
B/C	Little Grey Men	BB
B/C	Alison in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
B/C	Ballet Shoes	Noel Streatfield
B/C	White Boots	Noel Streatfield
B/C	Grinny	Nicholas Fisk
B/C	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert C O'Brien
B/C	Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
B/C	The Hound of the Baskervilles	A Conan Doyle
B/C	Just So Stories	Rudyard Kipling
B/C	The Narnia Chronicles	CS Lewis

B/C	The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks
B/C	The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
B/C	The King of the Shadows and lots of others	Susan Cooper
B/C	What Katy Did	Susan Coolidge
B/C	The Silver Sword	Ian Serrailier
B/C	The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster
B/C	The Land of Green Ginger	Noel Langley
B/C	The Little Princess	Frances Hodgson Burnett
C	Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliffe
C	Call of the Wild	Jack London
C	Greyfriars Bobby	Eleanor Atkinson
C	A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine Engle
C	Skellig	David Almond

Classic Adult Fiction which might be suitable for very strong readers

	Title	Author
C	Animal Farm	George Orwell
C	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
C	Mill on the Floss	George Eliot
C	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee
C	Lord of the Flies	William Golding
C	Various short stories	Agatha Christie
C	Short Stories	Conan Doyle
C	My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell
C	The Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank